NEEDED: MORE WATER SOURCES

Nearly a quarter century ago, the plight of Texas groundwater aquifers was becoming a concerning issue even at state government level. Groundwater Conservation Districts and, shortly thereafter, Groundwater Management Areas were instituted in order to individually and collectively devise solutions to the growing problem.

But, according to your DFC, you subscribe to allowing our aquifers to decline over the next 50 years and wind up in worse shape than you found them! Advocating conservation as most of you have done is a good idea, but in Montgomery County for instance total water consumption per capita has hardly changed from 2005 (when GMA 14 was created) through 2022. And our population is slated to continue near record-breaking growth for many more years to come...of course, water shortages could put the brakes on that.

Economically viable alternative water sources must be found to curtail a continuing, destructive depletion of our groundwater! Otherwise, we face onerous water-use restrictions and economic slowdown. For starters, why aren't you promoting widespread use of our local waste-water treatment plants outflow for watering landscapes and golf courses? Or why aren't we on the Atmospheric Water Harvesting bandwagon (ref. WAVRtechnologies) as have Nevada, Arizona, and Utah already embraced? Don't you have the jurisdiction (and responsibility) to be conjunctive water managers in order to save our aquifers for future generations? If not you – who?

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