

Protecting our Highland Lakes Water Supply

CHALLENGES:

- It is projected that the region **could add up to one million residents by 2030** requiring more than 40 billion gallons of additional water each year.
- Most LCRA **new water projects are focused on the lower basin.**
- **More arid weather patterns are shifting eastward** stretching into Central Texas and bringing with it more extended droughts.
- **Inflows into the lakes are far lower** than what they have been historically.
- LCRA's water management policies must be changed to reflect this paradigm shift with a **more protective approach to managing the water supply** for two million Central Texans.

SOLUTIONS:

- **Greater LCRA transparency** and increased opportunity for public discussion & engagement.
- **Downstream irrigators should pay the full cost** of the water, just like everyone else, and NOT be subsidized by LCRA.
- **Update LCRA's current Water Management Plan with more protective approach** to managing water supply.
 - Adopt policies that reflect **smart use and conservation by all, including downstream irrigators.**
 - Invest in new water resources for upper basin
 - Encourage use of more modern and efficient irrigation methods for all
- **Modernize Water Management Plan that:**
 - Incorporates declining inflow data and climatology
 - Addresses factors that are reducing inflows
 - Water wells, stock ponds, brush vegetation
 - Includes usage by downstream irrigators
 - Includes environmental releases
 - Provides a Safe Yield

WHO IS CTWC:

The Central Texas Water Coalition (CTWC) is nonprofit organization founded in 2011 to advocate for evidence-based best practices for managing the Highland Lakes. CTWC partners include more than 3,000 area residents, businesses, affected government entities, property owner associations and environmental interests who are united by their commitment to protect Central Texas' future through responsible water management and conservation policies.