



Water Issues in Texas



Topics to be Discussed

- Challenge to supplying water to fast growing areas in Texas
- Texas State water planning experiences
- Lake Texoma Advisory Committee
- Desalinization Issues
- Texas Water Rights



Texas Population Growth

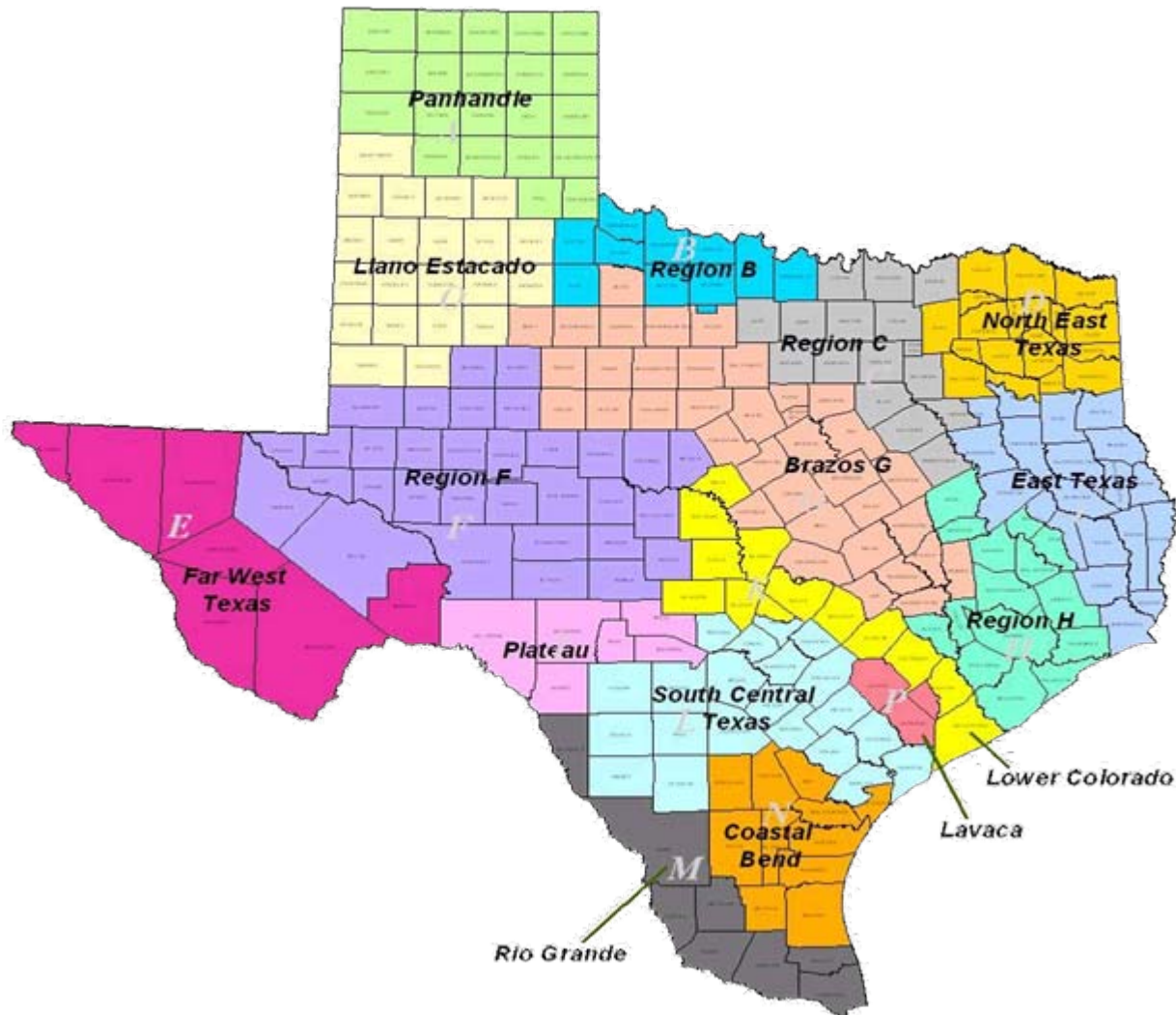
- Currently – 23 million
- 2050 – 43-46 million (projected)



Region C Water Population Details

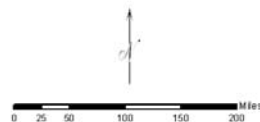
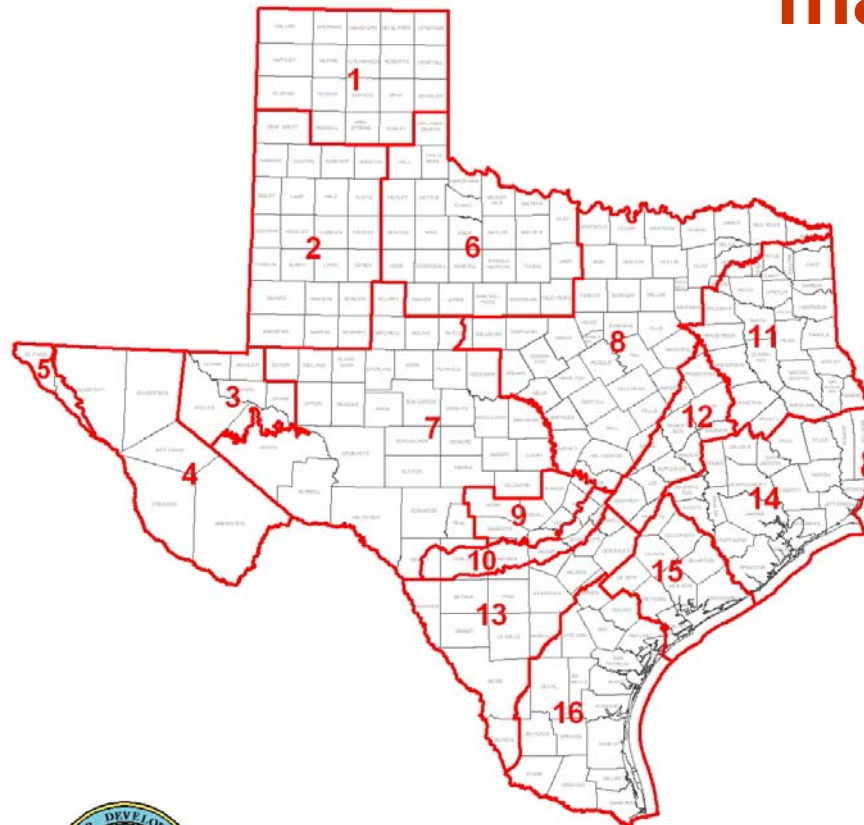
- Dallas/Fort Worth to Red River – 27% of State's population by 2010
- 2008 – 6.3 million people (est.)
- Mid-century – 11-12 million people (est.)

State Water Planning Regions



Groundwater Management Areas in Texas

groundwater management areas



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- 1 High Plains UWCD No.1 - 8/29/1991
- 2 North Plains GCD - 1/5/1995
- 3 Panhandle GCD - 10/1/1999
- 4 Huerfano County UWCD No. 5 - 1/5/1997
- 5 Red-Claw Creek GCD - 5/25/1999
- 6 Evergreen UWCD - 8/29/1995
- 7 Plateau UWCD - 3/9/1974
- 8 Harris-Galveston Subdivision District - 4/23/1975
- 9 Mesquite GCD - 8/23/1991
- 10 Hockley UWCD No. 1 - 8/14/1992
- 11 Don County WCD - 8/2/1985
- 12 Permian Basin UWCD - 8/21/1995
- 13 Fox Crossing WCD - 4/4/1996
- 14 Sutton County UWCD - 4/5/1999
- 15 Cove County UWCD - 11/4/1999
- 16 Mesquite GCD - 11/4/1999
- 17 Hill Country UWCD - 8/9/1997
- 18 Barton Springs/Guadalupe Aquifer CD - 8/13/1997
- 19 Anderson County UWCD - 10/17/1997
- 20 Upper-Guadalupe WCD - 11/3/1997
- 21 Sterling County UWCD - 11/3/1997
- 22 Santa Rita UWCD - 8/19/1999
- 23 Fort Bend Subdivision District - 8/28/1999
- 24 Sandy Land UWCD - 11/7/1999
- 25 Saragosa UWCD - 11/7/1999
- 26 Borden County RA & GCD - 11/7/1999
- 27 Live Oak UWCD - 11/7/1999
- 28 Mesa UWCD - 1/29/1999
- 29 Oak Fork UWCD - 5/5/1999
- 30 Crockett County GCD - 1/29/1991
- 31 Medina County GCD - 8/29/1991
- 32 Headquarters WCD - 11/5/1991
- 33 South Plains UWCD - 3/9/1992
- 34 River Creek GCD - 5/1/1993
- 35 Uvalde County UWCD - 8/1/1993
- 36 Jeff Davis County UWCD - 11/3/1993
- 37 Gonzales County UWCD - 11/3/1994
- 38 Edwards Aquifer Authority - 8/28/1999
- 39 Garza County UWCD - 11/3/1999
- 40 Hemphill County UWCD - 11/4/1997
- 41 Wintersden GCD - 11/3/1999
- 42 Coleman County GCD - 3/21/1999
- 43 Llano Gageado UWCD - 11/3/1999
- 44 Rolling Plains GCD - 1/29/1999
- 45 Moten County UWCD - 8/14/1999
- 46 Clearwater UWCD - 8/21/1999
- 47 Presidio County UWCD - 8/31/1999
- 48 Guadalupe County GCD - 11/14/1999
- 49 Ellis GCD - 1/29/2001
- 50 Blanco-Pedernales GCD - 1/23/2001
- 51 Brewster County GCD - 11/6/2001
- 52 Coastal Bend GCD - 1/16/2001
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- 54 Fayette County GCD - 11/6/2001
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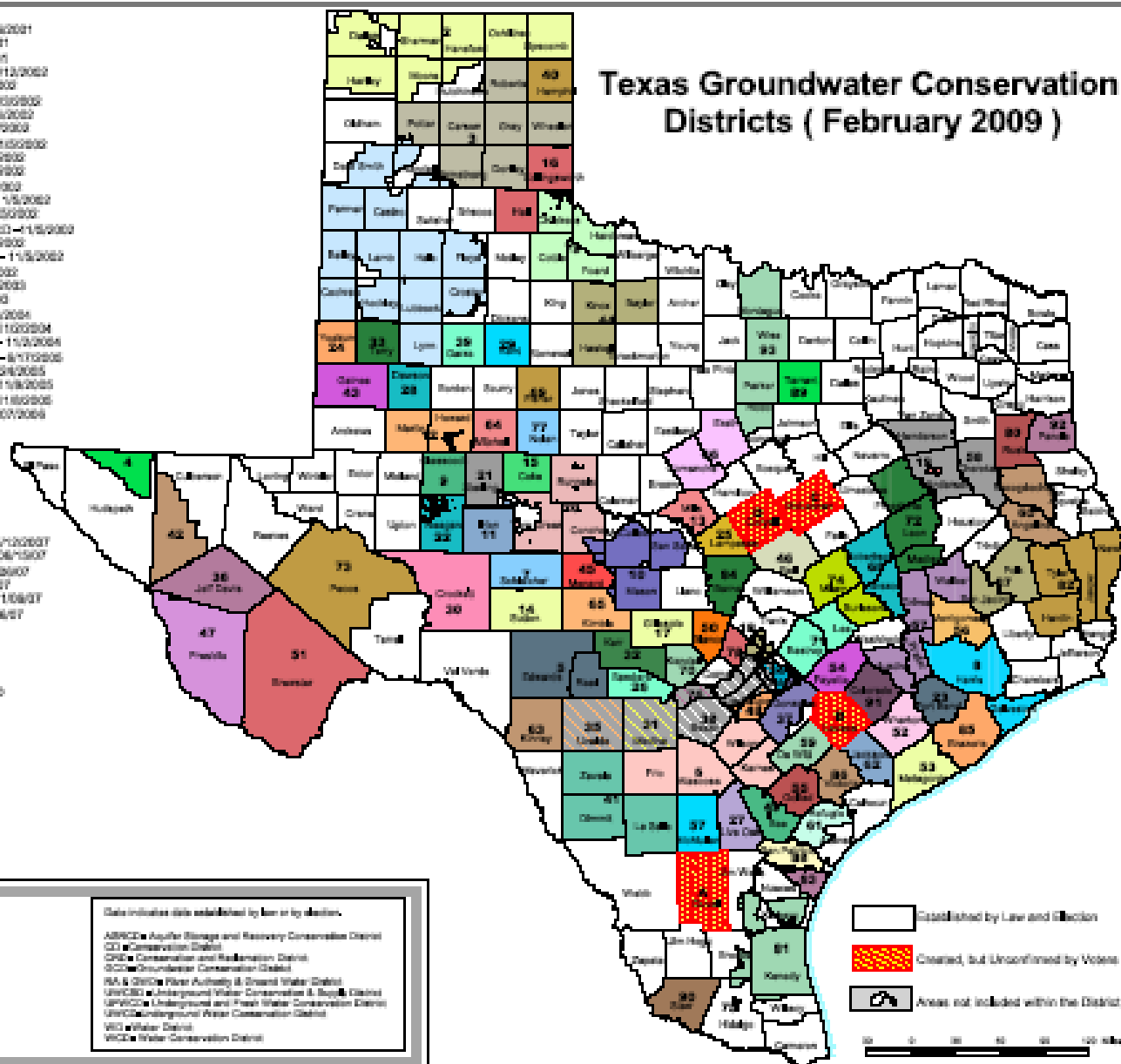
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- 79 Gateway GCD - 5/23/2003
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- 83 Corpus Christi AGRCD - 8/17/2005
- 84 Central Texas GCD - 8/9/2005
- 85 Bosque County GCD - 11/6/2005
- 86 Victoria County GCD - 11/6/2005
- 87 Lower Trinity GCD - 11/27/2006

- 88 San Patricio County - 8/12/2007
- 89 Northern Trinity GCD - 06/13/07
- 90 Starr County GCD - 11/26/07
- 91 Colorado GCD - 11/26/07
- 92 Pecos County GCD - 11/26/07
- 93 Upper Trinity GCD 11/26/07

Unconfirmed

- A - Duval County GCD
- B - Lavaca County GCD
- C - Matamorros County GCD
- D - Tarrant County GCD

Texas Groundwater Conservation Districts (February 2009)



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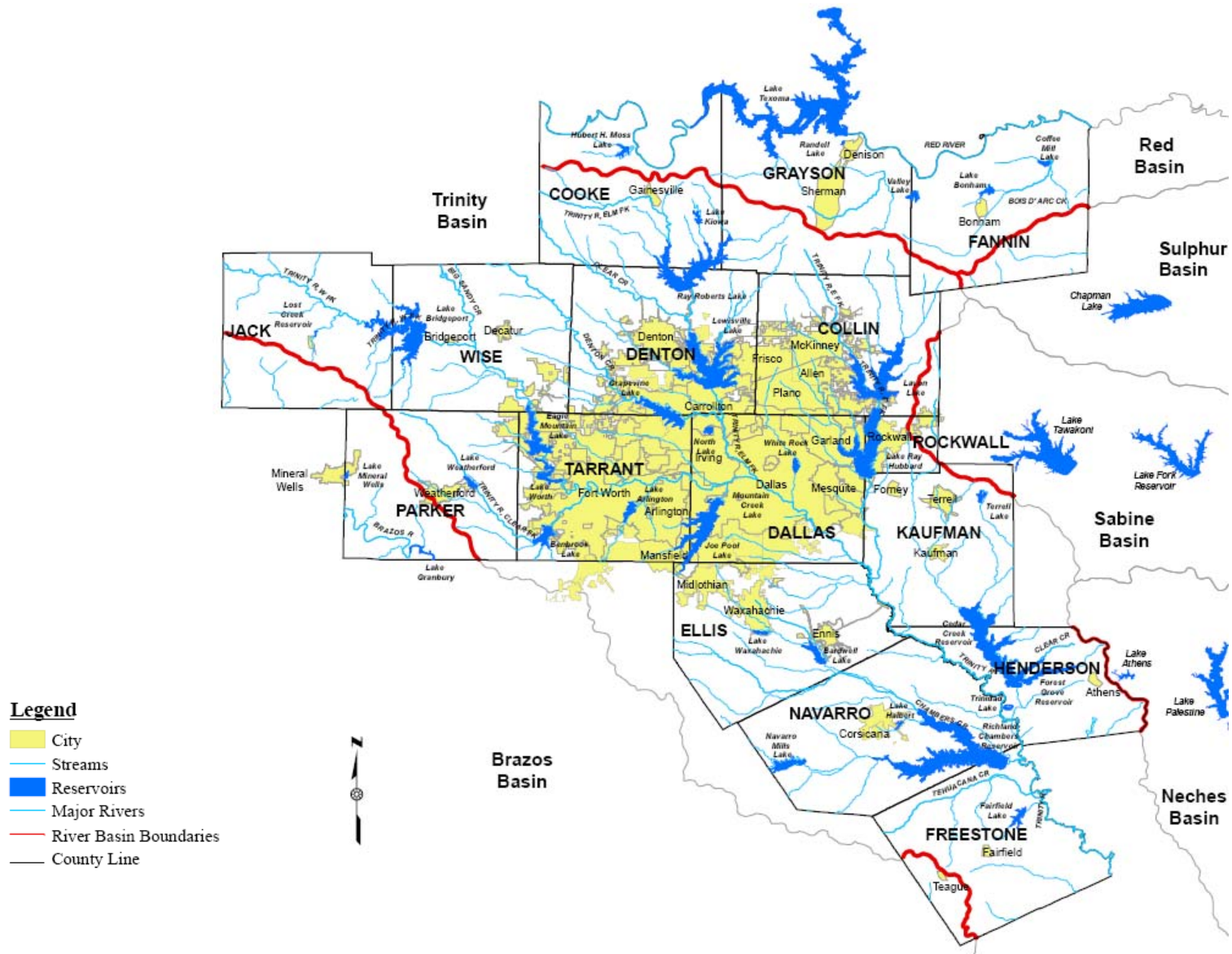
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 CD - Conservation District
 GCD - Groundwater Conservation District
 GRCD - Groundwater Conservation District
 RA & GCD - River Authority & Ground Water District
 UGRCD - Underground Water Conservation & Supply District
 UWCD - Underground and Fresh Water Conservation District
 WCD - Groundwater Conservation District
 WCD - Water Conservation District

- Established by Law and Section
- Created, but Unconfirmed by Voters
- Areas not included within the District

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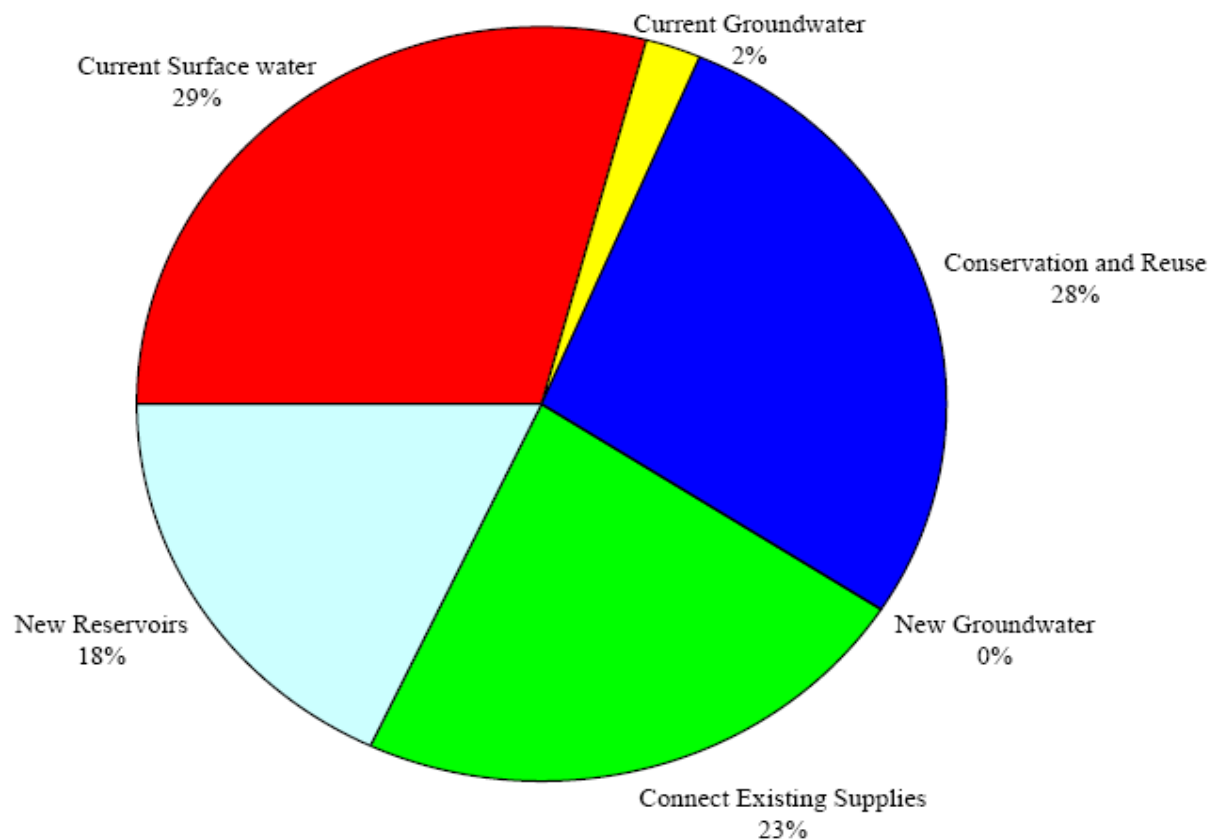
Region C Water Planning Area



Region C Water Plan

Sources to Meet Needs by 2060

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Sources of Water Available to Region C as of 2060





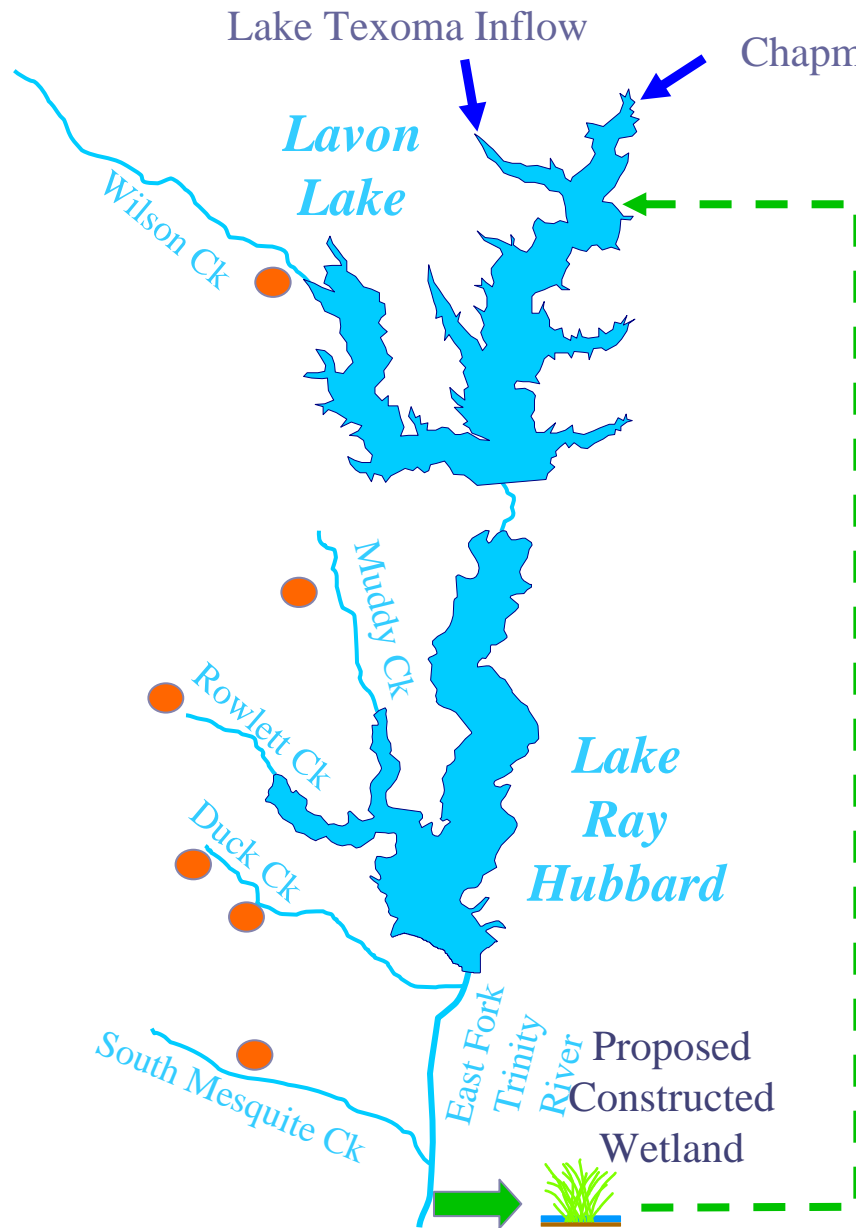
Region C Water Plan - Strategies

Short Term/Intermediate

- Conservation
- Lake Texoma water
- Reuse
 - Tarrant Regional Water District – Richland Chambers
 - NTMWD – 260mm – Kaufman County to Lavon
- Sabine Water

Long Term

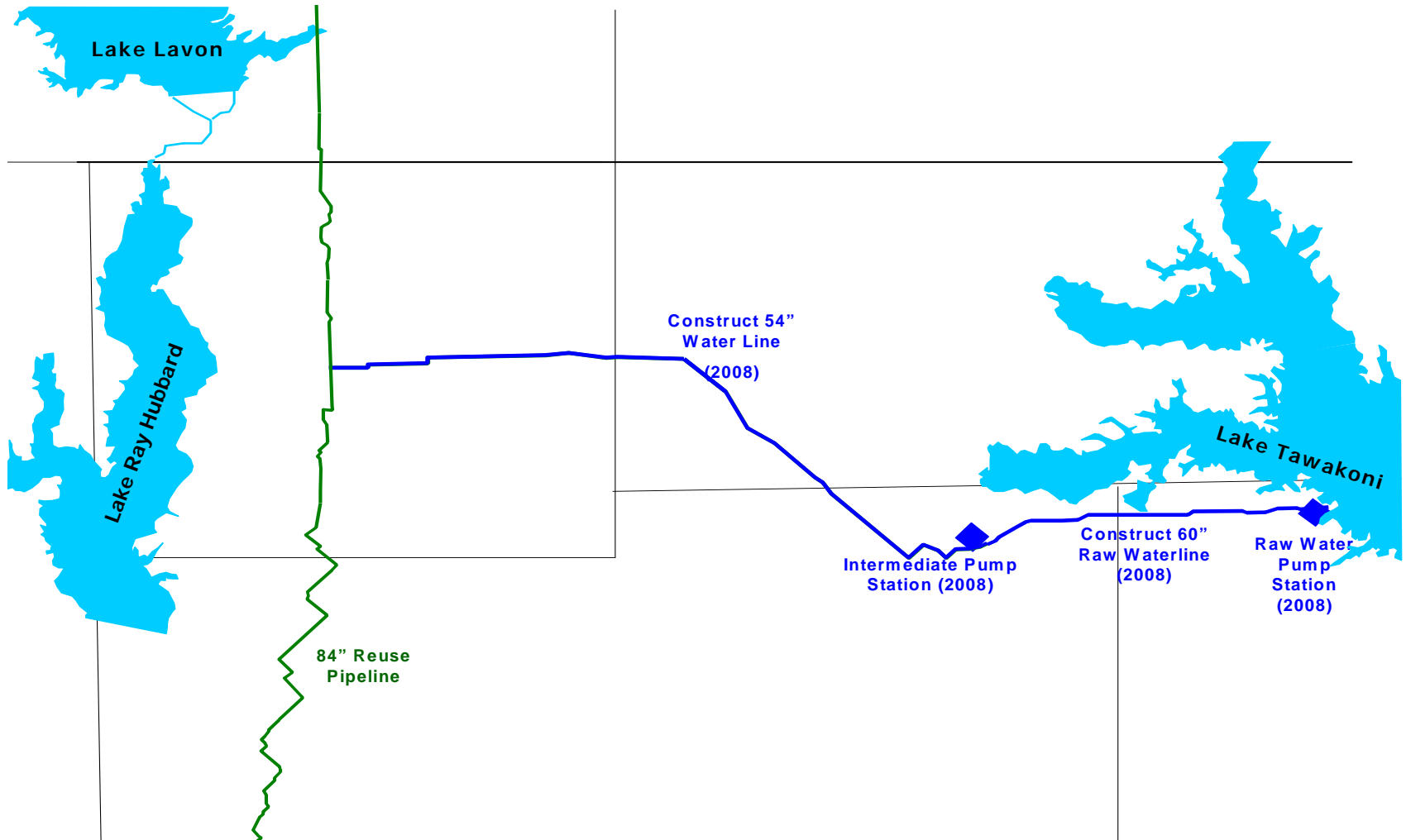
- Lower Bois d'Arc in Fannin County
- Major new reservoir – Marvin Nichols
- Lake Fastrill – Dallas Water Utilities
- Lake Ralph Hall – Upper Trinity Water District
- Water from Oklahoma



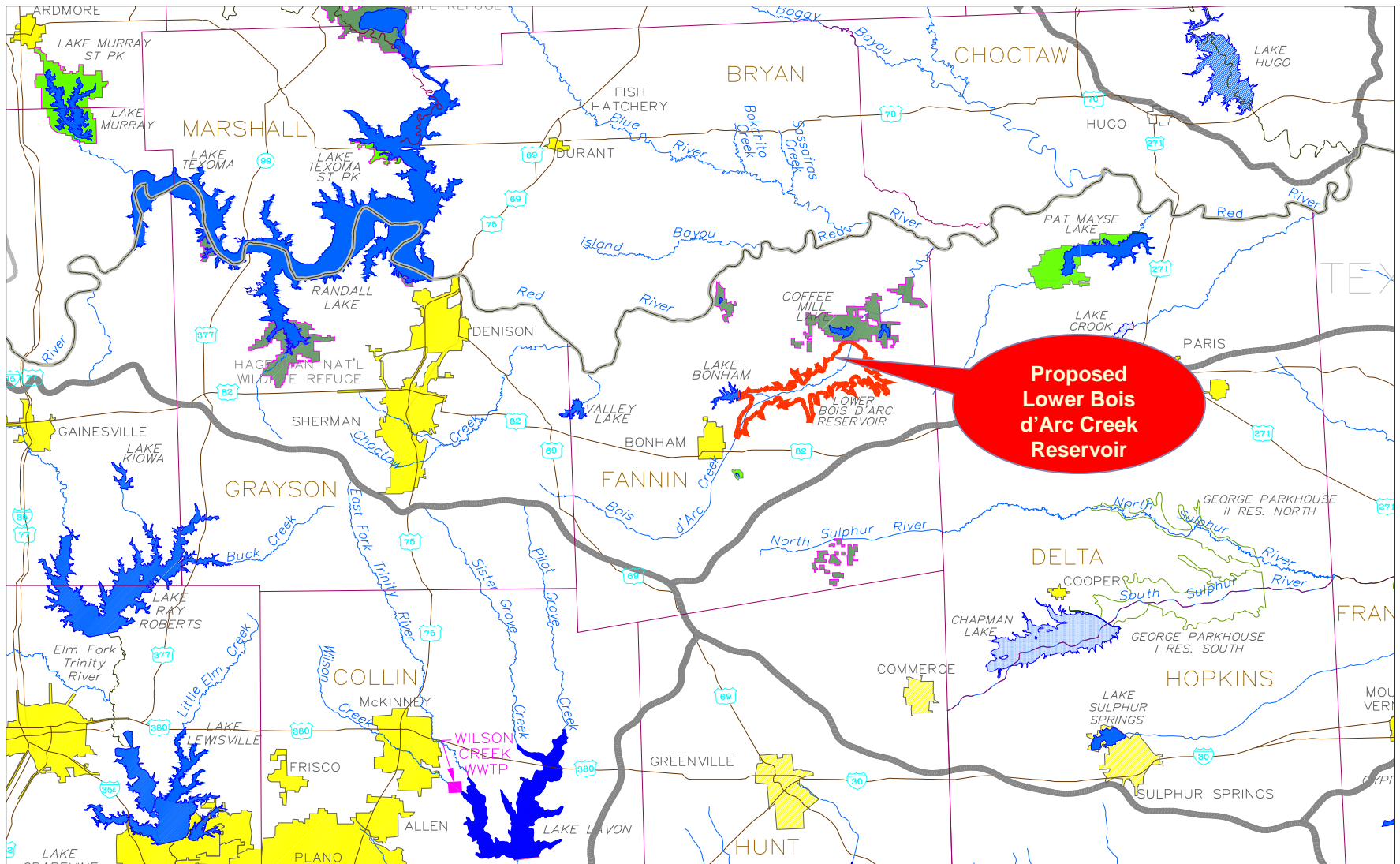
East Fork Raw Water Supply Project



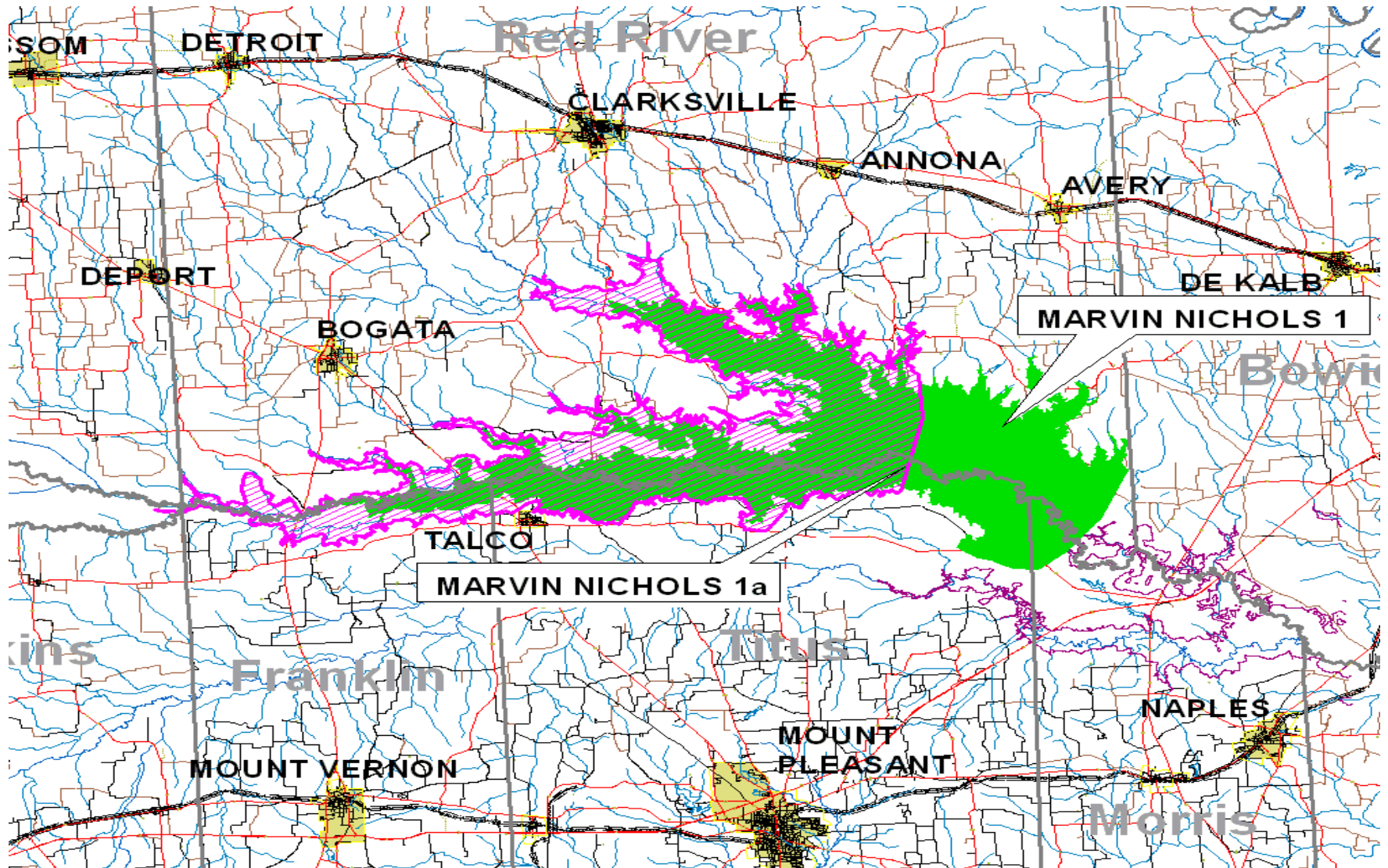
SRA Upper Basin Supply Project Schematic



Proposed Lower Bois d'Arc Creek Reservoir



Proposed Marvin Nichols Reservoir



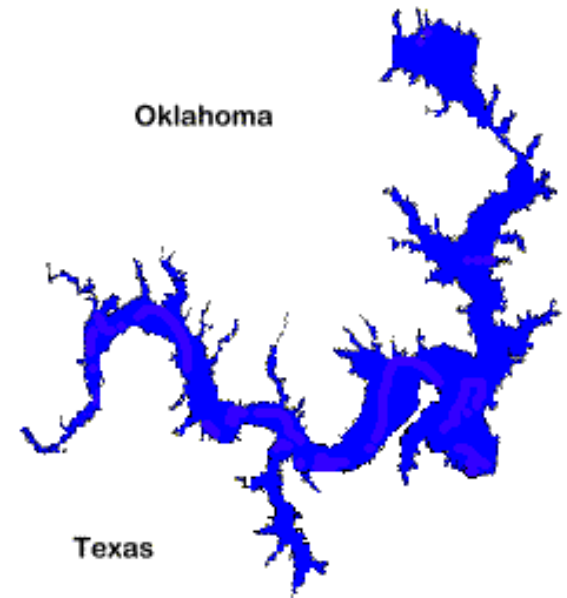


Recommend Water Management Strategy Cost

- Additional 2.7 million acre-feet of water needed by 2060
- Total Capital Cost - \$13,202,929,595

Existing Surface Water Supplies in Region C

- Existing reservoirs primarily committed to DFW area water needs
- Lake Texoma
 - 3rd largest lake in Texas
 - 90% of available, existing water supplies in Region C
 - 4% devoted to municipal water
 - Remainder is flood control/hydropower



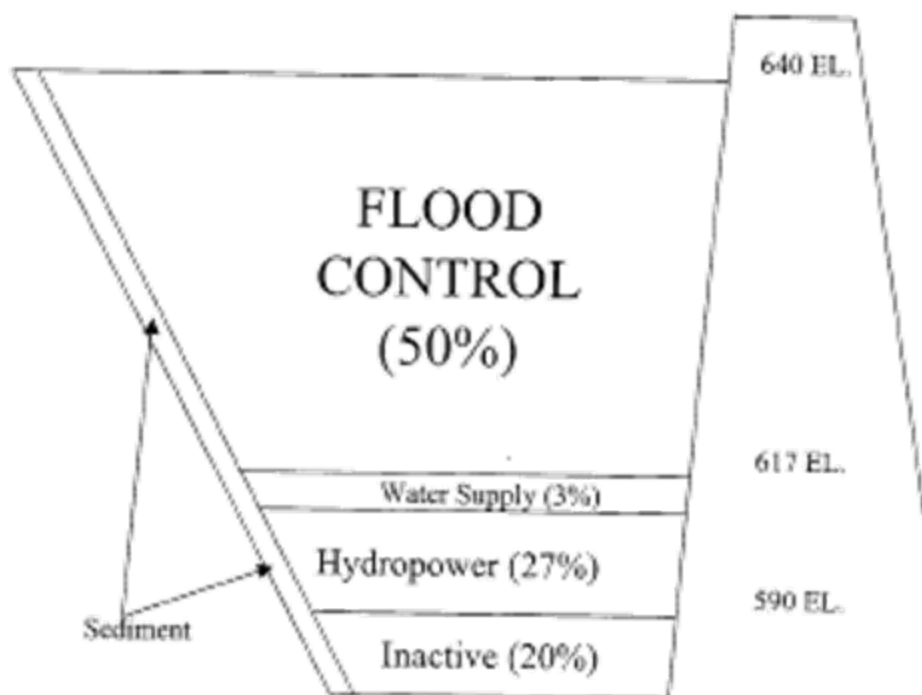


Lake Texoma Reallocation

- 1986 – Water Resources Act provided additional 50,000 acre-feet for GTUA member cities and water providers
- GTUA and NTMWD currently pursuing USACE for completion of Reallocation Study
- The Reallocation Study has been sent to the Assistant Secretary of the Army with a recommendation to approve and sign
- Anticipate receiving contracts July 2, 2009

WATER STORAGE IN LAKE TEXOMA

	<u>Acre-Feet</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Total Capacity	5,194,200	100%
Flood Control Storage	2,613,800	50%
Power Storage	1,420,200	27%
Inactive Storage	1,010,200	20%
Municipal and Industrial	150,000	3%





Lake Texoma Advisory Committee Background

- Lake Texoma is authorized by federal law for the purpose of flood control, hydropower, river flow control, and recreation
- 1985 – NTMWD and GTUA entered into partnership to develop water resources in Lake Texoma
- Municipal and industrial water use currently constitutes only 3% of the volume of the lake
- Recreation interest in the lake (marine operators) became concerned over impact of water removal from the lake
- 1989 – Congressman Hall (TX) and Congressman Watkins (OK) passed Public Law 100-71 creating the LTAC
- LTAC membership is approved by the Commander of the USACE Tulsa District
- LTAC purpose is to provide advice and recommendations to the USACE on operation of Lake Texoma



Lake Texoma Advisory Committee

- Issues to be considered include, but are not limited to:
 - Lake level (pool) stabilization
 - Lake shore management
 - Water quality
 - Wildlife and fisheries management
 - Public recreation
 - Law enforcement
 - Cultural resource protection
 - Water safety
 - Erosion control
 - Land management
 - Other subjects that affect the overall lake area



Lake Texoma Advisory Committee Membership

- Membership consists of 22-29 members
- These members include representatives from:
 - Lake associations
 - Water supply interests
 - Hydropower interests
 - Marina operators
 - State park departments
 - State and federal wildlife departments
 - Navigation interests
 - Real estate associations
 - County government
 - Environmental groups
 - Private boat dock interests
 - Flood control interests
 - Other interests as appropriate



Lake Texoma Advisory Committee

- In 20 years of existence, the LTAC has accomplished several tasks
- The most important is the recognition and acceptance of the plan for the operation of Lake Texoma on a variable level
- An unwritten and unseen portion of the LTAC's function is to provide an opportunity for the various interest groups to express view points and gain an understanding in the multiple uses in which the lake serves
- Interests by other lakes in establishing a similar operation



Desalinization Issues

- Much of the water in Texas has a total dissolved solid of 1,000+ mg/liter
- The Red River water in our area ranges from 1,150-1,200 mg/liter upstream to 2,000 mg/liter +
- The Brazos River has a high level of dissolved solids and ranges in the 1,800-2,500 mg/liter in the basin



Desalinization Issues

- Brackish underground resources are also available in much of the state, but are not currently used
- These resources will need to be used in the future to meet growing population demand
- Technology for treatment is available today
 - Reverse Osmosis (RO) – most common
 - Pressurizing raw water through filters
 - Electro-Dialysis Reversal (EDR) – electrical energy to attract positive and negative ions in brackish water



Cost of Desalinization

- Initial capital cost
- Continuing operational cost (electrical energy)
- Cost is directly related to cost of energy
- Reasonable to predict use of desalinized water will become more common in the future as fresh water resources are unable to meet the growing population demands for water
- Major environmental issue
 - Brine disposal
 - Mix with other water and discharge in stream (presents permitting issue). Cannot degrade the existing stream quality
 - Subsurface injection. Can be accomplished below fresh water is found, but is expensive



Texas Water Rights

- State is deemed to own all surface water rights
- Definition includes all the water that falls from the sky separated by a break in vegetation
- Impoundment of less than 250 acre-feet of surface water is permitted for stock tanks and similar agricultural needs without acquiring a permit
- Anything greater than 250 acre-feet requires issuance of a permit from the State
- Regulatory agency in Texas is the TCEQ, formerly the TNRCC, formerly the Texas Department of Water Resources, formerly the Texas Water Commission, formerly the Texas Board of Water Engineers



Texas Water Permits

- Permits required to be submitted to the state regulatory agency
- Must include engineering, legal and other data to support water right request
- Many of the 23 river basins in Texas have already been totally appropriated, especially those in the west part of the State
- Red River and Sabine River have not been over-appropriated
- In cases where more water rights have been appropriated than exists in the basin, priority has been established by the date of the permit



Texas Water Rights

- Transferring water from one river basin to another requires an interbasin transfer permit
 - Often difficult to achieve
- Water right permits are strictly monitored by the TCEQ and water use must be reported on an annual basis
- Water rights can be withdrawn for lack of use or additional disregard for permit conditions
- GTUA's water permit dates back to 1957, among the older permits in the Red River Basin