



Developing Water for Texas' Tomorrow

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State Water Demands in 2060

- Texas' population will double.
- Water needs will increase by 27 percent.
- Major demand surges in Dallas-Fort Worth, Houston-Galveston, Coastal Bend, and east Texas.





Water Supplies Needed by 2060

- Water supplies are projected to decrease 18 percent.
 - Surface water supplies to drop by 6 percent.
 - Groundwater supplies to decrease by 32 percent.
- Texas will need another 8.8 million acre-feet of water.
- Lingering threat of drought.



Lake Buchanan - 2009



LCRA Boat Ramp - 2009





Keys to Developing Water for 2060

- Build more reservoirs.
- Allow inter-basin transfers.
- Pursue innovative water development projects:
 - Desalination;
 - Water reclamation; and
 - Indirect water re-use.





Protecting Water for 2060

- Defend Texas from federal meddling:
 - Federal wildlife refuge designations;
 - Expansion of US Clean Water and Endangered Species acts' applicability;
 - Creation of federal water resources "czar";
 - Executive Order on flood plain management.
- Avoid or defeat environmental litigation.





Thank you.

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