



Texas Capitol Report

Outcomes from Last Legislative Session and Future Outlook

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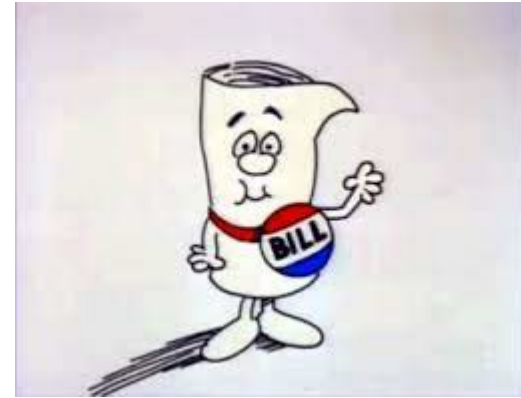
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Agenda

- 2023 Session Recap
- Water Committees
- Key State Water Budget Items
- Review of New Water Laws
- Key Upcoming Dates
- Staying Informed/Involved



2023 Session Recap

- ◆ Biennial, 140-day Legislature
- ◆ Started 1/10/2023, “ended” 5/29/2023
- ◆ Four special sessions in Summer and Fall 2023
- ◆ Key issues
 - Budget surplus
 - Property tax relief/reform
 - Border Security
 - Educational Savings Accounts (a.k.a. ‘vouchers’)
 - Attorney General Impeachment



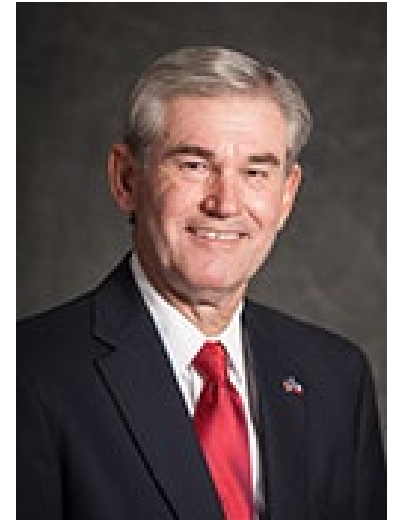
Senate Water, Ag, & Rural Affairs Committee

- ◆ Chair: Charles Perry (Lubbock)
- ◆ Vice Chair: Kelly Hancock (North Richland Hills)
- ◆ Other members:
 - Cesar Blanco
 - Pete Flores
 - Lois Kolkhorst
 - Roland Gutierrez
 - Nathan Johnson
 - Kevin Sparks
 - Drew Springer (retiring)



House Natural Resources Committee

- ◆ Chair: Tracy King (Uvalde) (retiring)
- ◆ Vice Chair: Ed Thompson (Pearland) (retiring)
- ◆ Other members:
 - Erin Elizabeth Gamez
 - Kyle Kacal
 - Stan Kitzman
 - Suleman Lalani
 - Will Metcalf
 - Four Price (retiring)
 - Ana-Maria Ramos
 - Glenn Rogers
 - Erin Zweiner



Key Water Budget Items

◆ TWDB

- \$51M CW SRF, \$73M DWSRF state matches
- \$625M for Flood Infrastructure Fund (FIF)
- Funding for TWDB data enhancements and salary adjustments
- \$1B Texas Water Fund
- Staff salary increases

◆ TCEQ

- Staff salary increases
- Website and record improvements

◆ PUC

- Staff salary increases
- Data analytics team



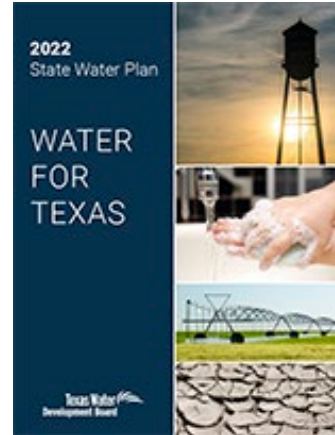
2023 Key Water Bills

- ◆ SB 28: Texas Water Fund & New Water Supply Fund (taking pre-rule input now)
- ◆ HB 1845: Provisional Class D Water and Wastewater Licenses
- ◆ HB 3810: Outage notification to TCEQ
- ◆ Sunset bills: TCEQ, TWDB, PUC
- ◆ HB 14 (Third-party permit review option)



Sunset Bills

- HB 1565 (TWDB)
 - Next review: 2035
- HB 1500 (PUC, ERCOT, and OPUC)
 - Next review: 2029
- SB 1397 (TCEQ)
 - Next review: 2035



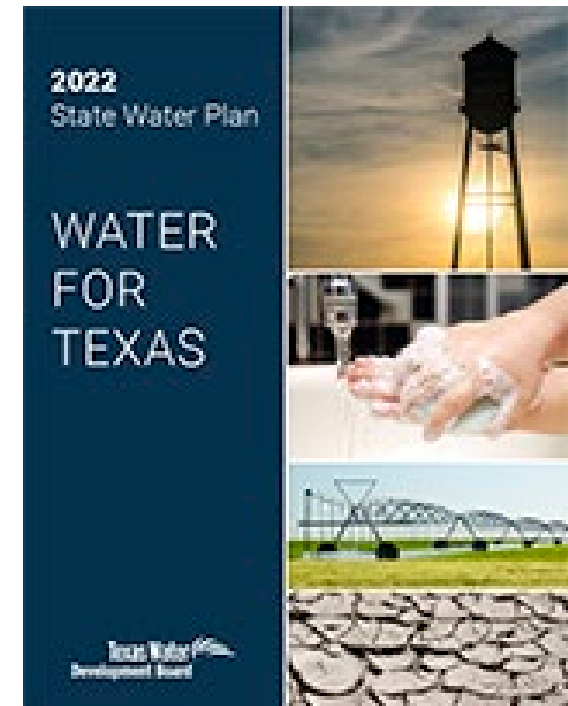
Groundwater

- HB 1971: GCD permits, timelines, board member disqualification
- HB 3059: GCD export fees
- HB 2443: Petitions to change GCD rules
- HB 3278: GMA process for DFCs
- SB 2440: Groundwater availability certs for subdivisions



Water Planning and Supply

- HB 2460: WAM updates (no funding though)
- HB 2759: Codifies MesoNet Hydrometeorology Network
- SB 1047: Produced Water Consortium pilot project selection and report
- HB 4856: TCEQ regulation of fluid oil & gas waste recharge injection wells



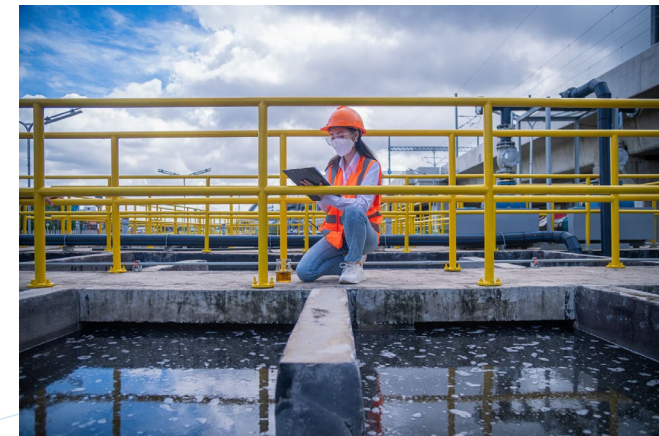
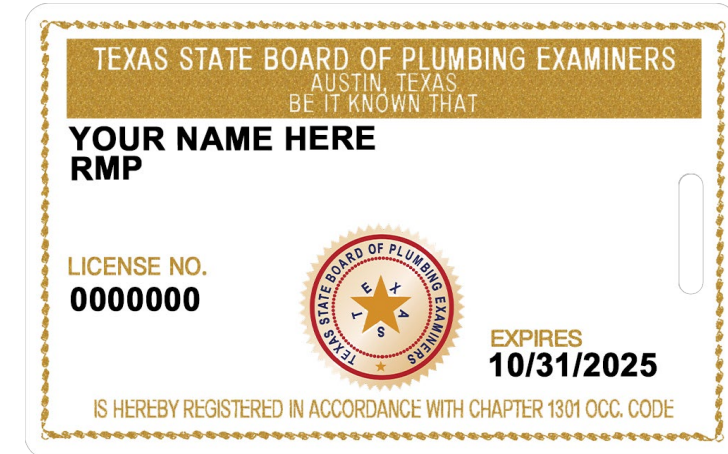
Water Rates and Billing

- SB 594: Water service and billing requirements for RV parks and cabin sites
- HB 2373: Removes statutory requirements for consolidating under one tariff
- HB 2774: Treatment of income tax for private utility rate proceedings



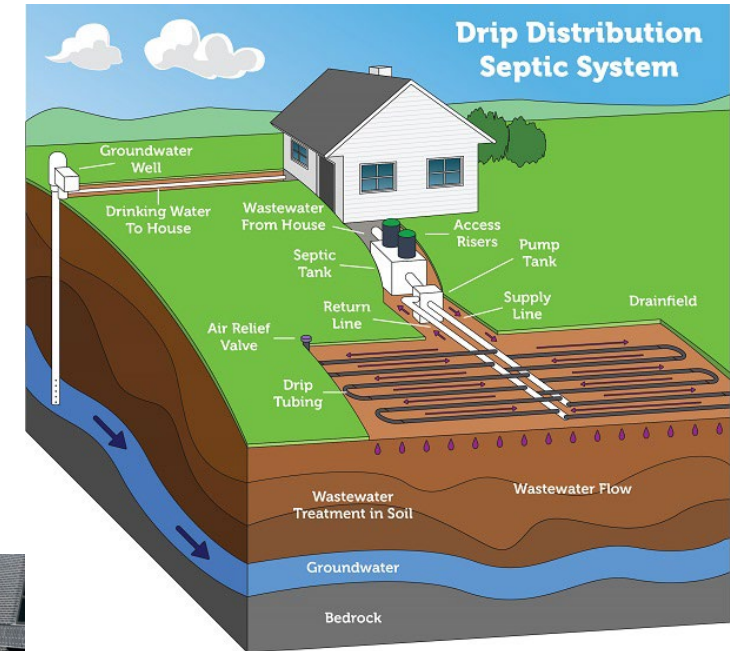
Occupational Licensing

- HB 1845: Provisional Class D W/WW licenses
- HB 2334: Removes plumber license requirement for service lines
- SB 510: Confidentiality of state licensees' data
- SB 422: Military servicemembers with out-of-state licenses

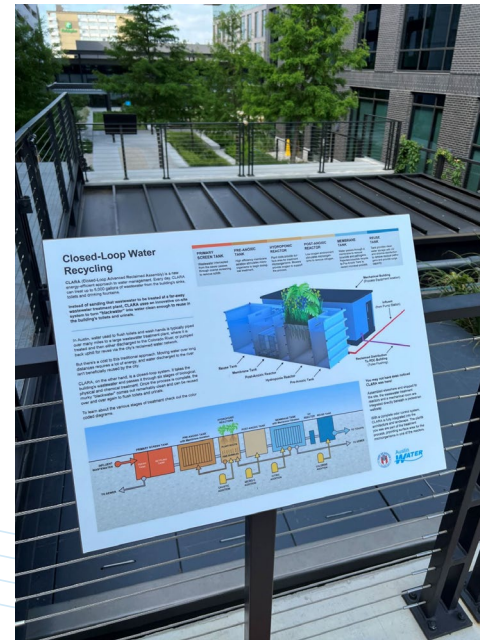


Wastewater

- HB 4087 (temporary OSSF permits and aerobic drip emitter systems for certain counties)
 - Pre-rulemaking feedback to TCEQ in progress
 - Entire TAC Chapter 285 OSSF rules open for input
- SB 1289 (Direct onsite reuse)



Please note: Septic systems vary. Diagram is not to scale.



Emergency Preparedness & Response

- 💧 HB 3810: Outage & BWN notification to TCEQ/TDEM
- 💧 SB 271: Cybersecurity incident reporting to DIR
- 💧 SB 1093: W/WW plants on electric supply chain mapping



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Contracting and Procurement

- ◆ HB 3507 (Raised statutory ad & bidding thresholds)
- ◆ HB 3437 (Raised change order threshold for Ch. 49 Water districts)
- ◆ HB 2965 (Prohibition of Ch. 2272 waiver)



Permitting and Development

- HB 14: Third party permit review
- HB 2127: Local pre-emption of some Codes
 - Water, Health and Safety Codes NOT included
- HB 3699: Permit review
- SB 2038: ETJ Release
- HB 1707: Equal treatment of charter schools in permitting

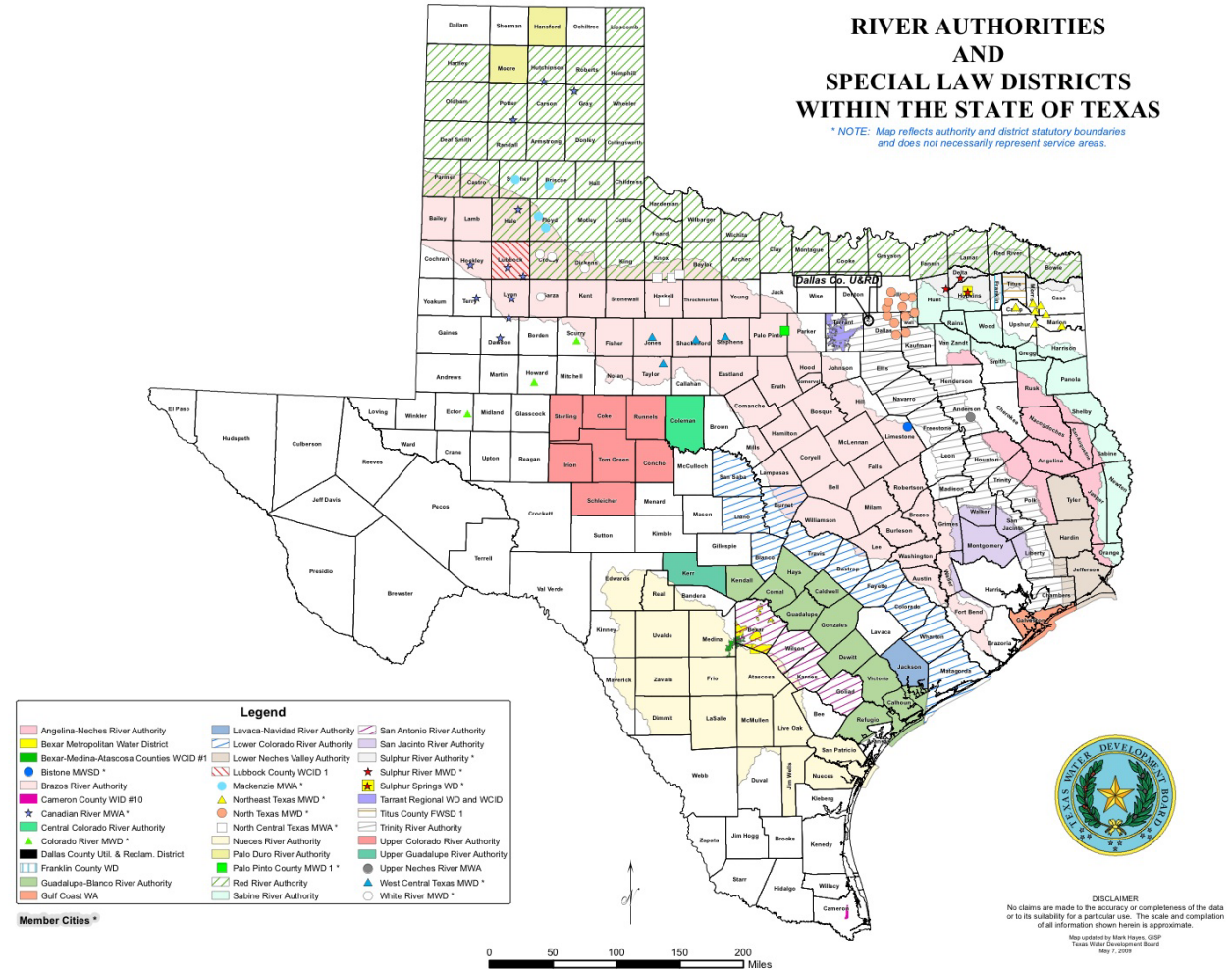


Districts

💧 HB 2815: Omnibus bill amending statutes related to

- MMDs
- Ch. 49 districts
- MUDs under Ch. 54

💧 HB 2816: Notice to property purchasers about area districts



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Map updated by Mark Hayes, GISP
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Key Upcoming Dates (Estimated)

- Today-11/24: Interim hearings, primary and general elections
- 11/12/24: Bill Filing Begins
- 1/7/25: 89th Regular Session Begins
- 3/7/25: Statewide Bill Filing Deadline
- 5/26/23: 89th Regular Session Ends



Staying Informed/Involved

💧 **Bills:** <https://capitol.texas.gov>

💧 **Laws:** <https://statutes.capitol.Texas.gov>

💧 **Agencies' Rules:**
<https://www.sos.state.tx.us/tac/index.shtml>

The screenshot shows the Texas Legislature Online website for the 88th Legislature Fourth Called Session. The navigation bar includes links for Home, My TLO, House, Senate, Legislation, Search, Committees, and Calendars. The main content area is divided into several sections:

- Texas House:** A list of links including Home, Speaker of the House, Members, Committees, Committee Meetings, Committee Witnesses, Calendars, Current Amendment, Journals, News, House Research Organization, and Kids' House.
- Texas Senate:** A list of links including Home, Lieutenant Governor, Members, Committees, Committee Meetings, Calendars, Journals, News, Senate Research Center, and Senate Kids.
- Search Legislation:** A search box with a dropdown menu for the legislature (88(R) - 2023) and radio buttons for Word/Phrase and Bill Number. A Go button is next to the search input.
- Additional Searches:** A grid of links for Text Search, Statutes, Bill Lookup, Constitution, Bill Search, Reports, Amendments, View Votes, Sections Affected, Administrative Code, and Legislative Archive System.
- How Do I ...:** A list of links for finding bills, following bill status, contacting legislators, finding hearing schedules, viewing bill text, and testifying at hearings.
- My TLO:** Links for tracking legislation, receiving alerts, subscribing to RSS feeds, and viewing content on mobile devices.
- Related Links:** Links to the Legislative Reference Library, County, State, Federal, and Awards pages.
- Access Mobile Version of TLO:** Information about mobile access via iPhone, iPad, or other mobile devices, with a note that some features may not be accessible.
- Legislative Activity:** Links for video broadcasts, today's calendars, meetings, filed bills, and votes.
- Legislative Process:** Links for how a bill becomes law, how to follow a bill, dates of interest, and session deadlines.
- Redistricting:** Links to the Texas Redistricting Website, DistrictViewer, and Senate Special Committee on Redistricting.
- Who Represents Me?:** A form to find a legislator by address, with fields for Address, City, and ZIP Code, and buttons for Submit and Privacy Policy.
- Capitol Complex Information:** Links for events and visitor information, wireless access, images, and state symbols.

