



# ***Candidate Conservation Agreement with Assurances for the False Spike and Texas Fawnsfoot in the Brazos River Basin***

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# ***Freshwater Mussels Under Consideration for Federal Protection in Brazos River Basin***

Texas Fawnsfoot



False Spike





# ***Why Federal permitting?***

- **ESA prohibits activities that affect listed species and their habitats**
- **Permit required for activities that may “take” threatened or endangered species**
- **Minimize exposure to ESA liabilities**
- **Minimize future impacts to BRA water supply operations**





# ***Candidate Conservation Agreement with Assurances***

- **Voluntary partnership with USFWS**
- **Provides net conservation benefit to the two species – and other aquatics**
- **Pre-listing decision**
- **If species is listed, will not be required to take additional conservation measures**



## ***Status of CCAA***

- **In informal review at USFWS Regional Office**
- **Anticipate request to submit for formal consideration within next month**
- **Will present to Board of Directors in January 2020, prior to formal submission and execution**
- **Anticipate that Phase 1 will be completed within budget.**



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RIVER AUTHORITY