

# Determination of Interruptible Water Available for 2023

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# What is Interruptible Water?

- Firm water from reservoirs not used in the previous year
- Amount available varies from year to year depending on weather and higher water usage
- Availability established annually by the Board
- Sold at System Rate (Ag Rate for irrigation)
- Began supplying in 2008

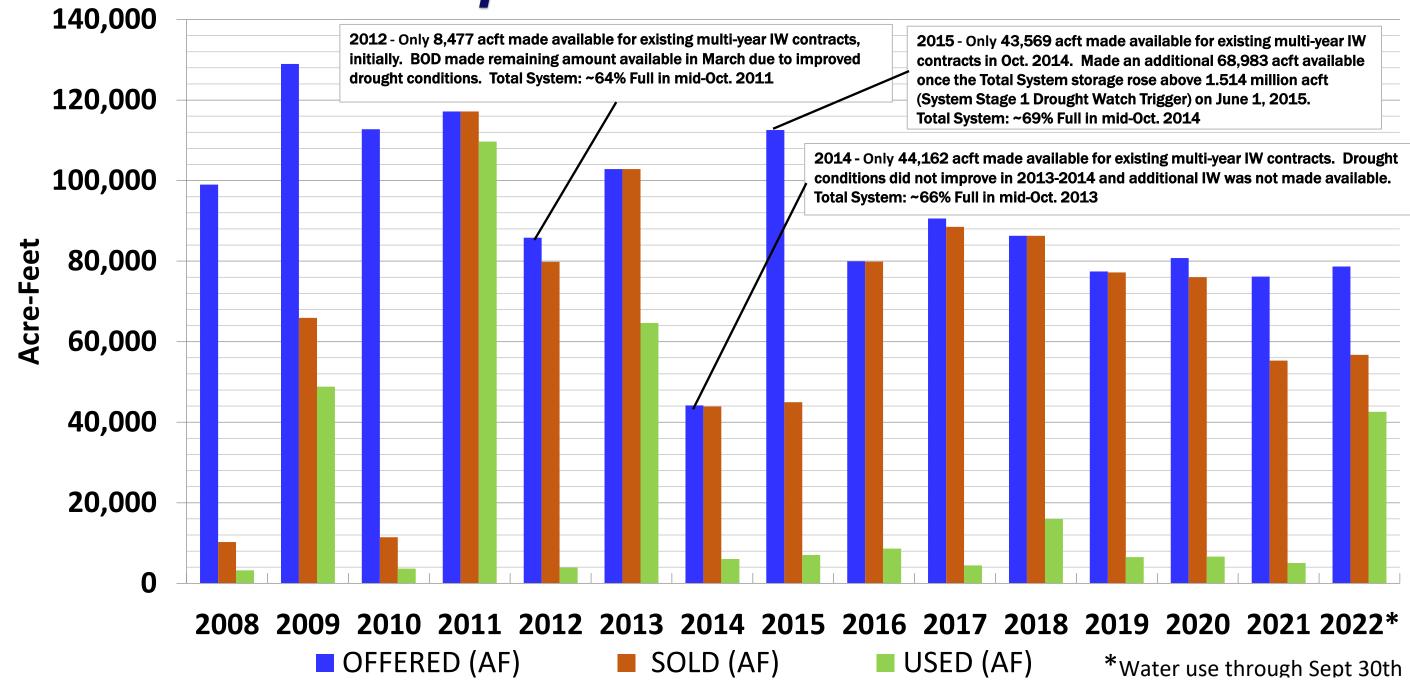


#### IW Sale Procedure

- Updated Procedures Effective June 20, 2022
- Establishes calculation methodology, application, and allocation process
- Calculation method includes Safety Factor established by the Board
  - Protects/ensures long-term contracts aren't impacted
- Apps received by the Application Deadline (This year Sept. 30th) get "first shot" at available water
- No longer offer multi-year contracts
- Diversions can be curtailed when any reservoir in the System reaches its Stage 3 Drought Emergency Trigger
- Priority given to requests of 1,000 acre-feet and less when allocating the available water
- Establishes rules when requests exceed the available interruptible water in a certain area
- BRA Board may authorize an amount of Interruptible Water that is less than the amount determined in the calculation depending on drought conditions or other factors that may exist at that time.
- Have flexibility to make Interruptible Water available when water supply conditions improve



### Interruptible Water 2008 - 2022





# Summary of 2022 Customers

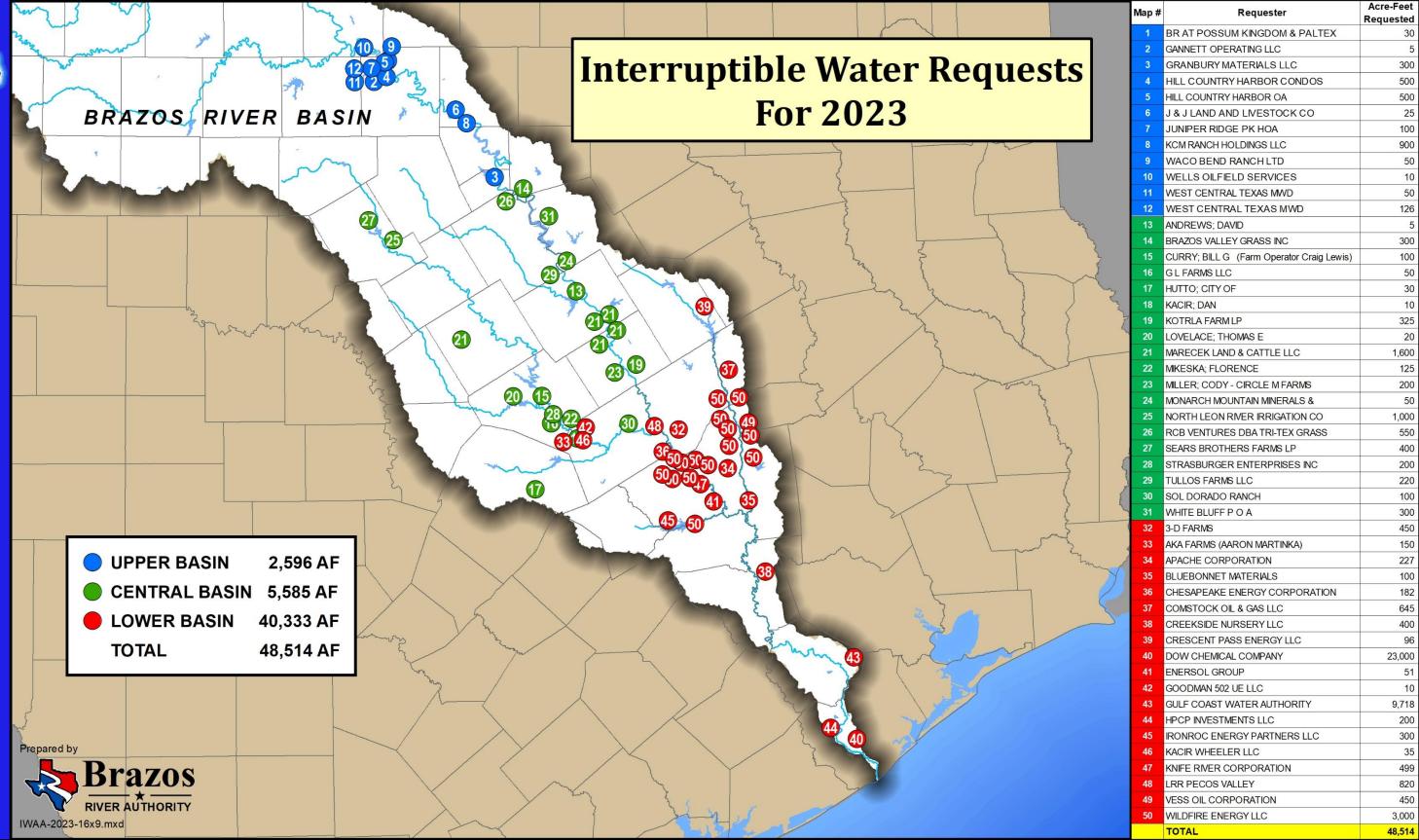
- Total amount contracted in 2022 = 56,718 AF
- Contracts equal to or greater than 1,000 AF = 44,288 AF
  - (28,000 AF) Dow
  - GCWA (8,738 AF)
  - (5,000 AF)Dow
  - Marecek Land & Cattle LLC (1,550 AF)
  - Hawkwood Energy Operating, LLC (1,000 AF)
- Contracts less than 1,000 AF = 12,430 AF (59 contracts)
- All contracts expire on 12/31/2022 (64 contracts)
- Contracts executed/amended after initial request date = 29,933 AF (14 contracts)



# Interruptible Water Availability by Segment

RESERVOIR	2023 Available IW
	(ACFT)
POSSUM KINGDOM	
GRANBURY	
WHITNEY	30,272
AQUILLA	1,241
PROCTOR	
BELTON	
STILLHOUSE	
GEORGETOWN	
GRANGER	13,431
SOMERVILLE	6,725
LIMESTONE	5,707
SYSTEM TOTAL:	57,377







# Current Drought: Factors to Consider

- Reservoir System (currently 71% full (1.37 million acre-feet)) similar to 2013 and 2014 levels (years in which new IW was not initially made available for the following year):
  - Mid October, 2013 66% full (1.26 million acre-feet)
  - Mid October, 2014 69% full (1.34 million acre-feet)
- All reservoirs/reservoir subsystems including the System as a whole in Stage 1 Drought Watch
- Lake Proctor in Stage 3 Drought Emergency
- Inflows comparable to historic lows (comparable to 2011)
- Worst case projections indicate the BRA system reaching Stage 3
   Drought Emergency by the last quarter of 2023



## Recommendations

- Authorization of Interruptible Water in 2023 is not recommended unless drought conditions improve
  - Come back to the Board to authorize 2023 Interruptible Water if water supply conditions improve during Calendar Year 2023



"BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Brazos River Authority (BRA) that, due to continued drought conditions, exceptionally low reservoir inflows, the Stage 3 Drought Emergency declaration for Lake Proctor and potential for additional Stage 3 Drought Emergency declarations in 2023, no Interruptible Water will be authorized for sale in Calendar Year 2023 at this time.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, if drought conditions improve and inflows produce a significant increase in reservoir storage within the BRA water supply system, the authorization of Interruptible Water for calendar year 2023 may be presented to the Board for consideration at a later date."





#### BRA Water Supply Reservoirs "PERCENT FULL" November 9, 2022



