



# ***Legislative Update***

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# ***Interim Charges-Hurricane Harvey***

- **Pre-releasing/seasonal lowering of reservoirs**
- **Flood mitigation strategies**
  - **Off-channel reservoirs**
  - **Aquifer storage and recovery**
- **Notice responsibility/improvement**
  - **Statewide website**
  - **Amber alert system**
- **Debris removal**



# ***TWCA Flood Committee***

- **Reservoir Operators Role in Providing Notice of Flood Events**
- **Water Supply and Flood Control Reservoirs in Texas**
- **Prerelease from Reservoirs as a Flood Mitigation Strategy**
- **Flood Liability and Takings Issues for Reservoir Owners**
- **Aquifer Storage Recovery as a Flood Mitigation Strategy**
- **Off-Channel Reservoirs as a Flood Mitigation Strategy**
- **On-Channel Reservoirs as a Flood Mitigation Strategy**
- **Dredging as a Flood Mitigation Strategy**
- **Hurricane Harvey Experience**



# ***TWDB Flood Assessment***

- **Not the state flood plan**
- **Provide flooding history/experience**
- **Identify current roles and responsibilities**
- **Provide potential framework for creation of state flood plan**



# ***Other Interim Charges***

- **WAM updates**
- **Groundwater policy**
  - **Aquifer-wide management**
  - **Ground/surface water interaction**
  - **Permitting process**
  - **Data and science needs**
- **Water permit streamlining**
- **Regulatory framework of groundwater districts and river authorities**



# *Sunset Review Process*

- **Step 1**
  - Sunset staff evaluation
- **Step 2**
  - Sunset Commission deliberation
- **Step 3**
  - Legislative action



# ***River Authority Sunset***

- **Currently reviewing NRA, RRA, GBRA and LCRA**
- **NRA, RRA and GBRA**
  - **Self-evaluation report completed**
  - **Sunset staff report and first Commission hearing completed**
  - **Commission decision hearing in August**
- **LCRA**
  - **Self-evaluation report completed**
  - **Sunset staff report in process—expected in October**
  - **First Commission hearing set for December**
  - **Commission decision hearing in January**



# *Corps Water Supply Rule*

- **Problems with the rule**
  - **State water rights infringement**
  - **Water accounting/allocation**
  - **Reallocation costs**
- **Ongoing efforts**
  - **Congressional letters**
  - **National Water Supply Alliance**
  - **June meetings with Congressional delegation**





# Brazos River Authority