

# LCRA Water Conservation Plan

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LCRA Board of Directors Meeting  
April 25, 2024



# Water Conservation Plan Overview

- **Texas Commission on Environmental Quality requires a water conservation plan for holders of:**
  - Municipal, industrial and non-irrigation water rights more than 1,000 acre-feet
  - Irrigation water rights more than 10,000 acre-feet
- **Goal**
  - Ongoing, long-term water conserving initiatives

# 2024 Water Conservation Plan – Estimated Savings Goals

<b>Water use</b>	<b>2029 Five-year goal: Estimated annual savings* (acre-feet)</b>	<b>2034 10-year goal: Estimated annual savings* (acre-feet)</b>
LCRA power plants	1,000	1,100
Municipal	12,000	15,000
Irrigation operations	18,000	20,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>31,000</b>	<b>36,100</b>

\*Accumulated savings since 2012

# **Water Conservation Program**

- **Firm Water Conservation Cost-Share Program**
- **WaterSmart rebates**
- **Municipal conservation strategies**
  - Education and outreach
  - Technical resources
- **Agricultural conservation strategies**
  - House Bill 1437 program (laser leveling, gates)

# **Water Conservation Plan – Summary of Public Comments**

- **LCRA received three submissions during the open comment period**
  - Letter on behalf of Central Texas Water Coalition
  - Letter on behalf of National Wildlife Federation, Save Our Springs Alliance and Hill Country Alliance
  - One request for restrictions on development and new water contracts
- **Updated WCP includes clarifications addressing many of the questions submitted by customers**

# 2024 Water Conservation Plan

- **Plan changes**

- Update five- and 10-year conservation goals
- Evaluate/modify existing rules and strategies
- Increase promotion and marketing efforts
- Expand programs and customer participation

- **Schedule**

- March 2024: Posted draft plan for public comment
- April 2024: Present plan for LCRA Board action
- May 1, 2024: Submit plan to Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and Texas Water Development Board



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