#### 2026 Region F Water Plan



## Region F Water Planning Group Meeting July 20, 2023

# Population and Municipal Demands

**Overview and Recommended Revisions** 



#### **Population Projections**

- Based on Texas Demographic Center's (TDC) county-level projections
- Cohort component method
  - Age, sex, race, ethnicity
  - Birth rates, death rates, migration rates
- Two migration scenarios
  - 0.5 migration 2010-2020
  - 1.0 migration 2010-2020



#### **Draft Region F Population Projections**



#### Migration Scenario Selection by County





#### **Population and Municipal Demand Projections**

Population Projections



Dry Year Water Use Per Person (GPCD) Municipal Demand Projections



#### **Draft Region F Municipal Demand Projections**



#### Outreach to Water User Groups and Wholesale Providers

- Survey sent to all Water User Groups on April 21, 2023
  - Follow up email and reminders
  - Phone call follow ups to all users with more than 5,000 people
- Met with some larger water providers
  - BCWID #1
  - CRMWD
  - Midland
  - Odessa
  - San Angelo



#### Survey Results



Approved Population and Demand Projections

- Revisions Requested
- No Response

35%

**Response Rate** 



#### **Population Revision Requests**

- BCWID No. 1 Customers
  - 2022 actual water use data showed that demands were too low for several customers
  - Bangs adjusted population to match more recently reported TWDB population
  - Early adjusted population based on 2022 census estimate
- Eden
  - Increased population to include the Eden Detention center



#### **Population Revision Requests**

- Odessa
  - Adjusted projections through 2050 to reflect 2019 Water Master Plan
  - Then showed slower growth from 2050-2080
  - 2080 population of ~200,000
- Pecos County Fresh Water
  - Requested increase in population based on meter count data
- Corresponding adjustments to County-Others (except Concho)



#### Summary of Population with Changes



#### Demand Revision Requests

- BCWID No. 1 Customers
  - 2022 actual water use data showed that demands were too low for several customers
  - Adjust gpcd for Brownwood, Bangs, and Early
- Midland
  - Requested to use 2022 gpcd of 142
  - Lower than original draft gpcd of 172







#### Summary of Municipal Demand with Changes



#### Path Forward

- RWPG consider approval today
- Submit requested changes to TWDB by August 11, 2023
- TWDB reviews and provides feedback



6a. Consider adoption of proposed changes to the draft population and municipal demands for the 2026 Region F plan and authorize consultant to work with TWDB to make minor adjustments as needed



# Surface Water Hydrologic Variance



#### Surface Water in Regional Planning

- TWDB requires the use of the TCEQ Water Availability Model (WAM) Run 3 (Full Appropriation)
  - Assumes first in right is first in time
  - All water rights are fully used
- To make adjustments, need to request a hydrologic variance from the TWDB



### Region F Hydrologic Variances

#### Colorado Basin

- Safe yield
- Subordination
  - Makes the Upper Basin (Region F) senior to the Lower Basin (Region K)
  - Junction, Brady included in Upper Basin in Region F request
  - Pecan Bayou mutually agreed on terms for priority calls





### Region F Hydrologic Variances

- Rio Grande Basin
  - Safe yield
  - Avoid futile calls on spring flow
- Brazos Basin
  - Safe yield
  - Adopt Region G modifications



6b. Consider adoption of hydrologic variance requests and authorize consultant to work with TWDB to make minor adjustments as needed

