

Texas Water Conservation Association

Initiated Efforts of the 86th Legislative Session

The **TWCA Flood Response Committee**reached consensus on an informational paper about flooding in Texas that was approved by the TWCA Board of Directors, available [here](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1vjiL3tdy75aaevMTy13B1tuTYpz2xQei/view). The committee also supports TWDB's Flood Technical Package exceptional items request of its LAR. The TWCA Flood Response Subcommittee has developed a document outlining its principles on flood-related legislation, available [here](https://drive.google.com/open?id=1yR11oMW28hI5f3AGXqotjEmZv49r-oZq). **These principles are consistent with the flood package (SB 7 and 8, HJR 4, and HB 26) that passed this session.**

The **TWCA Groundwater Committee**reached consensus on six proposals that have been approved by the TWCA Board of Directors:

* Brackish Groundwater: The committee proposed an amended version of HB 2377 (Larson, 85th Legislature).  **This bill passed as HB 722 (Larson/Perry).**
* Export: The committee proposed an amended version of HB 2378 (Larson/Perry, 85th Legislature).**This bill passed as HB 1066 (Ashby/Perry).**
* Abandoned Wells: The committee proposed an amended version of HB 3025 (Tracy O. King, 85th Legislature).
* Water Conservation: The committee proposed new legislation on groundwater conservation districts funding water conservation education.
* SB 1392: The committee proposed an amended version of SB 1392 (Perry, 85th Legislature).
* Groundwater Funding Package: The committee supports TWDB's Groundwater Funding Package exceptional items request of its LAR for funding for groundwater availability modeling and the Brackish Resources Aquifer Characterization System. **These efforts were funded.**

The**TWCA Surface Water Committee**continued to support funding for updating Water Availability Models at TCEQ. **This effort was funded and passed as HB 723 (Larson/Perry).**