



Who Represents You?

- ◆ *Chair* John Burke, Aqua Water Supply Corp., Bastrop
- ◆ *Agriculture* Steve Balas, Eagle Lake; Haskell Simon, Bay City
- ◆ *Counties Com.* Dale Henry, Mills Co.
- ◆ *Electric Utilities* Rick Gangluff, South Texas Project, Wadsworth
- ◆ *Environmental* Dede Armentrout, Blanco; Jim Barho, Burnet
- ◆ *Industries* Mark Smith, Motorola
- ◆ *Municipalities* Teresa Lutes, Austin; Mayor Charles Martinez, Bay City



Issues in Our Region

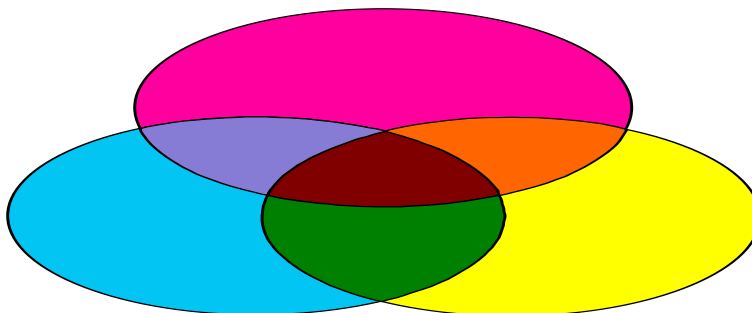
- ◆ **Shortages for irrigation in Matagorda, Colorado & Wharton Counties**
 - Aggressive conservation
 - Off-channel reservoirs
 - Groundwater development
 - New varieties of rice





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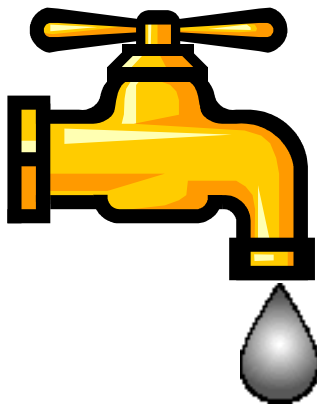
- ◆ **Interbasin transfers sought by other regions**
 - **Region L (South & West of us) seeking additional supplies from**
 - » Groundwater
 - » Potential reservoirs
 - **Region G (North of us) includes rapidly growing areas (e.g., north Williamson County)**





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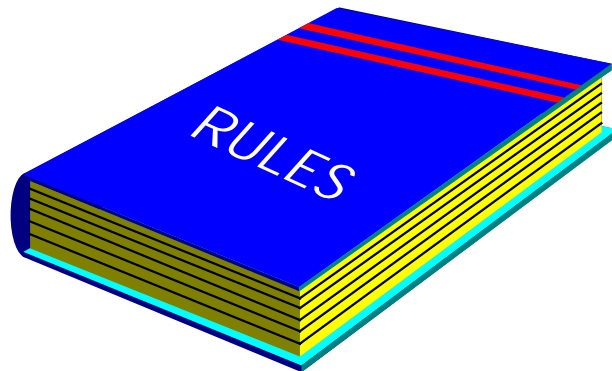
- ◆ **Additional supplies for Hill Country communities**
 - Blanco
 - Llano
 - Mills County





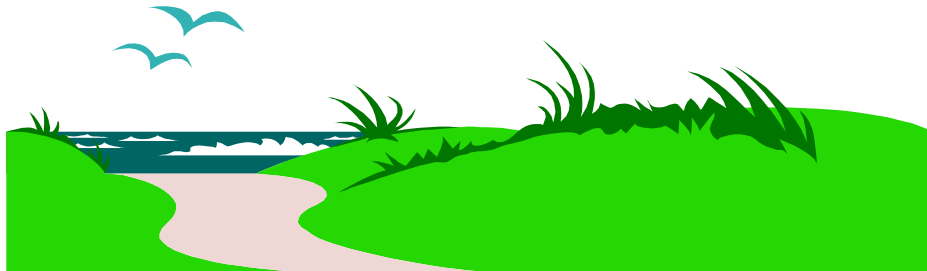
Policy Initiatives In Our Region

- ◆ Groundwater management
 - Groundwater conservation districts
 - Rule of capture
 - Regulation of groundwater transport
 - Maintaining spring flows





Policy Initiatives in Our Region



- ◆ Return flows & ecological values
- ◆ Sustainability
- ◆ Agricultural land preservation
- ◆ Agricultural conservation research
- ◆ Brush management