



Water Policy Recommendations
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TOPIC: SURFACE WATER

ISSUE #3: SYSTEM OPERATION OF WATER FACILITIES

BRAZOS G RWPG POLICY RECOMMENDATION:

“The Brazos G Regional Water Planning Group recognizes the inherent benefit of system operations of existing water supply sources and recommends that State water planning as well as permitting continue to promote such water management strategies.

System operation involves coordinated operation of two or more water supply sources (including reservoirs and run-of-river diversions) such that the system yield is greater than the sum of the individual sources.

System operation provides several significant benefits to the State, including: better utilization of existing infrastructure; increased water supply to meet needs; delay or avoidance of expensive new water supply infrastructure; and, reduced environmental impact potentially occurring due to major new projects.”



ISSUE #4: INTERBASIN TRANSFERS (IBTs) OF SURFACE WATER

BRAZOS G RWPG POLICY RECOMMENDATION:

“The Brazos G Regional Water Planning Group recognizes that Interbasin Transfers have been a critical component of water management in Region G, as there are currently over 80 permitted IBTs statewide. The Texas Water Development Board projects that the State’s population will double in the next 50 years. It is intuitive that IBTs will be a necessary component of the water management strategies. The real issue is how to accomplish future IBTs in fairness.”