



## Initial List of Priority Issues for 2011 Sunset Review of the Texas Water Development Board and Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

Since 2004, National Wildlife Federation, the Lone Star Chapter of the Sierra Club and Environmental Defense Fund have worked jointly through the Texas Living Waters project to help ensure a reliable water supply for Texas cities, industry and agriculture, while also providing adequate freshwater for healthy river and bay systems. We have participated in regional water planning, the new environmental flows process, conservation task forces and many other venues in an effort to achieve these dual goals. (For more information see [www.texaswatermatters.org](http://www.texaswatermatters.org))

As part of this work, we have identified the following initial list of priority issues for the upcoming [Sunset Review](#) of the [Texas Water Development Board](#) (TWDB) and the [Texas Commission on Environmental Quality](#) (TCEQ).

- Should the operations of the Texas Water Trust be expanded to help facilitate implementation of Senate Bill 3 and protect environmental flows (TWDB)?
- How can the effectiveness of the TWDB and TCEQ review of municipal conservation plans be enhanced to ensure more advanced water conservation throughout the state?
- How can the state best continue and strengthen implementation of the Water IQ conservation education program (TWDB)?
- Are there other measures that need to be taken to ensure that water conservation is implemented in a timely and effective manner through the actions of TCEQ and TWDB?
- Should the use of watermasters to ensure water rights permit compliance and adequate oversight of surface water diversions be expanded (TCEQ)?
- How can coordination of energy and water resources planning be improved (TCEQ and TWDB)?

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