



# EMERGENCY ITEM: TEXAS-SIZE INVESTMENT IN WATER

As people and businesses continue to flock to our state, Texas must invest in new, innovative water projects to tap into new water supplies and repair existing pipelines to save billions of gallons of water each year. By investing in sustainable long-term water infrastructure, we can ensure the Texas economic miracle continues and improve the livelihood of Texans for generations.

Working with the Texas Legislature, Governor Greg Abbott made historic investments to improve the reliability of the state's water supply, including:

- Funded over \$13 billion in low or no-interest loans to cities and water supply corporations to invest in water infrastructure through the State Water Infrastructure for Texas (SWIFT)
- Dedicated an additional \$1 billion to maintain existing and build new water infrastructure
- Created the New Water Supply for Texas fund, which funds innovative strategies to increase the state's water supply in addition to managing and developing existing sources

Yet, some of our water supplies are drying up. Many communities have leaking and broken water lines, and agriculture producers in the Rio Grande Valley and West Texas do not have enough water to grow their crops.

To put Texas on a path to have plenty of water for the next 50 years, Governor Abbott will work with the Texas Legislature to:

- Make the one-time largest investment in water in Texas history, as well as dedicate \$1 billion a year for 10 years to tap into new water supplies and repair existing pipes to save billions of gallons of water each year
- Invest in new water supply strategies that develop resources like desalination and move water from areas of abundance to areas of need
- Invest in existing programs to ensure rural communities throughout Texas have the necessary resources to maintain existing water supply systems
- Create a long-term dedicated funding stream to invest in critical water infrastructure for future generations of Texans to have a reliable water supply