

By: Representative Ryan Guillen

General Land Office and Veterans’ Land Board
Proposed Funding and Rider
Land Title Litigation Alternatives Study

Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/4/2025

Overview

Add a rider to the General Land Office and Veterans’ Land Board bill pattern in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, to direct the agency to use available appropriations to conduct a study evaluating alternatives to litigation for resolving disputed land title claims, including the feasibility of creating a land title review board, and prepare a final report with recommendations.

Required Action

On page VI-40 of the General Land Office and Veterans’ Land Board bill pattern in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, add the following new rider:

_____. **Land Title Litigation Alternatives Study.** Out of amounts appropriated above, the General Land Office and Veterans’ Land Board shall conduct a study on alternatives to litigation as a means for resolving disputed land title claims and shall examine the feasibility of creating a land title review board to establish ownership when a title is uncontested. No later than January 1, 2027, the General Land Office and Veterans’ Land Board shall submit a final report on the results of the study to the Office of the Governor, Office of the Lieutenant Governor, and Office of the Speaker of the House.

By Perez of Harris

Parks and Wildlife Department, Article VI of the Budget
Meadowcreek Village Park

Overview

The following action adds a new rider that directs \$1,000,000 for Meadowcreek Village Park. Meadowcreek Village Park is a vital community space in Houston, Texas and an investment is needed to enhance its amenities, safety, and accessibility for local families. As a cherished green space, it provides residents with recreational opportunities, sports facilities, and gathering areas that strengthen neighborhood ties. However, the park requires upgrades to improve infrastructure, modernize playgrounds, and ensure it remains a safe and welcoming environment for all. This funding would revitalize the park, supporting community well-being and fostering a healthier, more connected Houston.

Required Action

On page VI-57 of Parks and Wildlife Department’s bill pattern, add the following new rider:

_____. **Meadowcreek Village Park.** Amounts appropriated above to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, include \$1,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 that may be used for no other purpose than providing a grant to Meadowcreek Village Park. Any unobligated and unexpended balances appropriated from the in General Revenue Fund for the grant as of August 31, 2026 are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

By: Representative Garcia Hernandez

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
Proposed Funding and Rider
Grant for Coppell Old Town Facility Microgrid

Prepared by LBB Staff, March 5, 2025

Overview

Increase General Revenue Fund appropriations in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department bill pattern by \$10,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 with a new rider which would direct the agency to provide a grant to the Coppell Old Town Facility Microgrid.

Required Action

1. On page VI-42 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department bill pattern in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, increase General Revenue funds in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, by \$10,000,000 in fiscal year 2026.
2. On page VI-58 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife bill pattern in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, add the following new rider:

Grant for the Coppell Old Town Facility Microgrid. Amounts appropriated above to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, include \$10,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 from the General Revenue Fund for the purpose of providing a grant to the Coppell Old Town Facility Microgrid. Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

By: Representative Alma Allen

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
Proposed Rider
The Hill at Sims

Prepared by LBB Staff, March 5, 2025

Overview

Add a new rider directing the Parks and Wildlife Department to use \$10,000,000 from the Sporting Goods Sales Tax Transfer to the General Revenue-Dedicated Texas Recreation and Parks Account No. 467 and \$10,000,000 from the Sporting Goods Sales Tax Transfer to Large County and Municipal Recreation and Parks Account No. 5150 to provide a grant to the city of Houston for The Hill at Sims.

Required Action

1. On page VI-58 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife bill pattern in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, add the following new rider:

_____. **The Hill at Sims.** Notwithstanding the requirements of Rider 14, Sporting Goods Sales Tax (SGST), amounts appropriated above to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, include \$10,000,000 in Sporting Goods Sales Tax (SGST) transferred to State Parks Account No. 467 from the Sporting Goods Sales Tax Transfer to Large County and Municipal Recreation and Parks Account No. 5150 in fiscal year 2026 that shall be used to provide a grant to the city of Houston for the Hill at Sims. Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

RIDER REQUEST

Member Name: Representative Alma Allen

Affected Agency: Texas Parks and Wildlife

Purpose: Implementing new facilities and amenities at The Hill at Sims. Hill at Sims History:

The Hill at Sims will be located on the site of a Harris County Flood Control District stormwater detention basin and adjacent land along Sims Bayou and Scott Street in southern Harris County. In 2019, Harris County Precinct One initiated a programming study to seek community input and create a vision to transform the more than 100-acre regional detention basin into easily accessible parkland. Since the completion of the study in 2020, Precinct One has been developing construction plans for the first three phases of development to provide a system of pedestrian trails, hilltop overlook structure, nature pavilion with restrooms, water access point, picnic areas, parking, and ecological restoration plan. A fourth phase to provide a pedestrian and bicycle bridge is also underway. Construction is scheduled to begin later this year. A \$1 million grant has been allocated to the development of the project via Texas Parks and Wildlife Department through assistance of Representative Alma Allen and \$1 million HUD Community Project Funding Grant will be allocated to construction of Phase II of this project

If you have any questions regarding this form, please contact the House Appropriations Committee Office at (512) 463-1091

Amount Requested (if applicable): \$10,000,000

Method of Finance (if applicable): Sporting Goods Sales Tax Transfer to the Large County and Municipal Recreation and Parks Account No. 5150

Rider Language: Local Park Grant for City of Houston. In addition to funds appropriated above in Strategy B.2.1, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is appropriated \$10,000,000 from the Sporting Goods Sales Tax Transfer to the General Revenue-Dedicated Texas Recreation and Parks Account No. 467 for the purpose of providing matching funds to the City of Houston for redevelopment of The Hill at Sims. Parks and Wildlife Department in Sporting Goods Sales Tax Transfer to Large County and Municipal Recreation and Parks Acct. 5150 in Strategy B.2.1, Local Park Grants, \$10,000,000 in fiscal year 2025 shall be used to provide a grant to the City of Houston for the Hill at Sims.

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Parks and Wildlife Department, Article VI
Local Park Grants – Towne Center Park

Overview

The following action adds a new rider that directs \$150,000.00 for capital improvements to Towne Center Park in the City of Heath.

The City of Heath has identified Towne Center Park as an opportunity to improve a local community park. Local funding will be used to improve the parks with community input. Funding from Strategy B.2.1 Local Parks Grants will provide a state match for capital improvements to Heath Park.

Required Action

1. On page VI-41 of agency Texas Parks and Wildlife bill pattern in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, increase General Revenue funds in Strategy B.1.2, Local Parks Grants, by \$150,000.00 in fiscal year 2026.
2. On page VI-57 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, add the following new rider:

____. **Towne Center Park.** Amounts appropriated above include \$150,000.00 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 in Strategy B.1.2, Local Parks Grants, that shall be used for the purpose of making capital improvements for Towne Center Park in the City of Heath. Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2027, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2027.

By Jones

Parks and Wildlife Department, Article VI
Local Park Grants – Andover Park

Overview

The following action adds a new rider that directs \$1,000,000.00 for capital improvements to Andover Park in the City of Houston.

The City of Houston and the Houston Parks Board have identified Andover Park as an opportunity to improve a local community park. Local funding, along with private philanthropic contributions, will be used to improve local parks with community input. Funding from Strategy B.2.1 Local Parks Grants will provide a state match for capital improvements to Andover Park.

Required Action

1. On page VI-41 of agency Texas Parks and Wildlife bill pattern in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, increase General Revenue funds in Strategy B.1.2, Local Parks Grants, by \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2026.
2. On page VI-57 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, add the following new rider:

____. **Andover Park.** Amounts appropriated above include \$1,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 in Strategy B.1.2, Local Parks Grants, that shall be used for the purpose of making capital improvements for Andover Park in the City of Houston. Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2027, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2027.

By: Representative Barry

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
Proposed Rider
City of Pearland All-Abilities Play Space

Prepared by LBB Staff, March 5, 2025

Overview

Add a new rider directing the Parks and Wildlife Department to use appropriations from the Sporting Goods Sales Tax Transfer to Texas Recreation and Parks Acct. No. 467 and Sporting Goods Sales Tax Transfer to Large County and Municipal Recreation and Parks Account No. 5150 in the agency’s bill pattern in fiscal year 2026 to provide a grant totaling \$1,000,000 to the City of Pearland for an all-abilities play space at Independence Park.

Required Action

1. On page VI-58 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife bill pattern in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, add the following new rider:

_____. **City of Pearland: All-Abilities Play Space.** Notwithstanding the requirements of Rider 14, Sporting Goods Sales Tax (SGST), the Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) shall use \$1,000,000 from amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, in fiscal year 2026 for the purpose of providing a grant to the City of Pearland for an All-Abilities Play Space at Independence Park. TPWD may only use amounts appropriated from Sporting Goods Sales Tax transferred to State Parks Account No. 467 and Sporting Goods Sales Tax Transfer to Large County and Municipal Recreation and Parks Account No. 5150 to fund the grant. Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

By: Guillen

Parks & Wildlife Department
Proposed Rider
Rider requiring the Parks & Wildlife Department to use appropriated funds for the purpose of providing grants for parks and recreation facilities in Rio Grande City, Texas.

Overview

Increase General Revenue appropriations in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, and Strategy B.2.2 Boating Access and Other Grants, of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department bill pattern by \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 with a new rider for the purpose of providing grants for parks and recreation facilities in Rio Grande City, Texas.

Required Action

1. On page V1-38 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, increase General Revenue funds in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, by \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2026.
2. On page V1-53 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, add the following new rider:
 - a. **City of Rio Grande City Public Parks.** Out of amounts appropriated above to Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in General Revenue:
 - i. In Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks and Grants, in fiscal year 026, is provided for the following local parks and projects in the following amounts:
 - i. \$250,000 for Other Neighborhood Parks
 - b. In Strategy B.2.2, Boating Access and Other Grants, in fiscal year 2026, \$750,00 shall be used for the purpose of providing a grant for the Ringgold Park.
 - c. Any unobligated and unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026

By Wu

Parks and Wildlife Department, Article VI
Local Park Grants – E.L. Crain Park

Overview

The following action adds a new rider that directs \$1,000,000.00 for capital improvements to E.L. Crain Park in the City of Houston.

The City of Houston and the Houston Parks Board have identified E.L. Crain Park as an opportunity to improve a local community park. Local funding, along with private philanthropic contributions, will be used to improve local parks with community input. Funding from Strategy B.2.1 Local Parks Grants will provide a state match for capital improvements to E.L. Crain Park.

Required Action

1. On page VI-41 of agency Texas Parks and Wildlife bill pattern in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, increase General Revenue funds in Strategy B.1.2, Local Parks Grants, by \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2026.
2. On page VI-57 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, add the following new rider:

____. **E.L. Crain Park.** Amounts appropriated above include \$1,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 in Strategy B.1.2, Local Parks Grants, that shall be used for the purpose of making capital improvements for E.L. Crain Park in the City of Houston. Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2027, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2027.

By DeAyala

Parks and Wildlife Department, Article VI
Local Park Grants – Francklow Park

Overview

The following action adds a new rider that directs \$1,000,000.00 for capital improvements to Francklow Park in the City of Houston.

The City of Houston and the Houston Parks Board have identified Francklow Park as an opportunity to improve a local community park. Local funding, along with private philanthropic contributions, will be used to improve local parks with community input. Funding from Strategy B.2.1 Local Parks Grants will provide a state match for capital improvements to Francklow Park.

Required Action

1. On page VI-41 of agency Texas Parks and Wildlife bill pattern in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, increase General Revenue funds in Strategy B.1.2, Local Parks Grants, by \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2026.
2. On page VI-57 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, add the following new rider:

____. **Haden Park.** Amounts appropriated above include \$1,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 in Strategy B.1.2, Local Parks Grants, that shall be used for the purpose of making capital improvements for Francklow Park in the City of Houston. Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2027, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2027.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
Proposed Funding and Rider
Grant for American Legion Park

Prepared by LBB Staff, March 5, 2025

Overview

Increase General Revenue Fund appropriations in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department bill pattern by \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 with a new rider which would direct the agency to provide a grant to American Legion Park.

Required Action

1. On page VI-42 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department bill pattern in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, increase General Revenue funds in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, by \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2026.
2. On page VI-58 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife bill pattern in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, add the following new rider:

_____. **American Legion Park.** Amounts appropriated above to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, include \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 from the General Revenue Fund for the purpose of providing a grant to American Legion Park. Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

By: Representative Longoria

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
Proposed Funding and Rider
Grant for the City of Penitas

Prepared by LBB Staff, March 5, 2025

Overview

Increase General Revenue Fund appropriations in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department bill pattern by \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 with a new rider which would direct the agency to provide a grant to the City of Penitas for the design and construction of a new park.

Required Action

1. On page VI-42 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department bill pattern in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, increase General Revenue funds in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, by \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2026.
2. On page VI-58 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife bill pattern in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, add the following new rider:

_____. **Grant for the City of Penitas.** Amounts appropriated above to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, include \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 from the General Revenue Fund for the purpose of providing a grant to the City of Penitas for the design and construction of a new park. Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
Proposed Funding and Rider
Grant for Dylan Duncan Memorial Skate Park

Prepared by LBB Staff, March 5, 2025

Overview

Increase General Revenue Fund appropriations in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department bill pattern by \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 with a new rider which would direct the agency to provide a grant to the Dylan Duncan Memorial Skate Park.

Required Action

1. On page VI-42 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department bill pattern in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, increase General Revenue funds in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, by \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2026.
2. On page VI-58 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife bill pattern in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, add the following new rider:

_____. **Grant for Dylan Duncan Memorial Skate Park.** Amounts appropriated above to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, include \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 from the General Revenue Fund for the purpose of providing a grant to the Dylan Duncan Memorial Skate Park. Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
Proposed Funding and Rider
Grant for Sullivan City

Prepared by LBB Staff, March 5, 2025

Overview

Increase General Revenue Fund appropriations in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department bill pattern by \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 with a new rider which would direct the agency to provide a grant to Sullivan City for the creation of a new North Municipal Park and renovations of existing parks.

Required Action

1. On page VI-42 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department bill pattern in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, increase General Revenue funds in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, by \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2026.
2. On page VI-58 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife bill pattern in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, add the following new rider:

_____. **Grant for Sullivan City.** Amounts appropriated above to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, include \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 from the General Revenue Fund for the purpose of providing a grant to Sullivan City for the creation of a new North Municipal Park and renovations of existing parks. Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

By: Martinez, Armando

Parks and Wildlife Department, Article VI
Proposed Rider
Local Park Grants
March 4, 2025

Overview

Increase General Revenue appropriations in Strategy B.2.1., Local Parks Grants, of the Parks and Wildlife Department bill pattern by \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 with a new rider for the purpose of providing a grant for a public all-abilities park in the City of Pharr.

Required Action

1. On page VI-42 of the Parks and Wildlife Department bill pattern in House Bill 1, increase General Revenue Funs in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, by \$1,000,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2026.
2. On page VI-57 of the Parks and Wildlife Department bill pattern in House Bill 1,add the following rider:

_____. **Local Parks Grants.** Amounts appropriated above to Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, by \$1,000,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2026 for the construction of an all-abilities park in the City of Pharr. Any unobligated and unexpended balanced appropriated in General Revenue for these grants as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

By: Representative Canales

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
Proposed Funding and Rider
Grant for the City of Pharr All-Abilities Park

Prepared by LBB Staff, March 5, 2025

Overview

Increase General Revenue Fund appropriations in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department bill pattern by \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 with a new rider which would direct the agency to provide a grant to the City of Pharr for an all-abilities park.

Required Action

1. On page VI-42 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department bill pattern in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, increase General Revenue funds in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, by \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2026.
2. On page VI-58 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife bill pattern in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, add the following new rider:

_____. **Grant for the City of Pharr: All-Inclusive Park.** Amounts appropriated above to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, include \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 from the General Revenue Fund for the purpose of providing a grant to the City of Pharr for an all-abilities park. Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

By: Representative Simmons

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
Proposed Funding and Rider
Grant for Zollie Scales Park

Prepared by LBB Staff, March 5, 2025

Overview

Increase General Revenue Fund appropriations in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department’s bill pattern by \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 with a new rider which would direct the agency to provide a grant to Zollie Scales Park.

Required Action

1. On page VI-42 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department bill pattern in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, increase General Revenue funds in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, by \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2026.
2. On page VI-58 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife bill pattern in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, add the following new rider:

_____. **Zollie Scales Park.** Amounts appropriated above to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, include \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 from the General Revenue Fund for the purpose of providing a grant to Zollie Scales Park. Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
Proposed Funding and Rider
Grant for La Joya Parks

Prepared by LBB Staff, March 4, 2025

Overview

Increase General Revenue Fund appropriations in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department bill pattern by \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 with a new rider which would direct the agency to provide grants to the City of La Joya for Hope Park and Billy Leo Park.

Required Action

1. On page VI-42 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department bill pattern in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, increase General Revenue funds in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, by \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2026.
2. On page VI-58 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife bill pattern in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, add the following new rider:

_____. **Grant for Hope Park and Billy Leo Park.** Amounts appropriated above to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, include \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 from the General Revenue Fund for the purpose of providing grants to the following parks in the following amounts.
 - (a) \$250,000 for the City of La Joya for Hope Park and
 - (b) \$750,000 for the Billy Leo Park.

Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

By: C. Morales

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
Proposed Funding and Rider
Grant for Montie Beach Park

Overview

Increase General Revenue Fund appropriations in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department bill pattern by \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 with a new rider which would direct the agency to provide a grant to Montie Beach Park.

Required Action

1. On page VI-42 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department bill pattern in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, increase General Revenue funds in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, by \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2026.
2. On page VI-58 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife bill pattern in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, add the following new rider:

_____ **Montie Beach Park.** Amounts appropriated above to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, include \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 from the General Revenue Fund for the purpose of providing a grant to Montie Beach Park. Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

By: Representative Valle

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
Proposed Funding and Rider
Grant for Warren Park

Prepared by LBB Staff, March 4, 2025

Overview

Increase General Revenue Fund appropriations in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department bill pattern by \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 with a new rider which would direct the agency to provide a grant for Warren Park.

Required Action

1. On page VI-42 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department bill pattern in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, increase General Revenue funds in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, by \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2026.
2. On page VI-58 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife bill pattern in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, add the following new rider:

_____. **Grant for Warren Park.** Amounts appropriated above to Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, include \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 from the General Revenue Fund for the purpose of providing a grant to Warren Park. Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

By: Representative Garcia Hernandez

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
Proposed Funding and Rider
Grant for City of Farmers Branch

Prepared by LBB Staff, March 5, 2025

Overview

Increase General Revenue Fund appropriations in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department bill pattern by \$2,100,000 in fiscal year 2026 with a new rider which would direct the agency to provide a grant to the City of Farmers Branch for Mercer Park.

Required Action

1. On page VI-42 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department bill pattern in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, increase General Revenue funds in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, by \$2,100,000 in fiscal year 2026.
2. On page VI-58 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife bill pattern in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, add the following new rider:

_____. **Grant for City of Farmers Branch: Mercer Park.** Amounts appropriated above to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, include \$2,100,000 in fiscal year 2026 from the General Revenue Fund for the purpose of providing a grant for the City of Farmers Branch for Mercer Park. Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
Proposed Rider
Grant for Vestal Park

Prepared by LBB Staff, March 5, 2025

Overview

Add a rider directing the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to use \$2,457,962 from available appropriations in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, of the agency's bill pattern in fiscal year 2026 to provide a grant to Vestal Park with a reporting requirement.

Required Action

1. On page VI-58 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife bill pattern in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, add the following new rider:

____. **Grant for Vestal Park.**
- (a) Out of amounts appropriated above-in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department shall use \$2,457,962 in fiscal year 2026 for the purpose of providing a grant to Vestal Park. Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.
- (b) Not later than December 1, 2025, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department shall submit a report to the Legislative Budget Board and the Office of the Governor detailing project progress, expenditures, and anticipated community impact.

By: Representative Lopez

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
Proposed Funding and Rider
Grant for Vestal Park

Prepared by LBB Staff, March 5, 2025

Overview

Increase General Revenue Fund appropriations in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department bill pattern by \$2,457,962 in fiscal year 2026 with a new rider which would direct the agency to provide a grant to Vestal Park with a reporting requirement.

Required Action

1. On page VI-42 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department bill pattern in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, increase General Revenue funds in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, by \$2,457,962 in fiscal year 2026.
2. On page VI-58 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife bill pattern in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, add the following new rider:

_____. **Grant for Vestal Park.**

- (a) Amounts appropriated above to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, include \$2,457,962 in fiscal year 2026 from the General Revenue Fund for the purpose of providing a grant to Vestal Park. Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.
- (b) Not later than December 1, 2025, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department shall submit a report to the Legislative Budget Board and the Office of the Governor-detailing project progress, expenditures, and anticipated community impact.

By: Representative Longoria

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
Proposed Funding and Rider
Grant for a Community Center at Santa Maria Community Park

Prepared by LBB Staff, March 5, 2025

Overview

Increase General Revenue Fund appropriations in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department bill pattern by \$2,650,000 in fiscal year 2026 with a new rider which would direct the agency to provide a grant to Santa Maria Community Park for a community center.

Required Action

1. On page VI-42 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department bill pattern in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, increase General Revenue funds in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, by \$2,650,000 in fiscal year 2026.
2. On page VI-58 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife bill pattern in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, add the following new rider:

_____. **Grant for Santa Maria Community Park: Community Center.** Amounts appropriated above to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, include \$2,650,000 in fiscal year 2026 from the General Revenue Fund for the purpose of providing a grant to the Santa Maria Community Park for a community center. Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

By: Representative Turner

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
Proposed Funding and Rider
Grant for Fish Creek Linear Park

Prepared by LBB Staff, March 5, 2025

Overview

Increase General Revenue Fund appropriations in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department bill pattern by \$2,800,000 in fiscal year 2026 with a new rider which would direct the agency to provide a grant to Fish Creek Linear Park.

Required Action

1. On page VI-42 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department bill pattern in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, increase General Revenue funds in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, by \$2,800,000 in fiscal year 2026.
2. On page VI-58 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife bill pattern in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, add the following new rider:

_____. **Fish Creek Linear Park.** Amounts appropriated above to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, include \$2,800,000 in fiscal year 2026 from the General Revenue Fund for the purpose of providing a grant to Fish Creek Linear Park. Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

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By: Representative Anchia

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
Proposed Funding and Rider
Grant for Southwestern Medical District

Prepared by LBB Staff, March 6, 2025

Overview

Increase General Revenue appropriations in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department bill pattern by \$20,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 with a new rider for the purpose of providing a grant to Texas Trees Foundation for planning and construction for the Southwestern Medical District Transformation Project in Dallas.

Required Action

1.

On page VI-42 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department bill pattern in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, increase General Revenue funds in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, by \$20,000,000 in fiscal year 2026.
2.

On page VI-58 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife bill pattern in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, add the following new rider:
- Grant for Southwestern Medical District.** Amounts appropriated above to Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, include \$20,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 from the General Revenue Fund for the purpose of providing a grant to the Texas Trees Foundation for planning and construction for the Southwestern Medical District Transformation Project in Dallas. Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

By: Vllaobos

**Texas Parks & Wildlife Department
Proposed Funding and Rider**

Prepared by LBB Staff, February 26, 2025

Overview

Increase General Revenue appropriations in Strategy D.1.2, Land Acquisition, of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department bill pattern by \$28,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 for the purpose of providing grants through the Texas Farm and Ranch Lands Conservation Program (TFRLCP).

Required Action

- 1. On page VI-43 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department bill pattern in House Bill 1, increase General Revenue funds in Strategy D.1.2, Land Acquisition, by \$28,000,000 in fiscal year 2026.
- 2. On page VI-57 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife bill patter in House Bill 1, add the following new rider:

_____. **Appropriation: Texas Farm and Rand Lands Conservation Program (TFRLCP).** Amounts appropriated above to Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in Strategy D.1.2, Land Acquisition, include \$28,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 from General Revenue for the purpose of providing grants through the Texas Farm and Ranch Lands Conservation Program (TFRLCP). Any unobligated and unexpended balances appropriated in General Revenue for TFRLCP grants as of August 31, 2026 are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

By: Representative Valle

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
Proposed Funding and Rider
Grant for Doss Park

Prepared by LBB Staff, March 4, 2025

Overview

Increase General Revenue Fund appropriations in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department bill pattern by \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 with a new rider which would direct the agency to provide a grant the Doss Park.

Required Action

1. On page VI-42 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department bill pattern in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, increase General Revenue funds in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, by \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2026.
2. On page VI-58 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife bill pattern in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, add the following new rider:

_____. **Grant for Doss Park.** Amounts appropriated above to Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, include \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 from the General Revenue Fund for the purpose of providing a grant to Doss Park. Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

By: Representative Valle

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
Proposed Funding and Rider
Grant for Melrose Park

Prepared by LBB Staff, March 4, 2025

Overview

Increase General Revenue Fund appropriations in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department bill pattern by \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 with a new rider which would direct the agency to provide a grant for Melrose Park.

Required Action

1. On page VI-42 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department bill pattern in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, increase General Revenue funds in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, by \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2026.
2. On page VI-58 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife bill pattern in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, add the following new rider:

_____. **Grant for Melrose Park.** Amounts appropriated above to Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, include \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 from the General Revenue Fund for the purpose of providing a grant to Melrose Park. Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

By: González of Dallas

Texas Department of Parks and Wildlife
Proposed Funding and Rider
Grant for Mi Familia Park in Grand Prairie, TX
Prepared by: Rep. González's Staff March 2, 2025

Overview:

Out of amounts appropriated elsewhere in this Act to the Parks and Wildlife Department in Strategy B.2.1, Local Park Grants in fiscal year 2026 and fiscal year 2027, the Parks and Wildlife Department shall provide \$2,000,000 for Mi Familia Park.

Required Action:

1. On page VI-57 of the Texas Department of Parks and Wildlife bill pattern of SB 1, insert the following new rider:

_____. **Grant for Mi Familia Park.** Amounts appropriated above to Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, include \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 from General Revenue for the purpose of providing a grant for Mi Familia Park. Any unobligated and unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, is appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

By: Representative Manuel

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
Proposed Funding and Rider
Grants for Local Parks: Beaumont and Port Arthur

Prepared by LBB Staff, March 5, 2025

Overview

Increase General Revenue Fund appropriations in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department bill pattern by \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 with a new rider which would direct the agency to provide grants for the construction of parks in Beaumont and Port Arthur.

Required Action

1. On page VI-42 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department bill pattern in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, increase General Revenue funds in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, by \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2026.
2. On page VI-58 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife bill pattern in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, add the following new rider:

Grants for Local Parks: Beaumont and Port Arthur. Amounts appropriated above to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, include \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 from the General Revenue Fund for the purpose of providing grants for the construction of local parks in the following locations in the following amounts.

 - (a) \$1,000,000 for the City of Beaumont; and
 - (b) \$1,000,000 for the City of Port Arthur.

Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

REQUEST

Amend **HB 1** as follows:

(1) On page VI-46 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department bill pattern, add the following rider:

#. Local Park Grant Project. In addition to amounts appropriated elsewhere in this Act, \$3,075,000 in General Revenue is appropriated to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, for Harris County in fiscal year 2026 for a grant for a local park project related to the Cloverland and Tom Bass local parks. Any unobligated and unexpended balances appropriated in General Revenue for this grant as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

BACKGROUND

Harris County Precinct One aims to carry out local park improvements that increase connectivity, access, and safety in the Sunnyside Community of Harris County. The Tom Bass and Cloverland Parks project provides vital park upgrades and creates additional park pathways to community centers, residential areas, and commercial districts. This funding will be used for design and construction activities.

By: Representative Longoria

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
Proposed Funding and Rider
Grant for La Joya Youth Center

Prepared by LBB Staff, March 4, 2025

Overview

Increase General Revenue Fund appropriations in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department bill pattern by \$300,000 in fiscal year 2026 with a new rider which would direct the agency to provide a grant to the La Joya Youth Center.

Required Action

1. On page VI-42 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department bill pattern in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, increase General Revenue funds in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, by \$300,000 in fiscal year 2026.
2. On page VI-58 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife bill pattern in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, add the following new rider:

_____. **Grant for the La Joya Youth Center.** Amounts appropriated above to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, include \$300,000 in fiscal year 2026 from the General Revenue Fund for the purpose of providing a grant to the La Joya Youth Center. Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

RIDER REQUEST

Member Name: Rep. Gervin-Hawkins

Affected Agency: Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Article VI

Purpose: San Antonio Zoo, founded in 1914 and operated by the San Antonio Zoological Society, is a non-profit organization committed to securing a future for wildlife. Through its passion and expertise in animal care, conservation, and education, the zoo’s mission is to inspire its community to love, engage with, act for, and protect animals and the places they live. The zoo welcomes over a million visitors annually and is consistently ranked as a top tourist attraction in Texas. San Antonio Zoo is a 50+-acre zoo home to over 750 species, many of which are endangered or extinct in the wild. On average, San Antonio Zoo contributes nearly \$1,000,000 annually to research and grants dedicated to habitat preservation, conservation, and repopulation of endangered species in Texas, and across the world. San Antonio Zoo is also involved in local community training and stewardship projects, and has been a critical leader in the reintroduction of native Texas species, such as the Whooping Crane and Horned Toad. This rider would provide \$3 million in funding for an exhibit focused on the preservation of Texas wildlife for future generations, education of the critical role of responsible hunting and fishing, and partnerships with higher education institutions, the Zoological Society and other partners to further conservation efforts across the state in concert with Texas Parks and Wildlife.

Amount Requested (if applicable): One-time request of \$3 million for fiscal year 2026 from the General Revenue (GR) Fund in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grant.

Rider Language: The following rider would dedicate \$3 million in fiscal year 2026 from the General Revenue (GR) Funds in Strategy B.2.1, Local Park Grants to develop a Texas-themed exhibit focused on the unique wildlife and landscapes of Texas.

Required Action:

1. On page XX of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department bill pattern in House Bill 1, increase General Revenue funds in Strategy B.2.1, Local Park Grants, by \$3,000,000 in fiscal year 2026.
2. On page XX of the Parks and Wildlife Department bill pattern, add the following new rider:

____. **San Antonio Zoo – Texas HOME Exhibit.** Amounts appropriated above to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) in Strategy B.2.1, Local Park Grants, include \$3,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 from General Revenue for the purpose of providing a grant to the San Antonio Zoo to develop a Texas-themed exhibit focused on the unique wildlife and landscapes of Texas. The grant agreement between TPWD and the San Antonio Zoo shall include a 3:1 private-public dollars match requirement.

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By: _____ Muñoz _____

Department of Parks & Wildlife, Article VI
Proposed Funding and Rider

Overview:

To appropriate \$500,000 in General Revenue to the City of Alton to provide recreational activity for the community with the creation of a park.

Required Action:

On page VI-57 of the Department of Parks & Wildlife bill pattern, create the following rider:

 . **City of Alton.** Out of the amounts appropriated above to the Parks and Wildlife Department in Strategy B.2.1., Local Parks Grants, \$500,000 in fiscal year 2026 from General Revenue should be used to provide a grant to the City of Alton for the creation of a community park.

By: _____ Muñoz _____

Department of Parks & Wildlife, Article VI
Proposed Funding and Rider

Overview:

To appropriate \$500,000 in General Revenue to the City of Granjeno to provide recreational activity for the community with the creation of a park.

Required Action:

On page VI-57 of the Department of Parks & Wildlife bill pattern, create the following rider:

 . **City of Granjeno.** Out of the amounts appropriated above to the Parks and Wildlife Department in Strategy B.2.1., Local Parks Grants, \$500,000 in fiscal year 2026 from General Revenue should be used to provide a grant to the City of Granjeno for the creation of a community park.

By: _____ Muñoz _____

Department of Parks & Wildlife, Article VI
Proposed Funding and Rider

Overview:

To appropriate \$500,000 in General Revenue to the City of Hidalgo to provide recreational activity for the community with the creation of a park.

Required Action:

On page VI-57 of the Department of Parks & Wildlife bill pattern, create the following rider:

 . **City of Hidalgo.** Out of the amounts appropriated above to the Parks and Wildlife Department in Strategy B.2.1., Local Parks Grants, \$500,000 in fiscal year 2026 from General Revenue should be used to provide a grant to the City of Hidalgo for the creation of a community park.

By: _____Muñoz_____

Department of Parks & Wildlife, Article VI
Proposed Funding and Rider

Overview:

To appropriate \$500,000 in General Revenue to the City of Mission to provide recreational activity for the community with the creation of a park.

Required Action:

On page VI-57 of the Department of Parks & Wildlife bill pattern, create the following rider:

 . **City of Mission.** Out of the amounts appropriated above to the Parks and Wildlife Department in Strategy B.2.1., Local Parks Grants, \$500,000 in fiscal year 2026 from General Revenue should be used to provide a grant to the City of Mission for the creation of a community park.

By: _____ Muñoz _____

Department of Parks & Wildlife, Article VI
Proposed Funding and Rider

Overview:

To appropriate \$500,000 in General Revenue to the City of Palmview to provide recreational activity for the community with the creation of a park.

Required Action:

On page VI-57 of the Department of Parks & Wildlife bill pattern, create the following rider:

 . **City of Palmview.** Out of the amounts appropriated above to the Parks and Wildlife Department in Strategy B.2.1., Local Parks Grants, \$500,000 in fiscal year 2026 from General Revenue should be used to provide a grant to the City of Palmview for the creation of a community park.

By: Representative Thompson

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
Proposed Funding and Rider
Local Parks Grants

Prepared by LBB Staff, March 5, 2025

Overview

Increase General Revenue Fund appropriations in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department bill pattern by \$53,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 with a new rider to provide grants for local parks.

Required Action

1. On page VI-42 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department bill pattern in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, increase General Revenue funds in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, by \$53,000,000 in fiscal year 2026.

2. On page VI-58 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife bill pattern in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, add the following new rider:

_____. **Grants for Local Parks.** Amounts appropriated above to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, include \$53,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 from the General Revenue Fund for the purpose of providing grants for the following local parks in the following amounts.

- (a) \$4,000,000 for Tidwell Park;
- (b) \$5,000,000 for Bordersville Park;
- (c) \$10,000,000 for Lakewood Park;
- (d) \$30,000,000 for Smokey Jasper Park; and
- (e) \$4,000,000 for Busby Park.

Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

By: Representative Longoria



Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
Proposed Funding and Rider
Grant for Olmito Nature Park Nature Center

Prepared by LBB Staff, March 4, 2025

Overview

Increase General Revenue Fund appropriations in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department bill pattern by \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 with a new rider which would direct the agency to provide a grant Olmito Nature Park Nature Center.

Required Action

1. On page VI-42 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department bill pattern in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, increase General Revenue funds in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, by \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2026.
2. On page VI-58 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife bill pattern in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, add the following new rider:
 - _____. **Grant for Olmito Nature Park Nature Center.** Amounts appropriated above to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, include \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 from the General Revenue Fund for the purpose of providing a grant to Olmito Nature Park Nature Center. Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

By: Representative Garcia Hernandez

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
Proposed Funding and Rider
Grant for Senter East Park

Prepared by LBB Staff, March 4, 2025

Overview

Increase General Revenue Fund appropriations in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department bill pattern by \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 with a new rider which would direct the agency to provide a grant to Senter East Park.

Required Action

1. On page VI-42 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department bill pattern in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, increase General Revenue funds in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, by \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2026.
2. On page VI-58 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife bill pattern in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, add the following new rider:

_____. **Grant for Senter East Park.** Amounts appropriated above to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, include \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 from the General Revenue Fund for the purpose of providing a grant to Senter East Park. Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

RIDER REQUEST

Member Name: Cody Vasut

Affected Agency: Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

Purpose: Hurricane Beryl caused extensive damage to the Stephen F. Austin Statue in Angleton. While a small portion of the estimated \$1.2-1.5 million cost to repair will be borne by FEMA, the vast majority of the cost is unfunded. This rider is designed to provide a matching grant to Brazoria County to fund the restoration of the statue, which is important for state historical and tourism interests.

Amount Requested (if applicable): \$600,000

Method of Finance (if applicable): TPWD GR B.2.1

Rider Language:

() Matching Grant for Stephen F Austin-Munson Historical Park . Amounts appropriated above to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, include \$600,000 from the General Revenue Fund that may be used for no other purpose than providing a matching grant to Stephen F Austin-Munson Historical Park for the repair, replacement or refurbishment of the Stephen F Austin statue. Any unobligated and unexpended balances appropriated from the in General Revenue Fund for the grant as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026

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By: Representative Garcia Hernandez

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
Proposed Funding and Rider
Grant for Thomas Jefferson Park

Prepared by LBB Staff, March 4, 2025

Overview

Increase General Revenue Fund appropriations in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department bill pattern by \$6,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 with a new rider which would direct the agency to provide a grant to Thomas Jefferson Park.

Required Action

1. On page VI-42 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department bill pattern in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, increase General Revenue funds in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, by \$6,000,000 in fiscal year 2026.
2. On page VI-58 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife bill pattern in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, add the following new rider:

_____. **Grant for Thomas Jefferson Park.** Amounts appropriated above to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, include \$6,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 from the General Revenue Fund for the purpose of providing a grant to Thomas Jefferson Park. Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

By: Representative Lopez

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
Proposed Funding and Rider
Grant for Pendleton Park Youth Center

Prepared by LBB Staff, March 5, 2025

Overview

Increase General Revenue Fund appropriations in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department bill pattern by \$7,200,000 in fiscal year 2026 with a new rider which would direct the agency to provide a grant to Pendleton Park for a youth center in Harlingen, Texas with a reporting requirement.

Required Action

1. On page VI-42 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department bill pattern in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, increase General Revenue funds in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, by \$7,200,000 in fiscal year 2026.
2. On page VI-58 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife bill pattern in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, add the following new rider:

_____. **Grant for Pendleton Park: Youth Center.**

 - (a) Amounts appropriated above to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, include \$7,200,000 in fiscal year 2026 from the General Revenue Fund for the purpose of providing a grant to Pendleton Park for a youth center in Harlingen, Texas. Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.
 - (b) Not later than December 1, 2025, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department shall submit a report to the Legislative Budget Board and the Office of the Governor detailing the youth center’s development, expenditures, and anticipated community impact.

By: Representative Garcia Hernandez

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
Proposed Funding and Rider
Grant for Campion Trails Elm Fork Extension Phase II.

Prepared by LBB Staff, March 4, 2025

Overview

Increase General Revenue Fund appropriations in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department bill pattern by \$7,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 with a new rider which would direct the agency to provide a grant to the Campion Trails Elm Fork Extension Phase II.

Required Action

1. On page VI-42 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department bill pattern in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, increase General Revenue funds in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, by \$7,000,000 in fiscal year 2026.
2. On page VI-58 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife bill pattern in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, add the following new rider:

_____. **Grant for the Campion Trails Elm Fork Extension Phase II.** Amounts appropriated above to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, include \$7,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 from the General Revenue Fund for the purpose of providing a grant to the Campion Trails Elm Fork Extension Phase II. Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

By: Moody

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
Proposed Funding and Rider
Grant for Franklin Mountains State Park

Prepared by LBB Staff, February 19, 2025

Overview

Increase General Revenue appropriations in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department bill pattern by \$7,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 with a new rider for the purpose of providing a grant for Franklin Mountains State Park for the reconstruction of the Wyler Aerial Tramway.

Required Action

1. On page VI-42 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, increase General Revenue funds in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, by \$7,000,000 in fiscal year 2026.
2. On page VI-57 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, add the following new rider:

_____. **Grant for Franklin Mountains State Park.** Amounts appropriated above to Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, include \$7,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 from General Revenue for the purpose of providing a grant for Franklin Mountains State Park in El Paso, Texas for the reconstruction of the Wyler Aerial Tramway. Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

By: Representative Jones

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
Proposed Funding and Rider
Grant for Fair Park First

Prepared by LBB Staff, March 6, 2025


Overview

Increase General Revenue Fund appropriations in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department bill pattern by \$8,600,000 in fiscal year 2026 with a new rider which would direct the agency to provide a grant to Fair Park First.

Required Action

1. On page VI-42 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department bill pattern in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, increase General Revenue funds in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, by \$8,600,000 in fiscal year 2026.
2. On page VI-58 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife bill pattern in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, add the following new rider:

_____. **Grant for Fair Park First.** Amounts appropriated above to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, include \$8,600,000 in fiscal year 2026 from the General Revenue Fund for the purpose of providing a grant to Fair Park First. Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

By: 

Parks and Wildlife Department
Proposed Funding and Rider
State-County Park Partnership Pilot Program

Overview

Provide \$9,000,000 in General Revenue across fiscal years 2026 and 2027 to the Parks and Wildlife Department in Strategy B.1.1, State Parks Operations, to provide funding for a pilot program for a TPWD and county partnership to develop and maintain a new state park located in El Paso County.

Required Action

1. On page VI-XX of House Bill 1, increase General Revenue in Strategy B.1.1, State Parks Operations, by \$9,000,000 across the 2026-2027 biennium within the bill pattern for the Parks and Wildlife Department.
2. On page VI-XX of the Parks and Wildlife Department's bill pattern, add the following rider:

_____. **State Park Development Pilot Program.** Included in amounts appropriated above to the Parks and Wildlife Department in Strategy B.1.1, State Parks Operations, is \$9,000,000 across the 2026-2027 biennium in General Revenue to be used for no other purpose than to create a pilot program for the modeling of a state and local county government to develop and create a new park. The pilot program should start in El Paso County. The Parks and Wildlife Department shall submit a report to the LBB by Dec. 1, 2026.

By: Representative Jamie Lopez

Parks & Wildlife Department
Proposed Funding and Rider
Chinese Shrimp Importation Study

Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/4/2025

Overview

Add a rider to the Parks & Wildlife pattern in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, to direct the agency to use available appropriations to conduct a study evaluating the health safety and economic impacts of importing and consuming of shrimp harvested in the People's Republic of China.

Required Action

On page VI-58 of the Parks & Wildlife bill pattern in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, add the following new rider:

_____. **Chinese Shrimp Importation Study.** Out of amounts appropriated above, the Parks & Wildlife Department shall conduct a study evaluating the health safety and economic impacts of importing and consuming of shrimp harvested in the People's Republic of China. No later than January 1, 2027, the Parks & Wildlife Department shall submit a final report on the results of the study to the Office of the Governor, Office of the Lieutenant Governor, and Office of the Speaker of the House.

By: Representative Jamie Lopez

Parks & Wildlife Department
Proposed Funding and Rider
Texas Shrimp Industry Study

Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/4/2025

Overview

Add a rider to the Parks & Wildlife pattern in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, to direct the agency to use available appropriations to conduct a study evaluating the agency’s assistance to shrimping operations in the Gulf of America and provide recommendations to improve shrimping operations and marketability.

Required Action

On page VI-58 of the Parks & Wildlife bill pattern in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, add the following new rider:

. Texas Shrimp Industry Study. Out of amounts appropriated above, the Parks & Wildlife Department shall conduct a study evaluating the agency’s assistance to shrimping operations in the Gulf of America and provide recommendations to improve shrimping operations and marketability. No later than January 1, 2027, the Parks & Wildlife Department shall submit a final report on the results of the study, and its recommendations, to the Office of the Governor, Office of the Lieutenant Governor, and Office of the Speaker of the House.

By: Representative Guillen

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
Proposed Rider
Falcon State Park

Prepared by LBB Staff, March 5, 2025

Overview

Add a rider to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department bill pattern to direct the agency to use \$15,000,000 from fiscal year 2026 available appropriations for the construction of a boat ramp at Falcon State Park.

Required Action

1. On page VI-58 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife bill pattern in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, add the following new rider:

_____. **Falcon State Park.** Out of amounts appropriated above to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, the agency shall use \$15,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 for the purpose of providing a grant for the construction of a boat ramp at Falcon State Park.

RIDER REQUEST

Member Name: Rep. Erin Gamez

Affected Agency: Parks and Wildlife Department

Purpose: To assist in the renovation of Gladys Porter Zoo, which is located on a local City of Brownsville Park. The renovation and upgrading of facilities is necessary for maintain accreditation by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA).

Amount Requested (if applicable): \$1,000,000

Method of Finance (if applicable): General Revenue

Rider Language: Local Parks Grants. Amounts appropriated above to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, include \$2[+],000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 for grants for the following local parks in the following amounts. [that may be used for no other purpose that providing a grant to Runge Park.] Any unobligated and unexpended balances appropriated from the in General Revenue Fund for the grant as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

(a) \$1,000,000 for Runge Park

(b) \$1,000,000 for City of Brownsville - Gladys Porter Zoo

By: Representative Davis, Aicha of Dallas

Parks and Wildlife Department, Article VI

Proposed Funding and Rider Senior Facility Renovation - City of Cedar Hill

Overview

Direct the Parks and Wildlife Department to allocate \$1,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in each fiscal year of the biennium to rehabilitate and expand the Alan E. Sims Parks and Recreation Center in order to provide Senior Center services.

Required Action

On page VI-XX of the Parks and Wildlife Department bill patter, add the following rider:

_____. **Cedar Hill Senior Center.** Out of the funds appropriated above in Strategy B.1.2., \$1,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in each fiscal year of the biennium shall be used for the addition of a Senior Center at the Alan E. Sims Recreation Center.

By: Representative Lopez

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
Proposed Rider
Grant for park in Primera

Overview

Add a rider directing the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to use \$2,500,000 from available appropriations in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, of the agency’s bill pattern in fiscal year 2026 to provide a grant to the city of Primera for a park in Primera, Texas.

Required Action

1. On page VI-58 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife bill pattern in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, add the following new rider:

_____. **Grant for a park in Primera.**

(a) Out of amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, the Texas-Parks and Wildlife Department shall use \$2,500,000 in fiscal year 2026 for the purpose of providing a grant to the city of Primera, Texas for the construction of a park. Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

Valadez-Luain Hounchery *Angie Clark Entwistle* *Donna Rose* *Vivian Jones*
By: *14-14* Representative Anchia

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
Proposed Rider
Grant for Southwestern Medical District

Prepared by LBB Staff, March 6, 2025

Overview

Add a rider to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department bill pattern which would direct the agency to grant available and permitted federal funds for the purpose of providing a grant to the Texas Trees Foundation for planning and construction for the Southwestern Medical District Transformation Project in Dallas.

Required Action

1. On page VI-58 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department bill pattern of House Bill 1, Eighty-ninth Legislature, Regular Session, add the following rider:

____. **Grant for Southwestern Medical District.** Out of amounts appropriated above, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) shall make available during the biennium \$20,000,000 in federal funds administered by the department for the purpose of providing a grant to the Texas Trees Foundation for planning and construction for the Southwestern Medical District Transformation Project in Dallas if the project meets federal funding requirements. Any use of project expenditures using federal funds shall be approved by the U.S. Department of the Interior.

RIDER REQUEST

Member Name: Rep. Erin Elizabeth Gámez

Affected Agency: Texas Water Development Board

Purpose: Funds requested will be used for the maintenance and upkeep of the Resacas located in Cameron County, Texas.

Amount Requested (if applicable): \$2,000,000

Method of Finance (if applicable): Goal A, Water Science, Conservation, and Data, Goal B, Statewide Water and Flood Planning, Goal C, Water Project Financing, and Goal D, Debt Service, and any unobligated and unexpended balances from appropriations from the General Revenue Fund

Rider Language: Resaca Restoration. General Revenue Fund appropriations above in each fiscal year in Goal A, Water Science, Conservation, and Data, Goal B, Statewide Water and Flood Planning, Goal C, Water Project Financing, and Goal D, Debt Service, and any unobligated and unexpended balances from appropriations from the General Revenue Fund in the strategies in those goals may be used by the Water Development Board to provide grant funding to the Cameron County to maintain and upkeep Resacas in accordance with the US Army Corps of Engineers resaca restoration projects. The aggregate amount of funding to be provided for this purpose from all strategies shall not exceed \$1,000,000 in each fiscal year of the 2026-27 biennium.

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By: _____ Muñoz _____

Department of Parks & Wildlife, Article VI
Proposed Funding and Rider

Overview:

To appropriate \$500,000 in General Revenue to the City of Palmhurst to provide recreational activity for the community with the creation of a park.

Required Action:

On page VI-57 of the Department of Parks & Wildlife bill pattern, create the following rider:

 . **City of Palmhurst.** Out of the amounts appropriated above to the Parks and Wildlife Department in Strategy B.2.1., Local Parks Grants, \$500,000 in fiscal year 2026 from General Revenue should be used to provide a grant to the City of Palmhurst for the creation of a community park.

By: Representative Lopez

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
Proposed Rider
Grant for Pendleton Park Youth Center

Prepared by LBB Staff, March 5, 2025

Overview

Add a rider directing the-Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to use \$7,200,000-from available appropriations in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, of the-agency’s bill pattern in fiscal year 2026 to provide a grant to Pendleton Park for a youth center in Harlingen, Texas with a reporting requirement.

Required Action

1. On page VI-58 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife bill pattern in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, add the following new rider:

_____. **Grant for Pendleton Park Youth Center.**

- (a) Out of amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department shall use \$7,200,000 in fiscal year 2026-for the purpose of providing a grant to Pendleton Park for a youth center in Harlingen, Texas. Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.
- (b) Not later than December 1, 2025, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department shall submit a report to the Legislative Budget Board and the Office of the Governor-detailing the youth center’s progress, expenditures, and anticipated community impact.

By: Representative Lopez

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
Proposed Rider
Grant for park in Primera

Overview

Add a rider directing the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to use \$2,500,000 from available appropriations in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, of the agency’s bill pattern in fiscal year 2026 to provide a grant to the city of Primera for a park in Primera, Texas.

Required Action

1. On page VI-58 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife bill pattern in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, add the following new rider:

_____. **Grant for a park in Primera.**
 - (a) Out of amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, the Texas-Parks and Wildlife Department shall use \$7,200,000 in fiscal year 2026 for the purpose of providing a grant to the city of Primera, Texas for the construction of a park. Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

By: Rep Ryan Guillen

Railroad Commission
Proposed Funding and Rider
Contingency for House Bill _____

Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/5/2025

Overview

Increase General Revenue-Dedicated Oil and Gas Regulation and Cleanup Account No. 5155 appropriations in the Railroad Commission bill pattern by \$ _____ in fiscal year 2026 and \$ _____ in fiscal year 2027 for the purpose of implementing the provisions of House Bill _____, Eighty-ninth Legislature, Regular Session, relating to reporting regarding and the testing and plugging of certain wells subject to the jurisdiction of the Railroad Commission of Texas, including the allocation and use of revenue from oil and gas production taxes to incentivize well plugging; providing for the imposition of a fee, with a new rider making the appropriation contingent upon the enactment of the legislation.

Required Action

1. On page VI-58 of the Railroad Commission bill pattern in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, increase General Revenue-Dedicated Oil and Gas Regulation and Cleanup Account No. 5155 appropriations by \$ _____ in fiscal year 2026 and \$ _____ in fiscal year 2027 in Strategy C.2.1, Oil and Gas Well Plugging and Remediation.
2. On page VI-64 of the Railroad Commission bill pattern in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, add the following new rider:

_____. **Contingency for House Bill _____.** Contingent on enactment of House Bill _____, or similar legislation, relating to reporting regarding and the testing and plugging of certain wells subject to the jurisdiction of the Railroad Commission of Texas, including the allocation and use of revenue from oil and gas production taxes to incentivize well plugging; providing for the imposition of a fee, by the Eighty-ninth Legislature, Regular Session, the Railroad Commission shall use \$ _____ for fiscal year 2026 and \$ _____ for fiscal year 2027 from the General Revenue-Dedicated Account 5155 in Strategy C.2.1, Oil and Gas Well Plugging and Remediation, to implement the provisions of the legislation.

By: Representative Richard Hayes

Soil and Water Conservation Board
Proposed Funding and Rider
Carrizo Cane Eradication

Prepared by LBB Staff, 2/26/2025

Overview

Increase appropriations in the bill pattern for the Soil and Water Conservation Board by \$29,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 from the General Revenue Fund to provide for the treatment and eradication of Carrizo Cane on the Texas international border with a new rider restricting funding in Strategy C.1.1, Carrizo Cane Eradication, for this purpose.

Required Action

- 1) On page VI-65 of the Soil and Water Conservation Board bill pattern in House Bill 1, As Introduced; Eighty-ninth Legislature, increase General Revenue Fund appropriations in Strategy C.1.1, Carrizo Cane Eradication, by \$29,000,000 in fiscal year 2026.
- 2) On Page VI-68 of the Soil and Water Conservation Board bill pattern in House Bill 1, As Introduced; Eighty-ninth Legislature, add the following new rider:

_____. **Carrizo Cane Eradication.** Out of amounts appropriated above in Strategy C.1.1, Carrizo Cane Eradication, \$29,000,000 in General Revenue Funds in fiscal year 2026 shall be used for the treatment and eradication of Carrizo Cane on the Texas international border. Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

By: Martinez, Armando

Texas Water Development Board, Article VI
Proposed Funding and Rider
Water Treatment Facility
February 26, 2025

Overview

Increase General Revenue appropriations in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, of the Texas Water Development Board bill pattern by \$1,500,000 in fiscal year 2026 for the purpose of constructing a water treatment facility in the City of Alamo, Texas.

Required Action

1. On page VI-69 of the Texas Water Development Board bill pattern in House Bill 1, increase General Revenue funds in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, by \$1,500,000 in fiscal year 2026.
2. On page VI-80 of the Texas Water Development Board bill pattern in House Bill 1, add the following new rider:

Water Treatment Facility. Included in amounts appropriated above is \$1,500,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2026 in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, that may only be used for the purpose of upgrading a water treatment facility for the City of Alamo. Any unexpended and unobligated balances remaining as of August 31, 2025, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2025.

By: Rep. Venton Jones

Water Development Board, Article VI

Proposed Funding and Rider

Wastewater and Drainage Infrastructure Replacement

Prepared by LBB Staff, March 5, 2025

Overview

Increase General Revenue Fund appropriations in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, of the Texas Water Development Board bill pattern by \$50,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$50,000,000 in fiscal year 2027 for the purpose of replacing wastewater and drainage infrastructure in the City of Dallas.

Required Action

1. On page VI-69 of the Water Development Board bill pattern in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, increase General Revenue Fund appropriations in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, by \$50,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$50,000,000 in fiscal year 2027.
2. On page VI-81 of the Water Development Board bill pattern in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, add the following new rider:

_____. **Wastewater and Drainage Infrastructure Replacement.** Amounts appropriated above include \$50,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$50,000,000 in fiscal year 2027 in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, that shall be used for the purpose of replacing wastewater and drainage infrastructure in the City of Dallas. Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

By: Rep. Lowe

Water Development Board, Article VI
Proposed Funding and Rider
Fort Worth Water Infrastructure

Prepared by LBB Staff, March 5, 2025

Overview

Increase General Revenue Fund appropriations in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, of the Texas Water Development Board bill pattern by \$10,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 for the purpose of water infrastructure in Fort Worth.

Required Action

1. On page VI-69 of the Water Development Board bill pattern in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, increase General Revenue Fund appropriations in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, by \$10,000,000 in fiscal year 2026.
2. On page VI-81 of the Water Development Board bill pattern in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, add the following new rider:

_____. **Fort Worth Water Infrastructure.** Amounts appropriated above include \$10,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, that shall be used for the purpose of water infrastructure in Fort Worth. Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

By: Rep. Lowe

Water Development Board, Article VI
Proposed Funding and Rider
Halton City Water Infrastructure

Prepared by LBB Staff, March 5, 2025

Overview

Increase General Revenue Fund appropriations in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, of the Texas Water Development Board bill pattern by \$10,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 for the purpose of water infrastructure in Halton City.

Required Action

1. On page VI-69 of the Water Development Board bill pattern in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, increase General Revenue Fund appropriations in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, by \$10,000,000 in fiscal year 2026.
2. On page VI-81 of the Water Development Board bill pattern in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, add the following new rider:

_____. **Halton City Water Infrastructure.** Amounts appropriated above include \$10,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, that shall be used for the purpose of water infrastructure in Halton City. Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

By: Rep. Lowe

Water Development Board, Article VI
Proposed Funding and Rider
North Richland Hills Water Infrastructure

Prepared by LBB Staff, March 5, 2025

Overview

Increase General Revenue Fund appropriations in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, of the Texas Water Development Board bill pattern by \$10,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 for the purpose of water infrastructure in North Richland Hills.

Required Action

1. On page VI-69 of the Water Development Board bill pattern in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, increase General Revenue Fund appropriations in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, by \$10,000,000 in fiscal year 2026.
2. On page VI-81 of the Water Development Board bill pattern in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, add the following new rider:

_____. **North Richland Hills Water Infrastructure.** Amounts appropriated above include \$10,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, that shall be used for the purpose of water infrastructure in North Richland Hills. Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

By: Rep. Lowe

Water Development Board, Article VI
Proposed Funding and Rider
Richland Hills Pipe Repairs

Prepared by LBB Staff, March 5, 2025

Overview

Increase General Revenue Fund appropriations in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, of the Texas Water Development Board bill pattern by \$10,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 for the purpose of pipe repairs in Richland Hills.

Required Action

1. On page VI-69 of the Water Development Board bill pattern in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, increase General Revenue Fund appropriations in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, by \$10,000,000 in fiscal year 2026.
2. On page VI-81 of the Water Development Board bill pattern in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, add the following new rider:

_____. **Richland Hills Pipe Repairs.** Amounts appropriated above include \$10,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, that shall be used for the purpose of pipe repairs in Richland Hills. Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

By: Rep. Lowe

Water Development Board, Article VI
Proposed Funding and Rider
Watauga Water Infrastructure

Prepared by LBB Staff, March 5, 2025

Overview

Increase General Revenue Fund appropriations in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, of the Texas Water Development Board bill pattern by \$10,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 for the purpose of water infrastructure in Watauga.

Required Action

1. On page VI-69 of the Water Development Board bill pattern in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, increase General Revenue Fund appropriations in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, by \$10,000,000 in fiscal year 2026.
2. On page VI-81 of the Water Development Board bill pattern in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, add the following new rider:

_____. **Watauga Water Infrastructure.** Amounts appropriated above include \$10,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, that shall be used for the purpose of water infrastructure in Watauga. Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

Water Development Board, Article VI
Proposed Funding and Rider
Heather Glen Water Line Replacements

Prepared by LBB Staff, February 25, 2025

Overview

Increase General Revenue Fund appropriations in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, of the Texas Water Development Board bill pattern by \$11,942,000 in fiscal year 2026 for the purpose of replacing water lines in parts of the Heather Glen areas of the Sunbelt Fresh Water Supply District.

Required Action

1. On page VI-69 of the Water Development Board bill pattern in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, increase General Revenue funds in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, by \$11,942,000 in fiscal year 2026.
2. On page VI-81 of the Water Development Board bill pattern in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, add the following new rider:

_____.

Heather Glen Water Line Replacements. Amounts appropriated above include \$11,942,000 from the General Revenue Funds in fiscal year 2026 in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, that shall be used for the purpose of replacing water lines in parts of the Heather Glen areas of the Sunbelt Fresh Water Supply District. Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

By: Rep. Hernandez

Water Development Board, Article VI

Proposed Funding and Rider

Carpenters Bayou Watershed Improvements

Prepared by LBB Staff, March 5, 2025

Overview

Increase General Revenue Fund appropriations in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, of the Texas Water Development Board bill pattern by \$10,955,482 in fiscal year 2026 for the purpose of improving the internal drainage systems and related infrastructure in Carpenters Bayou watershed in Harris County.

Required Action

1. On page VI-69 of the Water Development Board bill pattern in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, increase General Revenue Fund appropriations in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, by \$10,955,482 in fiscal year 2026.
2. On page VI-81 of the Water Development Board bill pattern in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, add the following new rider:

_____. **Carpenters Bayou Watershed Improvements.** Amounts appropriated above include \$10,955,482 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, that shall be used for the purpose of improving the internal drainage systems and related infrastructure in Carpenters Bayou watershed in Harris County. Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

By: Moody Mary Conzalez
Texas Water Development Board

Proposed Funding and Rider

El Paso Water - Surface Water Augmentation Project

Overview

This project is a water management opportunity, contingent upon the Texas, New Mexico and Bureau of Reclamation ongoing litigation, that would effectively add a new water supply to existing water resources by maximizing use of current Rio Grande allocations and efficient management of groundwater pumping from the Mesilla Bolson Aquifer. This project will allow El Paso Water to meet utility planning goals as well as increasing water available for use by irrigators.

To help meet utility planning goals and secure new sources of water for the City of El Paso and downstream Texas irrigators, El Paso Water seeks state appropriations to fund the design and construction of a new surface water augmentation plant at the existing Upper Valley Water Treatment Plant.

This rider would provide funding for initial Project Design, Environmental Assessments and Piloting.

Required Action

1. On page VI-69 of the Texas Water Development bill pattern, increase appropriations by \$14 million in General Revenue in the 2026 fiscal year.
2. On page IV-69 of the Texas Water Development Board, add the following rider:

XX. Surface Water Augmentation Project.

In addition to amounts appropriated above to the Texas Water Development Board, in Strategy C.1.1 Water Project Financing, \$14 million in General Revenue in fiscal year 2026 shall be used for the purpose of supporting Phase 1 of the El Paso Water Augmentation Project Initial Project Design, Environmental Assessments and Piloting.

By: Rep. Villalobos

Water Development Board, Article VI

Proposed Funding and Rider

Petronila Creek Regional Wastewater Treatment System

Prepared by LBB Staff, March 5, 2025

Overview

Increase General Revenue Fund appropriations in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, of the Texas Water Development Board bill pattern by \$14,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 for the purpose of designing a regional wastewater treatment system along Petronila Creek.

Required Action

1. On page VI-69 of the Water Development Board bill pattern in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, increase General Revenue Fund appropriations in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, by \$14,000,000 in fiscal year 2026.
2. On page VI-81 of the Water Development Board bill pattern in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, add the following new rider:

_____. **Petronila Creek Regional Wastewater Treatment System.** Amounts appropriated above include \$14,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, that shall be used for the purpose of designing a regional wastewater treatment system along Petronila Creek. Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

By: Martinez, Armando

Water Development Board, Article VI
Proposed Funding and Rider
Delta Region Water Management Project

Prepared by LBB Staff, March 5, 2025

Overview

Increase General Revenue Fund appropriations in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, of the Texas Water Development Board bill pattern by \$15,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 for the purpose of beginning the Delta Region Water Management Project to capture and treat water from Hidalgo County Drainage District No. 1.

Required Action

1. On page VI-69 of the Water Development Board bill pattern in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, increase General Revenue Fund appropriations in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, by \$15,000,000 in fiscal year 2026.
2. On page VI-81 of the Water Development Board bill pattern in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, add the following new rider:

_____. **Delta Region Water Management Project.** Amounts appropriated above include \$15,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, that shall be used for the purpose of beginning the Delta Region Water Management Project to capture and treat water from Hidalgo County Drainage District No. 1. Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

Water Development Board, Article VI
Proposed Funding and Rider
Helms Stormwater Detention Basin Conveyance Project

Prepared by LBB Staff, February 25, 2025

Overview

Increase General Revenue fund appropriations in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, of the Texas Water Development Board bill pattern by \$15,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 for the purpose of making conveyance improvements at and near the Helms Stormwater Detention Basin.

Required Action

1. On page VI-69 of the Water Development Board bill pattern in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, increase General Revenue funds in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, by \$15,000,000 in fiscal year 2026.
2. On page VI-81 of the Water Development Board bill pattern in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, add the following new rider:

_____.

Helms Stormwater Detention Basin Conveyance Project. Amounts appropriated above include \$15,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, that shall be used for the purpose of making conveyance improvements at and near the Helms Stormwater Detention Basin. Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

RIDER REQUEST

Member Name: Representative Dennis Paul

Affected Agency: Texas Water Development Board

Purpose: The Clear Creek Federal Risk Management Project includes over 7 miles of channel conveyance, 6 stormwater detention basins with a combined total of 4,000 acre-feet of storage, and rehabilitation of the existing floodplain. The project will be completed in collaboration with the USACE. To be eligible for federal funding administered by USACE, Harris County Flood Control District is responsible for the following: management, design, and construction; acquiring ROW; relocating utilities; and operating the project features after construction. Following the completion of the overall Clear Creek Federal Program, it is estimated that the 100-yr floodplain will be removed from approximately 5,528 structures.

Amount Requested (if applicable): \$160,000,000

Method of Finance (if applicable): General Revenue

Rider Language:

Amend **HB 1** as follows:

1. On page VI-79 of the Texas Water Development Board bill pattern, add the following rider:

#. Local Flood Mitigation and Control Grant Project. In addition to amounts appropriated elsewhere in this Act, \$160,000,000 in General Revenue is appropriated to the Texas Water Development Board in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, in fiscal year 2026 for a grant for the following flood mitigation and control project:

- (a) Clear Creek Watershed in Harris County.

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Any unexpended and unobligated balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026. This grant project may also be funded by the use of Texas Flood Infrastructure Fund funds, as available.

If you have any questions regarding this form, please contact the House Appropriations Committee Office at (512) 463-1091

By DeAvala
Water Development Board, Article VI
Proposed Funding and Rider
Lynchburg Pump Station

Overview

Increase General Revenue Fund appropriations in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, of the Texas Water Development Board bill pattern by \$177,500,000 in fiscal year 2026 for the purpose of addressing the Lynchburg Pump Station infrastructure resiliency and redundancy needs in the City of Houston’s water distribution system.

Water pumped from the Lynchburg Pump Station is provides 67% of the raw water for the entire Houston region. The canal that feeds the Lynchburg pump station is a single point of failure, and it distributes raw water to the City of Houston’s East Water Purification Plant (EWPP) and the Southeast Water Purification Plant (SEWPP) and 618 local petrochemical manufacturing facilities, which account for 44% of the entire petrochemical production of U.S. Over the last 70 years since its creation, severe corrosion and wear has occurred at the Lynchburg Pump Station. The Houston water system requires the repair and replacement of its PCC pipeline systems, the replacement of pump station infrastructure and equipment, and the addition of a redundant pipeline and canal system to mitigate the loss of water service in the event of a failure. Without full replacement and redundancy, there will be a risk of sever losses to Houston and local industrial facilities.

Required Action

1. page VI-69 of the Water Development Board bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, increase General Revenue funds in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, by \$177,500,000 in fiscal year 2026.
2. On page VI-80 of the Water Development Board bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, add the following new rider:

_____. **Lynchburg Pump Station.** Amounts appropriated above include \$177,500,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, that shall be used for the purpose of addressing the Lynchburg Pump Station in the City of Houston’s water distribution system through replacement and repair of pump station infrastructure and building water pipeline and canal redundancy of the system. Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

By: Lopez, Janie

Water Development Board, Article VI
Proposed Funding and Rider
Funding for Water Plans in RGV

Overview

The following rider would appropriate \$192,537,433 in General Revenue for the 2026-2027 biennium to the Water Development Board for irrigation infrastructure improvements in the Rio Grande Valley. The Irrigation Districts that will be receiving funds in the Rio Grande Valley are Bayview Irrigation District, Brownsville Irrigation District, Cameron County Irrigation District No.2, Cameron County Irrigation District No.6, Cameron County Irrigation District No.10, Harlingen Irrigation District, and La Feria Irrigation District.

Required Action

1. On page VI-69 of the bill pattern, add \$192,537,433 in General Revenue funds for fiscal year 2026 in Strategy C.1.1., State & Federal Fin Assist Program.
2. On page VI-81 of the bill pattern, add the following rider:

. **Funding for Irrigation Districts in the Border Region.** Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy C.1.1., State & Federal Fin Assist Program, is \$192,537,433 in General Revenue Funds in the 2026-2027 biennium for irrigation infrastructure improvements in the border region.

By: Guillen

Texas Water Development Board
Proposed Rider
City of Rio Grande City Sewer Line Upgrades

Overview

Increase General Revenue appropriations in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs of the Texas Water Department Board bill pattern by \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 for the purpose of the implementation of sewer line improvements (upgrade septic tank areas to sewer system) in the City of Rio Grande City, Texas..

Required Action

1. On page VI-64 of the Texas Water Development Board bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, increase General Revenue funds in Strategy C.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, by \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2026.
2. On page VI-72 of the Texas Water Development Board bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, add the following new rider:

_____.
City of Rio Grande City Sewer Line Upgrades. Included in amounts appropriated above is \$1,000,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2026 in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, that shall be used for the purpose of upgrading septic tanks areas to sewer system for the City of Rio Grande City. Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026

Water Development Board, Article VI
Proposed Funding and Rider
Wastewater Treatment Plant Facilities

Prepared by LBB Staff, February 25, 2025

Overview

Increase General Revenue Fund appropriations in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, of the Texas Water Development Board bill pattern by \$2,500,000 in fiscal year 2026 for the purpose of replacing, planning, and constructing wastewater treatment plants in the City of Amarillo.

Required Action

1. On page VI-69 of the Water Development Board bill pattern in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, increase General Revenue funds in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, by \$2,500,000 in fiscal year 2026.
2. On page VI-81 of the Water Development Board bill pattern in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, add the following new rider:

_____.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Facilities. Amounts appropriated above include \$2,500,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, that shall be used for the purpose of replacing, planning, and constructing wastewater treatment plants in the City of Amarillo. Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

By: Rep. Thompson

Water Development Board, Article VI

Proposed Funding and Rider

Greens Bayou Watershed Bayou Channel Improvements

Prepared by LBB Staff, March 5, 2025

Overview

Increase General Revenue Fund appropriations in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, of the Texas Water Development Board bill pattern by \$2,500,000 in fiscal year 2026 for the purpose of channel improvements and stormwater detention basins within the Greens Bayou watershed in Harris County.

Required Action

1. On page VI-69 of the Water Development Board bill pattern in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, increase General Revenue Fund appropriations in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, by \$2,500,000 in fiscal year 2026.
2. On page VI-81 of the Water Development Board bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, add the following new rider:

_____. **Greens Bayou Watershed Bayou Channel Improvements.** Amounts appropriated above include \$2,500,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, that shall be used for the purpose of channel improvements within the Greens Bayou watershed in Harris County. Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

By: Martínez, Armando

Texas Water Development Board, Article VI
Proposed Funding and Rider
Waste Water Treatment Facility
February 26, 2025

Overview

Increase General Revenue appropriations in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, of the Texas Water Development Board bill pattern by \$2,500,000 in fiscal year 2026 for the purpose of constructing a waste water treatment facility in the City of Weslaco, Texas.

Required Action

1. On page VI-69 of the Texas Water Development Board bill pattern in House Bill 1, increase General Revenue funds in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, by \$2,500,000 in fiscal year 2026.
2. On page VI-80 of the Texas Water Development Board bill pattern in House Bill 1, add the following new rider:

_____. **Waste Water Treatment Facility.** Included in amounts appropriated above is \$2,500,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2026 in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, that may only be used for the purpose of upgrading a water treatment facility for the City of Weslaco. Any unexpended and unobligated balances remaining as of August 31, 2025, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2025.

By: Raymond

**Water Development Board, Article VI
Proposed Rider
Laredo Water Conservation Education**

Overview

Add a rider to the bill pattern for the Water Development Board (TWDB) to direct the allocation of \$200,000 from any available revenue source appropriated to TWDB to provide funding for the City of Laredo to establish campaigns to educate residents and businesses about water conservation and sustainability practices.

Required Action

On page VI-81 of the Water Development Board bill pattern, add the following rider:

. Laredo Water Conservation Education. Out of amounts appropriated above to the Water Development Board, \$200,000 from any available source of revenue shall be allocated for the City of Laredo to establish campaigns to educate residents and businesses about water conservation and sustainability practices.

By: Rep. Thompson

Water Development Board, Article VI

Proposed Funding and Rider

Cypress Trace Detention Basin

Prepared by LBB Staff, March 5, 2025

Overview

Increase General Revenue Fund appropriations in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, of the Texas Water Development Board bill pattern by \$20,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 for the purpose of creating a Preliminary Engineering report, final design, and phase 1 of construction of the Cypress Trace Stormwater Detention Basin in Harris County.

Required Action

1. On page VI-69 of the Water Development Board bill pattern in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, increase General Revenue Fund appropriations in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, by \$20,000,000 in fiscal year 2026.
2. On page VI-81 of the Water Development Board bill pattern in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, add the following new rider:

_____. **Cypress Trace Detention Basin.** Amounts appropriated above include \$20,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, that shall be used for the purpose of creating a Cypress Trace Stormwater Detention Basin in Harris County. Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

By: Rep. Cunningham

Water Development Board, Article VI

Proposed Funding and Rider

Kingwood Diversion Ditch Improvements

Prepared by LBB Staff, March 5, 2025

Overview

Increase General Revenue Fund appropriations in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, of the Texas Water Development Board bill pattern by \$20,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 for the purpose of channel modifications and other improvements to the Kingwood Diversion Ditch in Harris County.

Required Action

1. On page VI-69 of the Water Development Board bill pattern in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, increase General Revenue Fund appropriations in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, by \$20,000,000 in fiscal year 2026.
2. On page VI-81 of the Water Development Board bill pattern in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, add the following new rider:

_____. **Kingwood Diversion Ditch Improvements.** Amounts appropriated above include \$20,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, that shall be used for the purpose of channel modifications and other improvements to the Kingwood Diversion Ditch in Harris County. Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

Water Development Board, Article VI
Proposed Funding and Rider
Fairgreen and High Meadow Water Line Replacements

Prepared by LBB Staff, February 25, 2025

Overview

Increase General Revenue fund appropriations in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, of the Texas Water Development Board bill pattern by \$21,040,500 in fiscal year 2026 for the purpose of replacing water lines in parts of the Fairgreen and High Meadow areas of the Sunbelt Fresh Water Supply District.

Required Action

1. On page VI-69 of the Water Development Board bill pattern in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, increase General Revenue funds in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, by \$21,040,500 in fiscal year 2026.
2. On page VI-81 of the Water Development Board bill pattern in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, add the following new rider:

_____.

High Meadow-Fairgreen Water Line Replacements. Amounts appropriated above include \$21,040,500 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, that shall be used for the purpose of replacing water lines in parts of the Fairgreen and High Meadow areas of the Sunbelt Fresh Water Supply District. Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

RIDER REQUEST

Member Name: Representative Sam Harless

Affected Agency: Texas Water Development Board

Purpose: Provide funding for specific flood mitigation projects within the Cypress Creek Watershed that have been designed and engineered by Harris County Flood Control for the purpose of water retention and flood mitigation.

Amount Requested (if applicable): \$22,441,055

Method of Finance (if applicable): Out of TWDB Strategy C.1.1

Rider Language: Local Flood Mitigation and Control Grant Project

In addition to the amounts appropriated elsewhere in this Act, \$22,441,055 in General Revenue is appropriated to the Texas Water Development Board in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, in fiscal year 2026 for a grant for the following flood mitigation and control project:

- (a) \$22,441,055 to Harris County Flood Control District for completion of the Kickerillo Mischer-Preserve Erosion Repairs K100-00-00-X096

Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

If you have any questions regarding this form, please contact the House Appropriations Committee Office at (512) 463-1091

By: Rep. Vo

Water Development Board, Article VI

Proposed Funding and Rider

South Mayde Creek Bypass Channel

Prepared by LBB Staff, March 5, 2025

Overview

Increase General Revenue Fund appropriations in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, of the Texas Water Development Board bill pattern by \$22,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 for the purpose of providing a bypass channel in South Mayde Creek in Harris County.

Required Action

1. On page VI-69 of the Water Development Board bill pattern in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, increase General Revenue Fund appropriations in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, by \$22,000,000 in fiscal year 2026.
2. On page VI-81 of the Water Development Board bill pattern in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, add the following new rider:

_____. **South Mayde Creek Bypass Channel.** Amounts appropriated above include \$22,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, that shall be used for the purpose of providing a bypass channel in South Mayde Creek in Harris County. Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

REQUEST

Amend **HB 1** as follows:

(1) On page VI-79 of the Texas Water Development Board bill pattern, add the following rider:

#. Local Flood Mitigation and Control Grant Project. In addition to amounts appropriated elsewhere in this Act, \$24,000,000 in General Revenue is appropriated to the Texas Water Development Board in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, in fiscal year 2026 for a grant for the following flood mitigation and control project:

(a) Senger Detention Basin in Harris County.

Any unexpended and unobligated balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026. This grant project may also be funded by the use of Texas Flood Infrastructure Fund funds, as available.

BACKGROUND

The proposed Senger Stormwater Detention Basin is located in the Cypress Creek watershed, on the north side of Cypress Creek between I-45 and Hardy Toll Road. Phase 1 of this detention basin has been designed and will provide stormwater detention for the Cypress Creek Channel Rehabilitation Project. This Phase 1 portion is being funded through a Community Development Block Grant from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development, administered by the Texas General Land Office. Additional phases of the Senger Stormwater Detention Basin are proposed on the remaining 82 acres owned by the Harris County Flood Control District. The proposed future phases will reduce flood risk along Cypress Creek by providing up to 1,000 acre-feet of additional storage during heavy rain events. This request will cover design and construction of the next phase of the project. Exact benefits will be determined in the preliminary engineering stage, which is funded through interlocal agreement between the Harris County Flood Control District, Harris County Precinct 3, and Harris County Water Control and Improvement District No. 110.

By: Rep. Johnson

Water Development Board, Article VI

Proposed Funding and Rider

Texas Medical Center Emergency Plan and Water Supply

Prepared by LBB Staff, March 5, 2025

Overview

Increase General Revenue Fund appropriations in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, of the Texas Water Development Board bill pattern by \$40,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 for the purpose of creating an emergency plan and water supply for the Texas Medical Center and City of Houston.

Required Action

1. On page VI-69 of the Water Development Board bill pattern in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, increase General Revenue Fund appropriations in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, by \$40,000,000 in fiscal year 2026.
2. On page VI-81 of the Water Development Board bill pattern in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, add the following new rider:

_____. **Texas Medical Center Emergency Plan and Water Supply.** Amounts appropriated above include \$40,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, that shall be used for the purpose of creating an emergency plan and water supply for the Texas Medical Center and City of Houston. Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

By: Martinez, Armando

Water Development Board, Article VI
Proposed Funding and Rider
Lift Station Upgrades

Prepared by LBB Staff, March 5, 2025

Overview

Increase General Revenue Fund appropriations in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, of the Texas Water Development Board bill pattern by \$5,300,000 in fiscal year 2026 for the purpose of upgrading a lift station and associated water infrastructure in the city of Alamo, Texas.

Required Action

1. On page VI-69 of the Water Development Board bill pattern in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, increase General Revenue Fund appropriations in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, by \$5,300,000 in fiscal year 2026.
2. On page VI-81 of the Water Development Board bill pattern in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, add the following new rider:

_____. **Lift Station Upgrades.** Amounts appropriated above include \$5,300,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, that shall be used for the purpose of upgrading a lift station and associated water infrastructure in the city of Alamo, Texas. Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

By: Villalobos

Water Development Board, Article VI
Proposed Funding and Rider
City of Corpus Christi Emergency Water Supply Initiatives

Overview

Due to the significant drought in South Texas and historic low reservoir levels approaching the final emergency drought stage affecting the water supply of the Coastal Bend, the City of Corpus Christi, as the seven-county regional water provider, is pursuing emergency water supply initiatives.

Increase General Revenue Fund appropriations in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, of the Texas Water Development Board bill pattern by \$50,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 to develop, acquire, and construct water sources, including the Nueces River Groundwater Well program, production capacity upgrades to the Mary Rhodes pipeline, and construction of public conveyance infrastructure from the Corpus Christi Polymers marine desalination facility.

Required Action

1. On page VI-69 of the Water Development Board bill pattern, in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, increase General Revenue Fund appropriations in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, by \$50,000,000 in fiscal year 2026.
2. On page VI-81 of the Water Development Board bill pattern in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, add the following new rider:

_____. **City of Corpus Christi Emergency Water Supply Initiatives.** Amounts appropriated above include \$50,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, that shall be used for the purpose of developing, acquiring, and constructing water sources, including the Nueces River Groundwater Well Program, the Mary Rhodes pipeline capacity upgrades, and the construction of conveyance public infrastructure from Corpus Christi Polymers desalination facility. Amounts include reimbursement for expenditures on these initiatives made in fiscal year 2025 or 2026. Any unobligated and unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026 are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

By: Rep. Cunningham

Water Development Board, Article VI

Proposed Funding and Rider

Lake Houston Accumulated Siltation and Unexpended Balances

Prepared by LBB Staff, March 5, 2025

Overview

Increase General Revenue Fund appropriations in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, of the Texas Water Development Board bill pattern by \$50,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 for the purpose of continuing projects related to the San Jacinto River and Lake Houston. Additionally, provide unobligated and unexpended balance authority between biennia for funding appropriated for the same purposes during the 2024-25 biennium to be carried forward into the 2026-27 biennium.

Required Action

1. On page VI-69 of the Water Development Board bill pattern in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, increase General Revenue Fund appropriations in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, by \$50,000,000 in fiscal year 2026.
2. On page VI-81 of the Water Development Board bill pattern in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, add the following new rider:
 - _____. **Lake Houston Accumulated Siltation and Unexpended Balances.**
 - (a) In addition to the amounts appropriated above, any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2025, from appropriations made to the Water Development Board (TWDB) in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, and controlled by Rider 29, Water Grants and Lake Houston Accumulated Siltation, in the 2024-25 biennium (estimated to be \$0) are appropriated to TWDB in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, for the fiscal biennium beginning September 1, 2025.
 - (b) Amounts appropriated above include \$50,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, that shall be used for the following purposes:
 - (1) removing accumulated siltation and sediment deposits throughout the San Jacinto River and Lake Houston;

- (2) sediment capture pilot projects upstream of Lake Houston; and
 - (3) structural and nonstructural improvements for the San Jacinto River and Lake Houston to convey future floodwaters.
- (c) Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

Water Development Board, Article VI
Proposed Funding and Rider
Leaky Pipe Replacement

Overview

Increase General Revenue Fund appropriations in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, of the Texas Water Development Board bill pattern by \$510,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 for the purpose of addressing leaking pipes in the City of Houston's water distribution system through repair and replacement of particular lines throughout the system.

Required Action

1. On page VI-69 of the Water Development Board bill pattern in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, increase General Revenue funds in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, by \$510,000,000 in fiscal year 2026.

2. On page VI-81 of the Water Development Board bill pattern in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, add the following new rider:

Leaky Pipe Replacement. Amounts appropriated above include \$510,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, that shall be used for the purpose of addressing leaking pipes in the City of Houston's water distribution system through repair and replacement of particular lines throughout the system. Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

[Handwritten signatures and initials are present throughout the page, including: John, Christopher, Michael, Alan, Dan, Paul, Mary, and others.]

By: Rep. Ann Johnson

Water Development Board, Article VI

Proposed Funding and Rider

Cypress Ditch Regional Flood Mitigation Project

Prepared by LBB Staff, February 18, 2025

Overview

Increase General Revenue appropriations in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, of the Texas Water Development Board bill pattern by \$54,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 for the purpose of supporting the construction of the Cypress Ditch Regional Flood Mitigation Project.

Required Action

1. On page VI-69 of the Water Development Board bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, increase General Revenue funds in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, by \$54,000,000 in fiscal year 2026.
2. On page VI-81 of the Water Development Board bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, add the following new rider:

_____. **Cypress Ditch Regional Flood Mitigation Project.** Amounts appropriated above include \$54,000,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, for the purpose of supporting the construction of the Cypress Ditch Regional Flood Mitigation Project. Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

By: Rep. Guillen

**Water Development Board, Article VI
Proposed Funding and Rider
Las Americas Industrial Park Water Tower Installation**

Prepared by LBB Staff, March 5, 2025

Overview

Out of existing General Revenue Fund appropriations in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, in the Water Development Board's bill pattern, in fiscal year 2026, direct \$5,000,000 for the purpose of installing a water tower at Las Americas Industrial Park.

Required Action

1. On page VI-81 of the Water Development Board bill pattern in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, add the following new rider:

_____. **Las Americas Industrial Park Water Tower Installation.** Amounts appropriated above include \$5,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, that shall be used for the purpose of installing a water tower at Las Americas Industrial Park. Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

By: Rep. Shofner

Water Development Board, Article VI

Proposed Funding and Rider

Texas Rural River Authority Coalition Needs Assessments

Prepared by LBB Staff, March 5, 2025

Overview

Increase General Revenue Fund appropriations in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, of the Texas Water Development Board bill pattern by \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2026, specifying that \$1,000,000 is provided to each of five river authorities included in the Texas Rural River Authority Coalition (TRRAC) which are the Angelina and Neches, Nueces, Red River, Sulphur River Basin, and Upper Colorado River authorities, for the purpose of each authority conducting studies to identify and prioritize water projects in each of their respective basins.

Required Action

1. On page VI-69 of the Water Development Board bill pattern in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, increase General Revenue Fund appropriations in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, by \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2026.
2. On page VI-81 of the Water Development Board bill pattern in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, add the following new rider:

_____. **Texas Rural River Authority Coalition (TRRAC) Needs Assessments.**

Amounts appropriated above include \$5,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, to be distributed as \$1,000,000 to each of five TRRAC river authorities, including: the Angelina and Neches, Nueces, Red River, Sulphur River Basin, and Upper Colorado River, that shall be used for the purpose of each authority conducting studies to identify and prioritize water projects in their respective basins. Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

By: Rep. Rosenthal

Water Development Board, Article VI

Proposed Funding and Rider

West Little York Detention Basin Completion

Prepared by LBB Staff, March 5, 2025

Overview

Increase General Revenue Fund appropriations in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, of the Texas Water Development Board bill pattern by \$6,523,762 in fiscal year 2026 for the purpose of finishing design and construction of the West Little York detention basin project in Harris County.

Required Action

1. On page VI-69 of the Water Development Board bill pattern in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, increase General Revenue Fund appropriations in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, by \$6,523,762 in fiscal year 2026.
2. On page VI-81 of the Water Development Board bill pattern in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, add the following new rider:

_____. **West Little York Detention Basin Completion.** Amounts appropriated above include \$6,523,762 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, that shall be used for the purpose of finishing design and construction of the West Little York detention basin project in Harris County. Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

By: Senator Kolkhorst

Water Development Board, Article VI
Proposed Funding and Rider
Water Data Analytics Platform

Prepared by LBB Staff, February 25, 2025

Overview

Increase General Revenue Fund appropriations by \$4,950,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$1,650,000 in fiscal year 2027 in Strategy E.1.2, Information Resources, in the bill pattern of the Texas Water Development Board in Senate Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, for the purpose of creating a comprehensive data analytics platform to modernize statewide water management and planning and adding a rider to require the funds be used for this purpose.

Required Action

1. On page VI-69 of the Water Development Board bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, increase General Revenue funds in Strategy E.1.2, Information Resources, by \$4,950,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$1,650,000 in fiscal year 2027.
2. On page VI-80 of the Water Development Board bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, add the following new rider:

_____. **Water Data Analytics Platform.** Amounts appropriated above include \$4,950,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$1,650,000 in fiscal year 2027, from the General Revenue Fund in Strategy E.1.2, Information Resources, that shall be used for the purpose of implementing advanced software tools to modernize statewide water management and planning in alignment with the State Water Plan (SWP). The agency shall use these appropriations to develop a comprehensive data analytics platform capable of:

- (a) Providing real-time insights into municipal, agricultural, and industrial water use;
- (b) Enabling top-down Application Programming Interface integration to support compatibility with existing smart meter systems and other data sources used by utilities statewide;
- (c) Delivering actionable insights and demand forecasting based on weather, drought, and climate conditions to inform strategic water management and planning;
- (d) Demonstrating a proven track record of working with Texas utilities to achieve demand reduction goals as outlined in the SWP;
- (e) Demonstrating the ability to scale to accommodate data from hundreds of Texas utilities;
- (f) Demonstrating future compatibility with irrigation districts and groundwater conservation districts, including expansion capabilities; and
- (g) Demonstrating robust security measures for third-party data integration.

Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

By: Jeff Barry

Texas Water Development Board
Proposed Funding and Rider
Texas Water Development Board Statewide Advanced Water Data Analytics Integration

Overview

Increase appropriations from the General Revenue Fund in the bill pattern for the Texas Water Development Board in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, by \$6,600,000 in fiscal year 2026 in Strategy A.1.2, Water Resources Data, for purposes on creating a uniform, statewide data collection system for utilities that are required to report to the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB).

Required Action

1. On page VI-69 of the Texas Water Development Board bill pattern in House Bill 1, increase appropriations from the General Revenue Fund in Strategy A.1.2, Water Resources Data, by \$6,600,000 in fiscal year 2026
2. On Page VI-69 of the Texas Water Development Board bill pattern in House Bill 1, add the following new rider:

_____. **Appropriation: Texas Water Development Board Statewide Advanced Water Data Analytics Integration.** Amounts appropriated above to Texas Water Development Board in Strategy A.1.2, Water Resources Data, include \$6,600,000 in fiscal year 2026 from the General Revenue Fund for the purpose of creating a uniform, statewide data collection system for utilities that are required to report to the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB).

By: Ashby

**Texas Water Development Board
Proposed Funding and Rider
Lake Livingston Dam Improvement**

Overview

The following action adds a new rider that directs General Revenue funding to the Texas Water Development Board for Lake Livingston Dam Improvement.

The Trinity River Authority of Texas (TRA) owns and operates Lake Livingston as a primary source of water supply for the benefit of Harris County and several water systems in San Jacinto, Polk, Walker and Trinity Counties.

In the Spring of 2024, intense rain storms that lasted for months, and ultimately resulted in a disaster declaration by the Governor on July 28, 2024, required record releases from the Livingston Dam well into June. As a result, part of the actual superstructure of the dam, known as the apron and training and wingwalls was severely compromised.

The structure below the dam, known as the tailrace control structure, was completely destroyed, and upon determination of the extreme nature of damage, TRA, working with the Texas Division of Emergency Management, FEMA and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) declared a Potential Failure Watch that remains in effect to this day.

After swift action to mobilize a capable contractor, emergency repairs began and through temporary transfers of funds and an interlocal loan agreement with Houston, nearly \$45 million of temporary repairs were made. The initial stabilization of the damaged superstructure was swiftly completed to prepare for hurricane season, with the tailrace repairs lasting until January, 2025.

Engineering analysis determined that the 50-year-old tailrace control structure and training walls are insufficient to protect the dam in a historic flood event. The failure from Spring of 2024 was providential in informing TRA of this deficiency, however, TRA does not have funds available to construct the necessary improvements that need to begin immediately to protect what is arguably the most important water supply reservoir in the United States.

Current estimates of the minimum amount needed to enable the dam to pass the Probable Maximum Flood event that is calculated as possible for the lake is \$60 million. While there are other maintenance and improvement projects that are also necessary, TRA is only requesting the Legislature to consider providing the funding certainty for the improvements necessary to protect this vital water supply for Texas, so that TRA can began procuring engineering and contracting firms to perform the work.

The below motion would provide \$60,000,000 in General Revenue support in each year of the 2026-27 biennium to directly support improvements to the Lake Livingston Dam.

Required Action

Beginning on page VI-68 of House Bill 1, Eighty-ninth Legislature, Regular Session, 2025, of the Texas Water Development Board's bill pattern, add the following:

- On page VI-68 of House Bill 1, Eighty-ninth Legislature, Regular Session, 2025, increase General Revenue appropriations to the Texas Water Development Board by \$30,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$30,000,000 in fiscal year 2027;
- On page VI-68 of House Bill 1, Eighty-ninth Legislature, Regular Session, 2025, increase General Revenue Appropriations to Strategy C.1.1, State & Federal Financial Assistance Programs, by \$30,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$30,000,000 in fiscal year 2027; and

- On page VI-80 of House Bill 1, Eighty-ninth Legislature, Regular Session, 2025, in the Texas Water Development Board’s bill pattern insert the following rider:

Lake Livingston Dam Improvement. Inculded in amounts appropriated above in Strategy C.1.1, State & Federal Financial Assistance Programs, is \$30,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in each fiscal year of the biennium that shall be provided to the Trinity River Authority for the purposes of making structural improvements to the Lake Livingston Dam to mitigate flood risks. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose for fiscal year 2027.

By: Rep. Hernandez

Water Development Board, Article VI

Proposed Funding and Rider

Wastewater Facility Treatment Infrastructure, City of Houston

Prepared by LBB Staff, March 5, 2025

Overview

Increase General Revenue Fund appropriations in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, of the Texas Water Development Board bill pattern by \$65,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 for the purpose of rehabilitations, structural, and system improvements of wastewater treatment facility infrastructure for the City of Houston.

Required Action

1. On page VI-69 of the Water Development Board bill pattern in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, increase General Revenue Fund appropriations in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, by \$65,000,000 in fiscal year 2026.
2. On page VI-81 of the Water Development Board bill pattern in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, add the following new rider:

_____. **Wastewater Facility Treatment Infrastructure, City of Houston.** Amounts appropriated above include \$65,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, that shall be used for the purpose of rehabilitation, structural, and system improvements of wastewater treatment facility infrastructure for the City of Houston. Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

Water Development Board, Article VI
Proposed Funding and Rider
Airline Improvement District Water Infrastructure

Prepared by LBB Staff, February 25, 2025

Overview

Increase General Revenue fund appropriations in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, of the Texas Water Development Board bill pattern by \$6,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 for the purpose of constructing a water connection project at Airline and Mitchell Road in the Airline Improvement District in Harris County.

Required Action

1. On page VI-69 of the Water Development Board bill pattern in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, increase General Revenue funds in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, by \$6,000,000 in fiscal year 2026.
2. On page VI-81 of the Water Development Board bill pattern in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, add the following new rider:

_____. **Airline Improvement District Water Infrastructure.** Amounts appropriated above include \$6,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, that shall be used for the purpose of constructing a water connection project at Airline and Mitchell Road in the Airline Improvement District in Harris County. Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

Texas Water Development Board
Proposed Funding and Rider
Drainage Improvements

Overview

Increase General Revenue appropriations in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, of the Texas Water Development Board bill pattern by \$6,015,759 in fiscal year 2024 for the purpose of making storm sewer drainage improvements in the City of Harlingen, Texas.

Required Action

1. On page VI-69 of the Texas Water Development Board bill pattern in House Bill 1, increase General Revenue funds in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, by \$6,015,759 in fiscal year 2024.
2. On page VI-81 of the Texas Water Development Board bill pattern in House Bill 1, add the following new rider:

_____. **Drainage Improvements.** Included in amounts appropriated above to the Texas Water Development Board in General Revenue in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, in fiscal year 2024 is funding for the following storm sewer drainage improvement projects:

- (a) \$4,000,000 for Drainage improvements in and near Stuart Place Rd. in Palm Valley, Texas.

Any unexpended and unobligated balances remaining as of August 31, 2024, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2024.

By: Rep. Longoria

Water Development Board, Article VI

Proposed Funding and Rider

City of Penitas Lift Station

Prepared by LBB Staff, February 26, 2025

Overview

Increase General Revenue Fund appropriations in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, of the Texas Water Development Board bill pattern by \$750,000 in fiscal year 2026 for the purpose of constructing a lift station in the City of Penitas, Texas, along the South Military Highway.

Required Action

1. On page VI-69 of the Water Development Board bill pattern in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, increase General Revenue funds in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, by \$750,000 in fiscal year 2026.
2. On page VI-81 of the Water Development Board bill pattern in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, add the following new rider:

_____. **City of Penitas Lift Station.** Amounts appropriated above include \$750,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, that shall be used for the purpose of constructing a lift station in the City of Penitas, Texas, along the South Military Highway. Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

By: Martinez, Armando

Water Development Board, Article VI
Proposed Funding and Rider
City of Weslaco Water and Drainage Improvements
February 26, 2025

Overview

Increase General Revenue appropriations in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, of the Texas Water Development Board bill pattern by \$8,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 for the purpose of burying an existing canal at the Mid Valley Airport and make structural improvements for Water and Drainage in the City of Weslaco.

Required Action

1. On page VI-69 of the Texas Water Development Board bill pattern in House Bill 1, increase General Revenue funds in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, by \$8,000,000 in fiscal year 2026.
2. On page VI-80 of the Texas Water Development Board bill pattern in House Bill 1, add the following new rider:

_____. **City of Weslaco Water and Drainage Improvements.** Included in amounts appropriated above is \$8,000,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2026 in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, that shall be used for the purpose of burying an existing canal at the Mid Valley Airport and make structural improvements for flood mitigation and infrastructure improvements to the Water and Drainage in the City of Weslaco. Any unexpended and unobligated balances remaining as of August 31, 2025, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2025.

By: Rep. Villalobos

Water Development Board, Article VI

Proposed Funding and Rider

Blue Bonnet Drainage Project

Prepared by LBB Staff, March 5, 2025

Overview

Increase General Revenue Fund appropriations in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, of the Texas Water Development Board bill pattern by \$9,097,388 in fiscal year 2026 for the purpose of a drainage project in Blue Bonnet.

Required Action

1. On page VI-69 of the Water Development Board bill pattern in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, increase General Revenue Fund appropriations in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, by \$9,097,388 in fiscal year 2026.
2. On page VI-81 of the Water Development Board bill pattern in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, add the following new rider:

_____. **Blue Bonnet Drainage Project.** Amounts appropriated above include \$9,097,388 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, that shall be used for the purpose of a drainage project in Blue Bonnet. Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

By: Lopez, Janie

Water Development Board, Article VI

Proposed Funding and Rider

Funding for Emergency Water

Interconnect

Overview

Included in amounts appropriated above is \$90,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2026, in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, that shall be used for the purpose for a emergency water interconnect for the City of Rio Hondo. Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

Required Action

1. On page VI-69 of the bill pattern, add \$90,000 in General Revenue funds for fiscal year 2026 in Strategy C.1.1., State & Federal Fin Assist Program.
2. On page VI-80 of the bill pattern, add the following rider:

_____. **Funding for an Emergency Water Interconnect in the Border Region.** Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy C.1.1., State & Federal Fin Assist Program, is \$90,000 in General Revenue Funds in the 2026-2027 biennium for emergency drinking water in the border region.

RIDER REQUEST

Member Name: Representative Sam Harless

Affected Agency: Texas Water Development Board

Purpose: Provide funding for specific flood mitigation projects within the Cypress Creek Watershed that have been designed and engineered by Harris County Flood Control for the purpose of water retention and flood mitigation.

Amount Requested (if applicable): \$9,000,000.00

Method of Finance (if applicable): Out of TWDB Strategy C.1.1

Rider Language: Local Flood Mitigation and Control Grant Project

In addition to the amounts appropriated elsewhere in this Act, \$9,000,000 in General Revenue is appropriated to the Texas Water Development Board in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, in fiscal year 2026 for a grant for the following flood mitigation and control project:

- (a) \$9,000,000 to Harris County Flood Control District for completion of the Cypress at Jones Stormwater Detention Basin K500-05-00-E001

Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

If you have any questions regarding this form, please contact the House Appropriations Committee Office at (512) 463-1091

RIDER REQUEST

Member Name: Representative Sam Harless

Affected Agency: Texas Water Development Board

Purpose: Provide funding for specific flood mitigation projects within the Cypress Creek Watershed that have been designed and engineered by Harris County Flood Control for the purpose of water retention and flood mitigation.

Amount Requested (if applicable): \$9,000,000.00

Method of Finance (if applicable): Out of TWDB Strategy C.1.1

Rider Language: Local Flood Mitigation and Control Grant Project

In addition to the amounts appropriated elsewhere in this Act, \$9,000,000 in General Revenue is appropriated to the Texas Water Development Board in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, in fiscal year 2026 for a grant for the following flood mitigation and control project:

- (a) \$9,000,000 to Harris County Flood Control District for completion of the Cypress Park Regional Stormwater Detention Basin K500-01-00-EXXX

Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

If you have any questions regarding this form, please contact the House Appropriations Committee Office at (512) 463-1091

By: Rep. Cody Harris

Water Development Board, Article VI
Proposed Funding and Rider
Contingency for House Bill 1400

Prepared by LBB Staff, March 5, 2025

Overview

Increase General Revenue Fund appropriations in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, of the Water Development Board bill pattern by \$15,220,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$220,000 in fiscal year 2027 for the purposes of: (1) depositing \$15,000,000 to the new Groundwater Science, Research, and Innovation Fund; (2) providing appropriations of \$2,000,000 each fiscal year from the new Groundwater Science, Research, and Innovation Fund for the purpose of issuing grants; (3) providing appropriations of \$220,000 and 2.0 FTEs each fiscal year to administer the new fund and program; and (4) add a new rider making the appropriations and FTEs each fiscal year in addition to depositing funds to the newly created fund contingent upon the enactment of House Bill 1400, Eighty-ninth Legislature, Regular Session, or similar legislation.

Required Action

1. On page VI-69 of the Water Development Board bill pattern in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, increase General Revenue Funds in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, by \$15,220,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$220,000 in fiscal year 2027.
2. On page VI-69 of the Water Development Board bill pattern in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, add appropriations for the new Groundwater Science, Research, and Innovation Fund, in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, of \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2027.
3. On page VI-69 of the Water Development Board bill pattern in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, increase the “Number of Full-time Equivalents (FTE)” in the agency’s bill pattern by 2.0 in fiscal year 2026 and 2.0 in fiscal year 2027.
4. On page VI-81 of the Water Development Board bill pattern in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, add the following new rider:

_____. **Contingency for House Bill 1400.** Contingent on enactment of House Bill 1400, or similar legislation, relating to creation of the groundwater science, research, and innovation fund to be administered by the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB), by the Eighty-ninth Legislature, Regular Session:

(a) The TWDB shall deposit \$15,000,000 from ~~the~~ General Revenue Fund appropriations in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, in fiscal year 2026 to the credit of the new Groundwater, Science, Research, and Innovation Fund;

(b) The TWDB shall use \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2027 from the new Groundwater, Science, Research, and Innovation Fund in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, for the purpose of providing grants to implement the provisions of the legislation; and

(c) The TWDB shall use \$220,000 and 2.0 FTEs in fiscal year 2026 and \$200,000 and 2.0 FTEs in fiscal year 2027 from General Revenue Fund appropriations to implement the provisions of the legislation.

(d) Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

Texas Water Development Board, Article VI
Direct Potable Reuse

Overview

The following action adds a new rider that directs \$12,627,000 for the Direct Potable Reuse project.

The Brownsville Public Utilities Board (BPUB) seeks funding for a Direct Potable Reuse (DPR) project to enhance water sustainability in the Rio Grande Valley. The DPR project involves introducing advanced-treated reclaimed water directly into the potable water system or the raw water supply before it enters a drinking water treatment plant. This initiative aligns with Senate Bill 905 (88th Legislative Session), mandating the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to develop regulatory guidance for DPR.

BPUB has begun planning and engineering for an Indirect Potable Reuse (IPR) project to divert up to 8.0 million gallons per day (MGD) of effluent discharge from its Robindale Wastewater Treatment Plant to the Resaca De La Guerra, augmenting the raw water supply for BPUB Water Treatment Plant 2.

This project is crucial as the Rio Grande Valley faces increasing water scarcity. Implementing DPR strategies will optimize water resources, reduce reliance on traditional sources, and ensure a resilient water supply system.

Required Action

On page VI-69, of House Bill 1 as introduced within the Texas Water Development Board's bill pattern, add the following new rider:

____. **Direct Potable Reuse.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy A.2.2., \$12,627,000 from the General Revenue Fund is appropriated over the 2026-2027 biennium to support the Direct Potable Reuse (DPR) project to enhance water sustainability in the border region.

By: Representative Villalobos

Water Development Board, Article VI
Proposed Funding and Rider
Nueces County Drainage District# 2

Overview

Increase appropriations in the bill pattern for the Water Development Board by \$3,937,500 in fiscal year 2026 from General Revenue for a grant for the Petronila Drainage Improvements Project with a new rider restricting funding in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, for this purpose.

The Nueces County Drainage District# 2 was created on March 8, 1915. The District is responsible for providing adequate drainage in the western part of Nueces County. The Petronila Drainage Improvements Project consists of a 10 acre detention pond on the north side of Petronila that will assist in alleviating drainage and recapture storm water runoff for agricultural irrigation.

Required Action

- 1) On page VI-69 of the Water Development Board bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, increase General Revenue appropriations in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, by \$937,500 in fiscal year 2026.
- 2) On page VI_ of the Water Development Board bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, add the following rider:

Petronila Drainage Improvements Project. Out of the amounts appropriated above to the Water Development Board in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, \$3,937,500 in fiscal year 2026 from General Revenue should be used to provide a grant for the Petronila Drainage Improvements Project.

By Janie Lopez

Texas Water Development Board, Article VI
Banco Morales Reservoir Surplus Water Impound

Overview

The following action adds a new rider that directs \$38,686,350 for the Banco Morales Reservoir Surplus Water Impound project.

The Brownsville Public Utilities Board (BPUB) seeks funding for the Banco Morales Reservoir surplus water impound project. The project aims to impound and meet BPUB's future municipal water needs by allowing the beneficial use of water from the Rio Grande and capturing water currently allowed to flow into the Gulf of Mexico. Existing municipal and industrial water supply sources for the BPUB cannot satisfy the region's anticipated future needs.

The project's location was selected because Brownsville is downstream from the major water users along the river. The reservoir would provide a pool of water from which BPUB can pump, capturing excess flows on the lower Rio Grande for municipal use. Once the water is released from Falcon Dam, no opportunity exists to impound water at a downstream location in the event of rain or changed conditions.

The project will impound surplus water from the Lower Rio Grande in an off-channel raw storage reservoir. The current off-channel storage capacity is 216 million gallons, and the proposed project will add 400 million gallons of storage capacity.

Banco Morales Reservoir is proposed between the existing International Boundary and Water Commission (IBWC) levee system and the City of Brownsville levee along the Rio Grande, and the site is adjacent to BPUB's Water Treatment Plant #1.

Required Action

On page VI-71 of House Bill 1 as introduced within the Texas Water Development Board's bill pattern, add the following new rider:

____. **Reservoir Surplus Water Impound.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy C.1.1., \$38,686,350 from the General Revenue Fund is appropriated over the 2026-2027 biennium to support excavated material being moved off-site and the establishment of a berm to control run off and create a barrier around the area.

Texas Water Development Board

Rider Request

Goal A. Water Science, Conservation, and Data.

A.2.1. Strategy. Technical Assistance and Modeling.

Purpose. As the state of Texas works to improve access to broadband services in underserved areas, there are reports of increased incidents of damage related to construction and excavation activities across rural Texas. These incidents show a significant need to accurately locate and map underground water facilities to avoid unnecessary damage. When mapped, these water utilities will be able to prevent incidents of damages related to excavation and preserve the integrity of small water systems.

Legislation is currently being considered to require water systems to participate in the Texas One-Call system governed by Texas Utilities Code 251. Presently participation in the one call or 811 system is only mandatory for gas, electric, telecommunications and facilities that transmit hazardous materials. Water utilities presently classified as Class B, are also able to participate in the 811 system to receive notice of planned excavation activities in the vicinity of underground water facilities, but it is not mandatory.

These funds would assist in providing accurate information to facilitate installation of lines for broadband and fiber optic services. In the event legislation does not pass, these facilities would still be eligible for said funds. The funds shall be directed to the Texas Geographic Information Office (TxGIO), a division of the Texas Water Development Board established in Texas Water Code §16.021, to locate underground facilities and facilitate GIS mapping of small rural water utilities serving 1,100 or fewer customers.

Amount requested: \$4,750,000 million in FY 2026; any unexpended balance on August 31, 2026, shall be available for use by the agency in FY 2027.

Method of Finance: General Revenue

Rider language: On page II-_____ of the Texas Water Development Board bill pattern, add the following rider:

Mapping and line locates. The Texas Geographic Information Office (TxGIO; Texas Water Code §16.021), a division of the Texas Water Development Board, is appropriated \$4.2 million for the 2026-27 biennium for locating underground facilities and facilitating GIS mapping of small rural water utilities serving 1,100 or fewer customers. The Texas Water Development Board may use a portion of these funds, not to exceed \$500,000, to administer the mapping and locate efforts to assist small rural water utilities.

Texas Water Development Board, Article VI

Proposed Funding and Rider

Drainage Improvements

Overview

Increase General Revenue appropriations in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, of the Texas Water Development Board bill pattern by \$4,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 for the purpose of making drainage improvements in the City of Palm Valley, Texas.

Required Action

1. On page VI-71 of the Texas Water Development Board bill pattern in House Bill 1, increase General Revenue funds in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, by \$4,000,00 in fiscal year 2026.
2. On page VI-81 of the Texas Water Development Board bill pattern in House Bill 1, add the following new rider:

_____. **Drainage Improvements.** Included in amounts appropriated above to the Texas Water Development Board from General Revenue in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, in fiscal year 2026 is \$4,000,000 for drainage improvement projects in the border region.

Any unexpended and unobligated balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

By: Raymond

**Water Development Board, Article VI
Proposed Rider
Laredo Region Water System Improvements**

Overview

Add a rider to the bill pattern for the Water Development Board (TWDB) to direct the allocation of **\$57,000,000** from any available revenue source appropriated to TWDB to support water system expansions, improvements, and sustainability initiatives in and around the City of Laredo to address population growth and ensure long-term water security.

Required Action

On page VI-81 of the Water Development Board bill pattern, add the following rider:

 . **Laredo Region Water System Improvements.** Out of amounts appropriated above to the Water Development Board, **\$57,000,000** from any available source of revenue shall be allocated for supporting water system expansions, improvements, and sustainability initiatives in and around the City of Laredo to address population growth and ensure long-term water security.

By: Ward Johnson

Water Development Board

Proposed Rider

Flood Infrastructure Projects

Overview:

The following action adds a new rider that directs \$2,500,000 in FY 2026 and \$2,500,000 in FY 2027 for Strategy C.1.1 State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs. Funding for storm sewer improvements and detention pond construction to pull flow off of P118-32-00 drainage channel to improve mitigation and conveyance in the Harris County Flood Control District.

Required Action:

1. On page VI-XX of the Water Development Board bill pattern, add the following rider:

_____. **Flood Infrastructure Projects.** Out of funds appropriated above to the Water Development Board in strategy C.1.1 State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, \$2,500,000 out of General Revenue Funds in each year of the biennium shall be used for the purpose of completing storm sewer improvements along the P118-32-00 drainage channel in the Harris County Flood Control District. Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026 are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

RIDER REQUEST

Member Name: Morales Shaw

Affected Agency: Texas Water Development Board

Purpose: Implementation of the adaptive management phase of the environmental flows standards process established by passage of SB 3 / HB 3 in 2007 – the review and potential revision of environmental flow standards adopted by TCEQ.

Amount Requested: \$450,000 for each fiscal year (\$900,000 for the biennium)

Method of Finance: General Revenue

Rider Language:

Adaptive Management of Environmental Flow Standards, In addition to the funds appropriated above, the Board is appropriated \$450,000 in each fiscal year to support the statutorily required review of the environmental standards adopted for two basin/bay areas. The Board is authorized to add one FTE for this purpose. At least \$270,000 in each fiscal year is to be transferred to the Water Assistance Fud No. 480 to be used for reimbursement of travel and compensation for attendance and participation at meetings of each of the Basin and Bay Expert Science Teams and the Texas Environmental Flows Science Advisory Committee. Pursuant to Government Code Section 2100.004, reimbursement of expenses for advisory committee members out of funds appropriated above is limited to the following advisory committees: the Basin and Bay Expert Science Teams and the Texas Environmental Flows Science Advisory Committee.

**House Appropriations Committee
Riders - Article VI**

Not Adopted

Legislative Budget Board

RIDER REQUEST

Member Name: John Lujan

Affected Agency: General Land Office and Veteran’s Land Board

Purpose: Remove Rider #28 from the GLO’s bill pattern and replaces the reporting requirements under Rider #9 in the GLO’s bill pattern.

Amount Requested (if applicable):

Method of Finance (if applicable): .

Rider Language:

9. Appropriation of Receipts: Real Property Sales and Mineral Royalties. In addition to the amounts appropriated above, the General Land Office is appropriated all additional receipts from real property sales of the Real Estate Special Fund Account of the Permanent School Fund (PSF) No. 44 conducted by the General Land Office, all revenue received from the sale or lease of PSF land or real property holdings, and all receipts received from mineral or royalty interests or other interests, including revenue received from the lease of mineral estate in riverbeds, channels, and the areas within tidewater limits, including islands, lakes, bays, and the bed of the sea which belong to the state for the purpose of purchasing fee or lesser interests in real property for the use and benefit of the PSF, for the purpose of purchasing easements for access to PSF land as authorized by Natural Resources Code, Section 11.079, and for all purposes allowed under Natural Resources Code, Section 51.402. The General Land Office shall report to the Legislative Budget Board information including the purpose and expenditures of any real property acquisitions made by the GLO through the appropriation authority provided by this rider in a format specified by the Legislative Budget Board within 30 calendar days of the transaction.

By: Villalobos

Parks and Wildlife Department, Article VI
Proposed Funding and Rider
Wildlife Recovery and Professional Development Training Center and Increased Capacity
for Rescued Wildlife

Overview

The Texas State Aquarium established the nation's only emergency operations center dedicated to wildlife disasters in partnership with seven state and federal agencies and institutions. It has returned almost 10,000 animals to their natural habitat since its inception, including over 3,600 sea turtles. The state's wildlife needs outpace the Aquarium's ability to prepare for, respond to, and recover from wildlife disasters. As a critical partner in advancing Texas's wildlife resiliency strategy, the Aquarium is embarking on a master campus plan to construct the country's first Wildlife Recovery and Professional Development Training Center, increase wildlife rehabilitation capabilities, and create the Texas Coastal Resiliency Center.

Required Action

On page VI-___ of the Parks and Wildlife Department's bill pattern, add the following new rider:

____. **Texas State Aquarium Wildlife Recovery and Rehabilitation.** Included in the amounts appropriated to the Parks and Wildlife Department in Strategy B.2.2., Boating Access and Other Grants, is \$35 million in General Revenue in fiscal year 2026 to provide grants to Texas State Aquarium to develop a Wildlife Recovery and Professional Development Training Center, increase capacity and rehabilitation capabilities for rescued wildlife, and develop the Texas Coastal Resiliency Center.

Any unobligated and unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026 are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

By: Representative Barry

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
Proposed Rider
Chronic Wasting Disease

Prepared by LBB Staff, March 5, 2025

Overview

Add a new rider in the Texas Parks and Wildlife (TPWD) bill pattern to express legislative intent for the TPWD to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences for the purposes of cooperatively developing and completing a Chronic Wasting Disease statewide plan and to add a requirement that would prohibit TPWD from expending any funds for CWD enforcement activities until the statewide plan is completed.

Required Action

1. On page VI-58 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife bill pattern in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, add the following new rider:

Chronic Wasting Disease Statewide Plan. Out of the amounts appropriated above, it is the intent of the legislature that the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences for the purposes of cooperatively developing and completing a Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) statewide plan that includes:

- (a) Specific details on the historic and current rate of CWD in the state;
- (b) Specific and measurable annual goals for containment or eradication of CWD in the state;
- (c) Incorporation of measures to increase the genetic durability of Texas deer against CWD as it is being studied by the Texas A&M University;
- (d) No more than the minimum standards for a herd plan of the type recommended in the CWD Program Standards and CWD Herd certification Program established by the United States Department of Agriculture and the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service. Limitations on restricted movement of deer at a breeder facility only if there is a confirmed diagnosis of CWD at the facility or release site; and
- (e) Specific steps for a deer breeder to take to remove any restrictions placed on the facility.

None of the funds appropriated above may be spent for CWD enforcement activities until the statewide plan required by this rider is completed.

By: Representative Barry

Railroad Commission
Proposed Rider

Mapping of Areas with High Hydrogen Sulfide Levels & Review of Rule 36

Overview

The following adds a new rider that directs the Texas Railroad Commission to assess and map wells and storage tanks with high levels of hydrogen sulfide levels and review Rule 36.

Required Action:

Out of amounts appropriated above to the Railroad Commission in GR-Dedicated Funds- Oil and Gas Regulation and Cleanup Account No. 5155, the Commission will conduct a mapping study and assessment that determines and shows in a geographic manner:

- A list and map of Oil and gas wells with hydrogen sulfide levels that are greater than 100 PPM;
- A list and map of Oil and gas infrastructure, including storage tanks that have the potential to emit or have emitted more than 100 PPM;
- A list of those wells or infrastructure that are located within 5 miles of residential properties.

The Commission shall provide a report with the information required in this rider to the LBB and the Sunset Commission by September 1, 2026.

In addition, the Railroad Commission will review Rule 36, hold a public input hearing to receive informal comments on any potential changes to the rule, and consider adopting a new update rule. The Commission must finish their review of Rule 36 and hold a public input hearing no later than September 1, 2026.

RIDER REQUEST

Member Name: Rep. Erin Gamez

Affected Agency: Texas Water Development Board

Purpose: Add a new rider directing the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB), out of existing appropriations, to conduct a study that assesses the current and potential future collaboration between TWDB and the North American Development Bank (NADB). The study shall include recommendations on how future collaboration can expand the efficiencies and resources of TWDB and would be reported to legislative agencies and committees.

Amount Requested (if applicable): \$0

Method of Finance (if applicable): N/A

Rider Language:

1. On page VI-81 of the Water Development Board bill pattern in House Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, add the following new rider:

_____. **Study on North American Development Bank (NADB) Collaboration.** Out of funds appropriated above, the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) shall conduct a study that assesses the current and potential future collaboration between TWDB and the North American Development Bank (NADB). The study shall include recommendations on how future collaboration can expand the efficiencies and resources of TWDB. A report regarding the findings of the review shall be prepared and submitted by TWDB to the Legislative Budget Board, the House Natural Resources Committee, the Senate Water Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee, the House Agriculture and Livestock Committee, the House Appropriations Committee, and the Senate Finance Committee no later than December 1, 2026.