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**Your Comments or Concerns**

TWDB's flood planning and funding should be more equitable and provide greater incentives for nature-based projects. TWDB's role in groundwater planning is limited despite the significance of groundwater management and of joint planning for groundwater and surface water resources in the water planning process. TWDB is not doing enough to promote the state's goals for water conservation. TWDB does not collect adequate data or provide clear guidance for the State's Regional Water Planning process.

**Your Proposed Solution**

Increase TWDB's role in groundwater management and planning by increasing the agency's guidance and oversight of local groundwater planning assumptions and establishing modeled sustained pumping volumes to help ensure sustainable use of groundwater for the future. TWDB should prioritize economically distressed areas for Flood Infrastructure Fund money, and it should increase grant amounts for nonstructural, nature-based projects. TWDB should also increase its education and outreach to communities most affected by floods, and help applicants incorporate nature-based features into their projects. TWDB and the Water Conservation Advisory Commission should do more to provide updated conservation goals and strategies, establish acceptable water loss thresholds, and verify water loss data. TWDB should provide more data and guidance on how conservation, drought, water loss, and climate change will affect Texas' future water supply. The agency should also account for environmental flows and natural resources through the planning process to help ensure long-term protection of the environment.

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