



Things *YOU* Can Do:

Keep Texas Springs & Rivers Flowing & Coastal Bays Healthy

- **Learn More About Texas Water Issues!** Check out the Texas Living Waters Project website www.texaswatermatters.org, a clearinghouse of water-related information.
- **Get your Group to Endorse our ‘Principles for Protecting Texas’ Water Resources.’** Click on the link under “Take Action to Protect Texas Water” at www.texaswatermatters.org.



- **Practice Water Conservation!** There are many things you can do to reduce water use in your home and yard. See www.texaswatermatters.org/conservation.htm for water conservation tips sheets, links and information about how to conserve.

- **Help spread the word about the new Environmental Flows Allocation Process.** New legislation has been passed to determine the amounts of water needed and methods for keeping it flowing in rivers and into Texas bays to sustain healthy fish and wildlife populations. Help spread the word about this important scientific and stakeholder based process by running an article in your organization’s newsletter. Contact Jennifer Ellis at ellis@nwf.org or 512-476-9805 for text.

- **Promote Water Conservation in your Community.** Contact your City Council and/or Water Supplier and urge them to offer conservation incentives in your community. See the Water Conservation Implementation Task Force’s report for a full list of conservation options: www.twdb.state.tx.us/assistance/conservation/TaskForceDocs/WCITFBMPGuide.pdf



- **Join the Texas Living Waters Project Listserv.** We will notify you of easy opportunities to send letters, make comments, attend conferences and items relating directly to our efforts to protect Texas waters (<2 emails per month). Contact Jennifer Ellis at ellis@nwf.org or 512-476-9805.



- **Get involved in the Environmental Flows Allocation Process (EFAP).** Are you a fisherman, rancher, paddler or other water user that has an interest in keeping Texas rivers flowing and/or bays healthy? Stay informed about the EFAP or add your name to the list of potential stakeholder candidates. Go to www.texaswatermatters.org to sign up.

- **Attend your Regional Water Planning Group meetings.** Get involved in the process! See http://www.twdb.state.tx.us/RWPG/group_info.asp for group information and meeting dates.
- **Contact your Regional Water Planning Group members.** Urge them to include environmental flows as a category of water need to be planned for in their regional water plan. See www.twdb.state.tx.us/RWPG/main-docs/mbr-main.asp for membership information and contact information for the chairperson of each group. Not sure which water planning region you are in? See www.texaswatermatters.org/regions.htm.
- **Write a Letter to the Editor or place an Article in your Organization’s Newsletter.** Raise awareness about the need to protect environmental flows, use groundwater supplies sustainably, and promote water conservation as the first option for creating water supply. Contact Lacey McCormick at mccormick@nwf.org or 512-476-9805 for assistance.

