



DISCUSS SUPPORT OF A CENTRAL TEXAS WATER ALLIANCE

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Background

- ❑ Texas is the fastest growing state in the country (1,300 new Texans per day) with Bell County and the Central Texas region growing at a faster rate than Texas.
- ❑ Projected Central Texas water supply shortfall by 2070 is 30,000 to 45,000 ac-ft (9.8 to 14.7 billion gallons).
- ❑ Under the leadership of Bell County, several water purveyors, and stakeholders, a Central Texas Water Alliance is potentially forming to be a catalyst to leverage support for near term regional water projects as well as pursue long term water supply for the next generations of Central Texans.

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- The Central Texas Water Alliance will be created through the passage of legislation authority and filed by local State Representative, Brad Buckley and State Senator, Pete Flores in the 88th Texas Legislature in 2025.
- County Judge, David Blackburn is requesting a show of support from the entities who will be part of the Alliance.
- Staff is requesting a motion of direction (MOD) from Council to move forward with Killeen's support of the creation of a Central Texas Water Alliance.

Recommendation

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To authorize the City Manager to issue a letter of support from the City of Killeen for the creation of a Central Texas Water Alliance.