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### TEXAS REGULATORY DIRECTION FOR WATER CONSERVATION

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- International manufacturer and marketer of transportation fuels, other petrochemical products and power
- Valero subsidiaries employ approximately 10,500 people
- Assets include:
  - 16 petroleum refineries with a combined throughput capacity of approximately 3 million barrels per day
  - 10 ethanol plants with a combined production capacity of 1.2 billion gallons per year
  - A 50-megawatt wind farm
  - Approximately 7,300 branded wholesale outlets carry the Valero,
     Diamond Shamrock, Shamrock and Beacon brands in the United States and the Caribbean; Ultramar in Canada; and Texaco in the United Kingdom and Ireland.



- Focus on Texas Water
  - Current status Drought
  - Population growth impact
  - Diverse supplies facilities must have water to operate
  - Exposure
- History of Water Planning in Texas
- Funding Options identified in Texas
- Impact of drought on current session



### Water in Texas – Current Status

- In 2011 99% of Texas is in severe, extreme or exceptional drought (Texas 2012 State Water Plan)
- Even after the rains in 2012, 82% of Texas is still experiencing extreme/exceptional drought (US Drought Monitor)
- 1000 water systems impose voluntary or mandatory water use restrictions (Texas Drought Preparedness Council)
- Some communities ran out of water (Natural Resource committee Hearings in Spring 2012 in House and Senate)
- TCEQ suspended 1,200 water rights in Brazos, Colorado, Neches and Sabine river basins for the following types of users: municipal, industrial, irrigation, recreation, domestic and livestock. (TCEQ)
- 2011 ranked as worst 1 year drought in Texas history (Texas 2012 State Water Plan)



**Population Growth** 

Per Texas Water Development Board Projections

- Texas's population is projected to grow from 25 million now to 46 million in fifty years.
- The water demand is estimated to climb from 18 million acre-feet a year to 22million acre-feet a year by 2060, an increase of twenty percent.







### Diversity of Water Resources but consistent

### concern with lack of available water

- Water resources for our significant Texas assets:
  - Texas City purchases Brazos River water from the Gulf Coast Water Authority; this supply is threatened by residential growth
  - Corpus Christi purchases water from the City of Corpus Christi; they report they
    have 2 years worth of water if there is no rain, or nothing is done; expect
    ongoing drought is likely to require mandatory water conservation
  - Three Rivers uses city water and well water both of which are threatened by growth
  - Panhandle uses well water but is threatened by competition from agriculture
  - Houston has indicated no immediate concerns regarding security of process water supply but need long term projects
  - Port Arthur has the largest water supply/demand, historically abundant from the canal system, but threatened restrictions
  - Headquarters is in San Antonio, which has implemented water conservation restrictions for years.
  - Dallas needs additional water due to growth



### Exposure



- Cost of being part of the solution
  - Water efficiency projects at our plants
  - Ensure funding of Texas
     Water Plan

- Water curtailment at facilities if water solutions are not resolved
  - Domestic and municipal use of surface water has priority over all other beneficial uses of water including the uses of water for industrials (Section 11.204, Texas Water Code)





- Formal water supply planning began in the 50's after the worst "drought of record" for Texas – a 7 year drought; the legislature passed the Water Planning Act of 1957, creating a water planning group
- Plans were adopted in 1968, 1984, 1990, 1992 and 1997 recognizing growth in population and the need to develop future water supplies
- In the 80's Harris County area had to get off ground water dependence and move to surface water because city was sinking; thus subsidence districts



 Due to 10 month drought in mid-90's, Lt. Gov. Bob
 Bullock declared that water planning would be the primary issue that session



### More Serious Water Planning





- 1997 Senator Brown passed SB1 requiring
   consensus based water planning by region on
   how to meet water needs in times of drought.
   Required State plan every 5 years based on the
   16 regional plans. It made inter-basin transfer
   rights Jr. water rights. Rest of State is 1<sup>st</sup> in
   time, 1<sup>st</sup> in Right.
- Sen. Armbrister passed SB2 and Edwards Aquifer legislation
- Sen. Averitt passed SB3 creating process to address environmental flows, designate unique reservoir sites and sites of unique ecological value. TCEQ Sunset bill gave them rights to curtail surface water.
- Need to get started funding water plan: it's gone from a cost of \$17.9B in 2002, to \$31B in 2007 to \$53B in 2012.

Difficulties in Funding the State Water Plan

Several sessions of FAILED proposed funding mechanisms for long term for 4 main reasons:

- 1. Opposition by group most heavily impacted.
  - Water rights/Conservation development fee would have exempted Ag and residential, but would have cost industry hundreds of millions a year.
  - Removal of sales tax exemption on bottled water, fought by those businesses.
- 2. Opposition from the entity having to collect the fee
  - Example was TX Municipal League against the tap fee
- 3. Exclusion of Ag from contributing, even though they use over 50% of the water in Texas
- 4. Legislators afraid to raise fees/taxes



## Plan needs long term funding solution

- State Water Plan estimates \$53 Billion needed for capital projects by 2060.
  - Going into 2013 Session, looked like we needed funding source of \$150 Million a year (can be leveraged with bonds, federal funding, local funding).
    - Most traction Proposal was on electrical meters
    - While not ideal philosophically since fee on electricity and not water, lacking better annual funding solution
    - Electrics/Municipals have worked out collection allowanc
  - Texas Blessed with oil and gas boom, adding significant resources (Billions) to the Rainy Day Fund
    - Majority of legislators seem to agree that using the "rainy day fund" is the best way to finance the Texas Water Plan



## Texas Legislative Solution-2 major parts

- Part 1 is HB4 by Chairman Ritter and SB4 by Chairman Fraser
- Creates State Water Implementation Fund for Texas (SWIFT) water infrastructure bank that operates as a revolving account for financing projects included in the State Water Plan
  - Support thru state funding of locally identified water projects
  - Funds lent through SWIFT would be repaid and made available for future local and regional water projects
  - \$2 Billion investment in SWIFT would satisfy the \$27 billion in stateassisted financing requested by local planning groups implementing projects over next 50 years.



- Several bills filed in House and Senate
- Allocate \$2 Billion from Rainy Day Fund as one time funding source
- No significant opposition to water funding
- Disagreement is in whether to take it to the voters to avoid the Constitutional spending cap
- Prognosis for passage of water funding is better than it has ever been



### Time to \$Fund the Texas Water Plan



- Texas Legislature rises to the occasion when issues must be resolved: Worst 1 year drought in history in 2011 covering 99% of the State, costing Billions of dollars
- Funding the State Water Plan is not a silver bullet solution
- Several proven water tools will be necessary
  - Conservation
  - Surface Water projects
  - Groundwater projects
  - Reuse and other



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- Water conservation will still be necessary thru-out Texas
  - Efficiency of use & decreased demand on existing supplies
  - Savings from every sector including Industrial Users: Ensure we are not viewed as water hogs; we must demonstrate water efficiency
- Surface Water
  - Connection to existing supplies via pipelines and other tools
  - Building/expanding water treatment plants
  - Stream diversions
  - Reservoirs
- Groundwater
  - New Wells
  - Aquifer Management



### Water Management Tools that work

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- Reuse treated wastewater for irrigation, etc.
- Treatment of Brackish Water
- Desalinization
- Conjunctive use of surface and groundwater



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