Determination and Administration

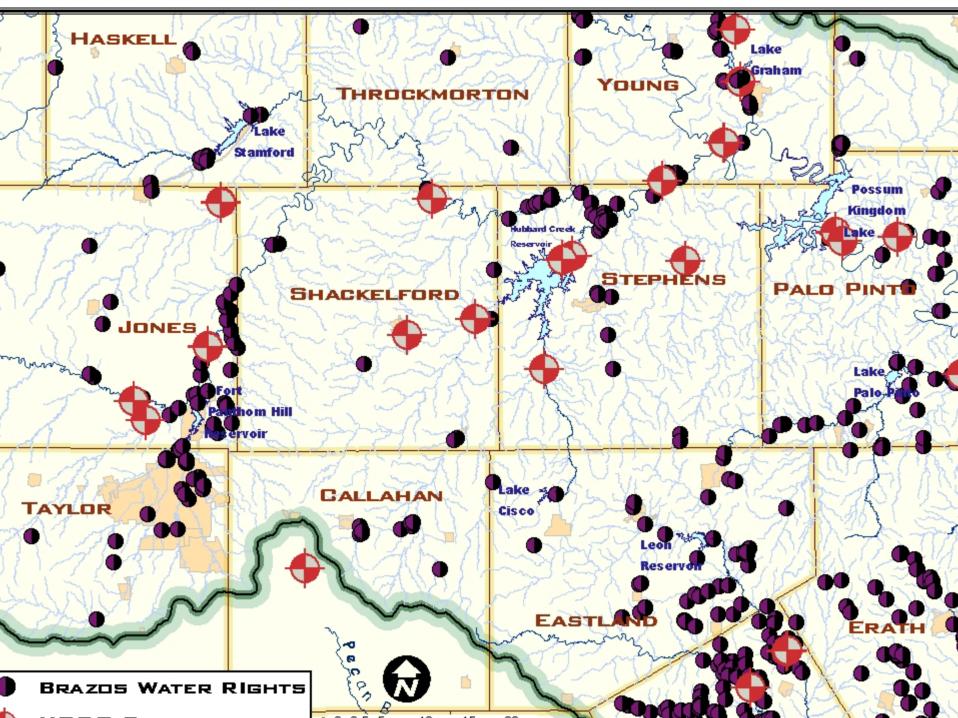
Of
Over-Appropriated
Basins in Texas

Water Availability Models

- Prior Appropriation Models.
- Model for each of the 23 River Basins.
- Over 8,000 water rights, and 191,000 miles of Streams and Rivers modeled.

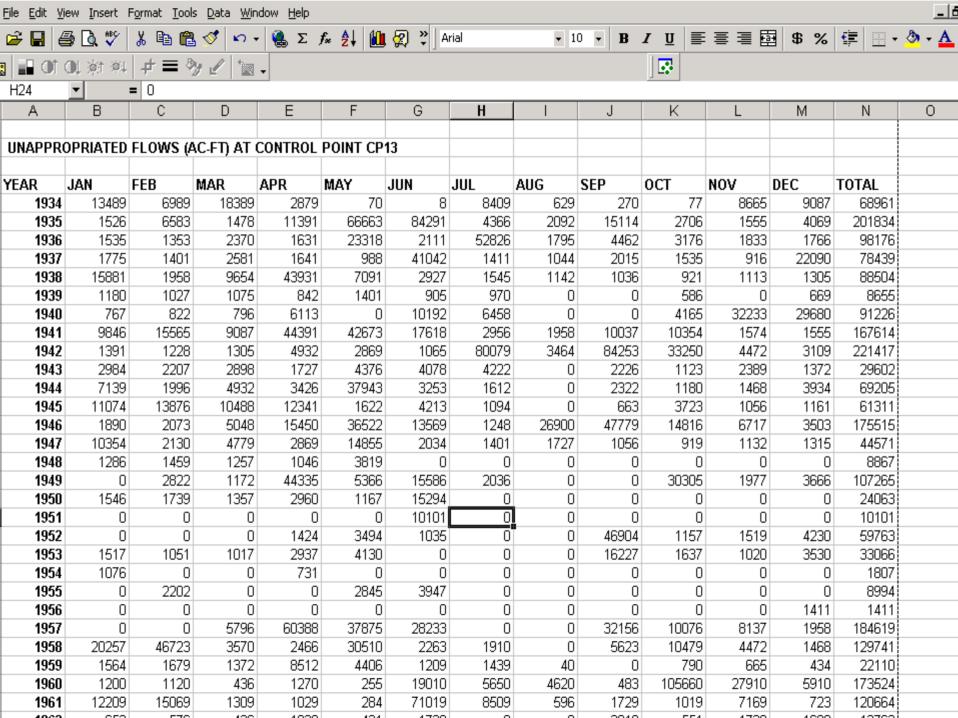
Using the WAM

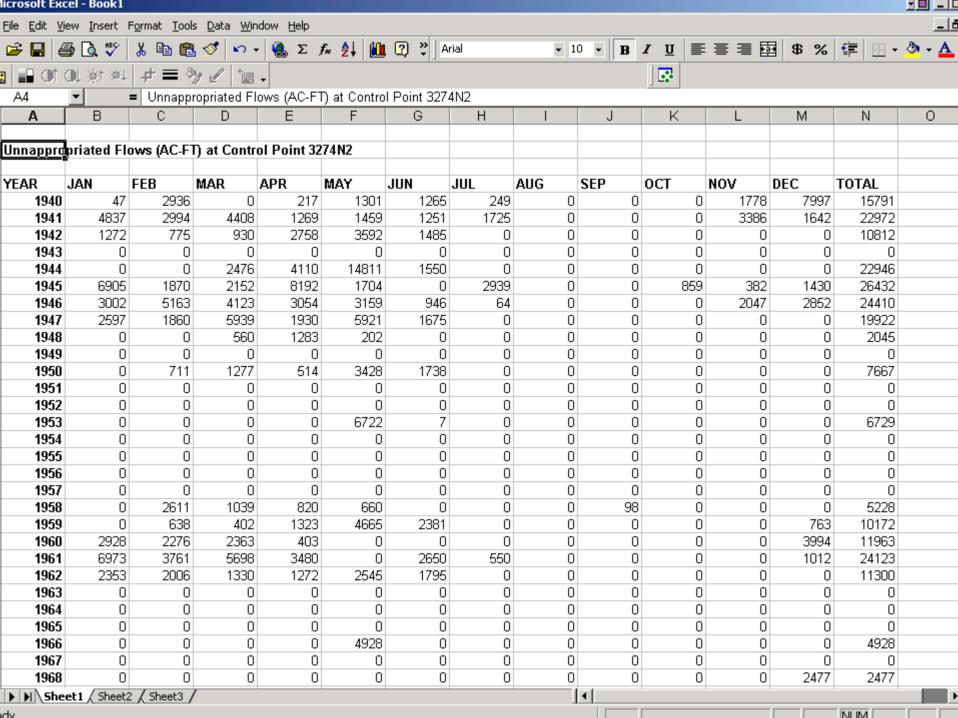
- Reliability of Existing Water Rights
- Availability analysis for new applications
- Regulated and Unappropriated Flow at each control point
- General Availability of Water



Unappropriated Water

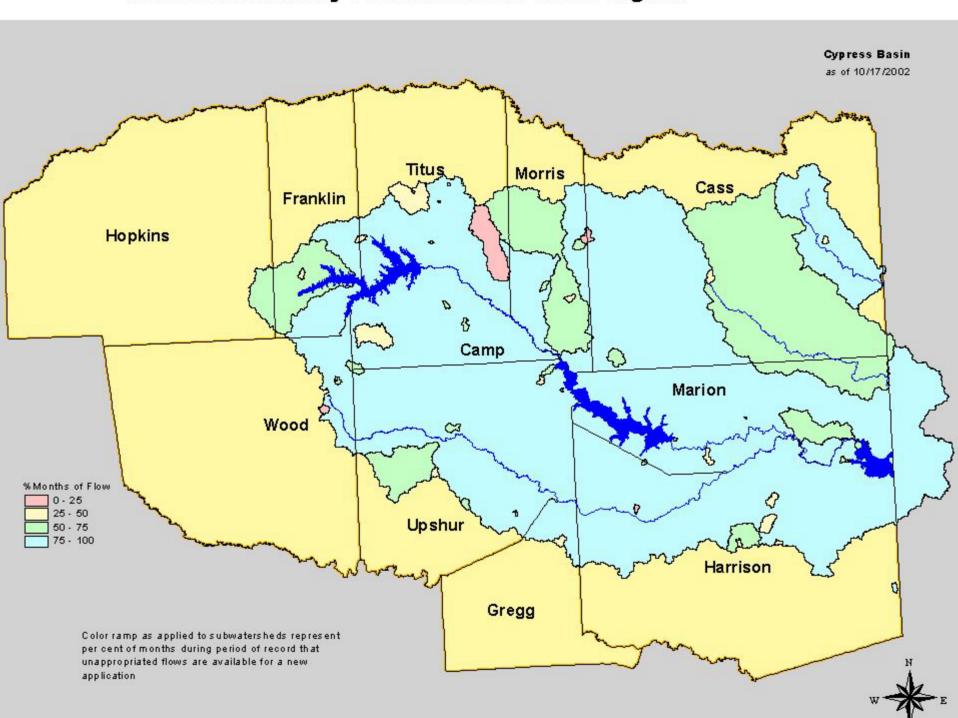
- A Calculated volume.
- Dependent on location and priority date.
- What's left after diversions, and downstream senior water rights and instream flows are satisfied.





General Availability

- For each control point that defines an upstream subwatershed, the percentage of months with any unappropriated water present was determined.
- Each control point placed into one of 4 general groups (0-25%, 25-50%, 50-75%, >75%)

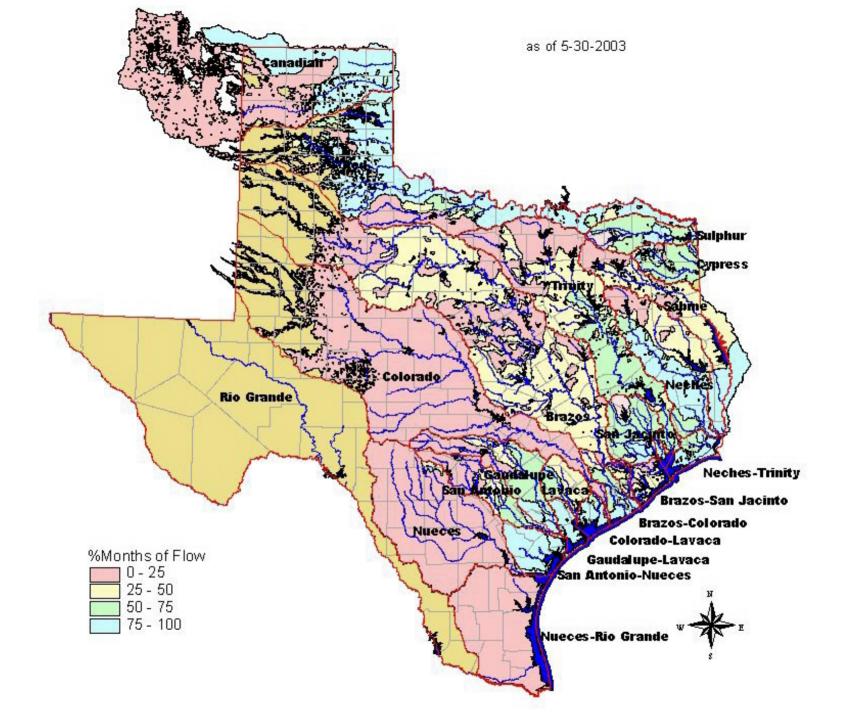


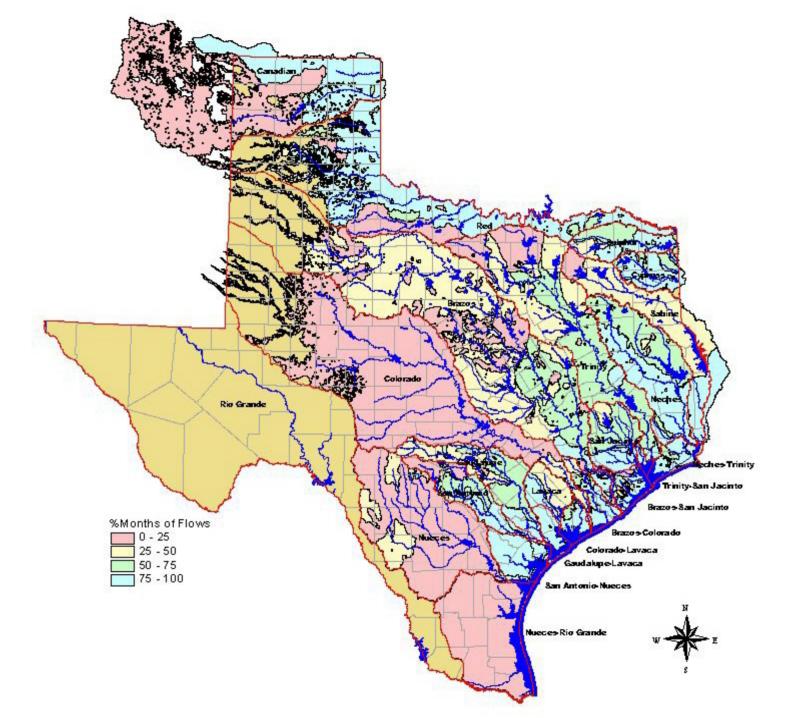
Water Availability Evalution for New Perpetual Rights



Run 3 vs. Run 8

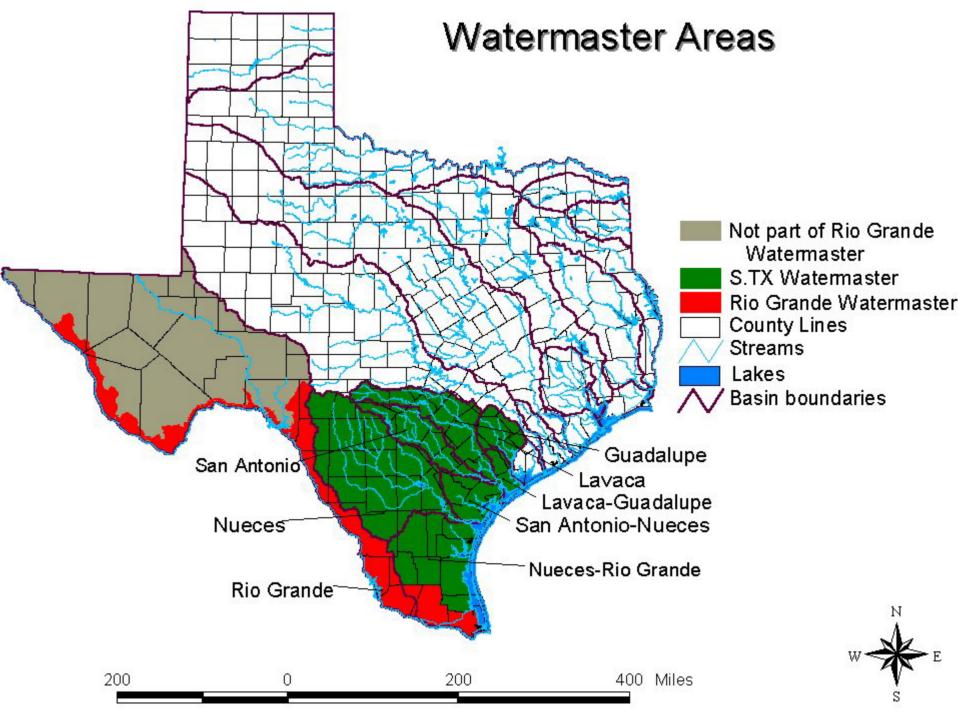
- Perpetual Water rights evaluated using Run 3, assumptions include full authorized amount, no return flows. (Most conservative)
- Term water rights evaluated using Run 8, assumptions include max. last 10 years use, reported return flows.





Administration

- Texas has appointed Watermasters in 2 areas, and a third is proposed.
- Rio Grande Watermaster developed as a result of litigation in the 1950s.
- Legislation currently pending in TX legislature to establish a Watermaster on the Concho (Upper Colorado)



Rio Grande

- Three types of water right 'DMI' (domestic, municipal, industrial), Type A, and Type B
- DMI have priority come out of firm yield of U.S. share of system yield
- Type A and B get allocation from remaining water 7:5, A:B.

Rio Grande, cont.

- Rio Grande system is closed no new water rights granted. New diverters must buy and convert existing rights
- Some tributary rights, and water rights upstream of Amistad are handled on a priority basis.

South Texas Watermaster

- Lavaca, Guadalupe, SanAntonio, Nueces and coastal basins covered by STW.
- All basins operated on a priorappropriation basis, with 'cooperation' between users.