



LCRA Firm Water Rates for Calendar Year 2027

Water Operations Committee Meeting
Sept. 23, 2026



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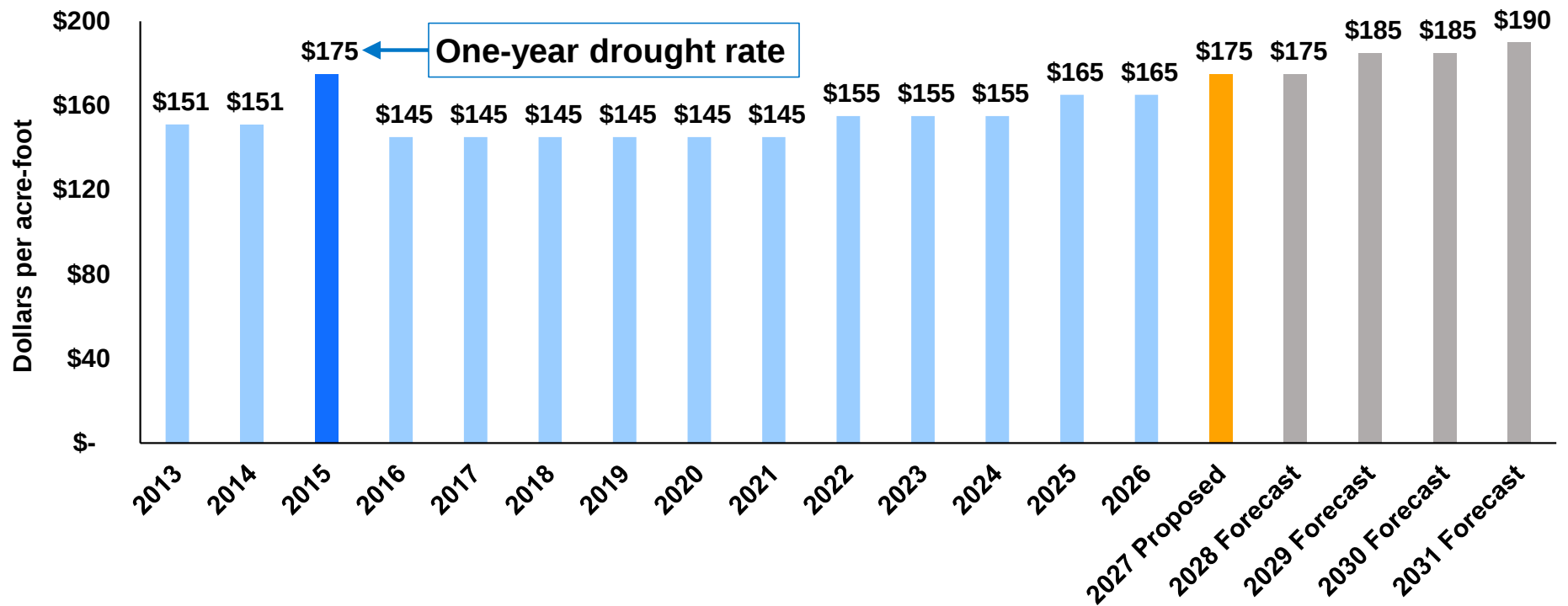
Increasing Firm Water Costs

- New water supply projects
- Capital projects at Lake Buchanan and Lake Travis
- Overall cost increases



Firm Water Use Rate History and Forecast*

**Proposed increase to \$175 =
1.2% average year-over-year increase since 2013**



*Water use rate is applied to the volume of water diverted at the river. Most firm water contracts also pay a reservation rate equal to one-half of the use rate applied to the volume of water reserved but not used.

LCRA Firm Water Rates

Category	Current rate (per a-f)	Proposed rate (per a-f)
Use (diversion rate)	\$165.00	\$175.00
Reservation rate	\$82.50	\$87.50
Inverted block rate	\$330.00	\$350.00

Summary of Public Comments

- About 20 comments received
- Topics include:
 - Domestic use customers should not be subject to rate increase
 - Increase efforts to get more lakefront diverters under contract
 - Large municipal and commercial customers (not domestic users) should pay for capital projects
 - Rate increase is coming too soon after the 2025 increase
 - Interruptible customers should pay more of dam-related costs
 - Water rates should be decreased in times of drought
 - Two comments in favor of the rate increase

Rates Update Timeline

Date	Activity
Aug. 3-Sept. 1, 2026	Public comment period
Aug. 19, 2026	LCRA Board discussion
Sept. 23, 2026	Request LCRA Board approval
January 2027	If approved, rates go into effect for the January billing period



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