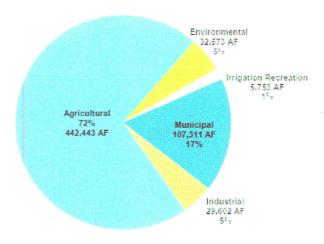


## LCRA Water Use

Calendar Year 2009 Total 617.682 AF



## THE FACTS:

- According to LCRA, Agriculture/Interruptible Customers received 72% of the water in 2009.
- According to LCRA, Firm Customers used 23%, and Environmental Customers used 5% in 2009.
- According to LCRA, the Lakes are doing their job by providing water downstream for Firm (23% see above) and Interruptible (72% see above) customers.
- Agriculture/Interruptible Customers pay \$6 an acre foot for Raw Stored Water.
- Firm Customers (Cities, Industry & Individuals) pay \$151 an acre foot for Raw Stored Water.
- Both Ag/Interruptible and Firm water customers also pay additional service and delivery fees.
- In the 1930's, the population in Central Texas was approx. 100,000, the Ag Industry downstream was booming, and Flooding was a major issue.
- In 2012, the population in Central Texas is approximately 2,000,000, population downstream is declining (98,000), and Droughts as well as Floods are a major issue.
- Official 2011 numbers have not been released by LCRA, but it appears 465,000 AF went to the rice
  operations in the three lower counties; these 4 rice operations had a 'bumper crop' while the rest of
  Texas agriculture businesses LOST \$7 billion dollars; livestock was significantly impacted and will take
  at least 5 years to recover IF the drought does not continue.

## IS THIS SOUND MANAGEMENT OF A PRECIOUS WATER RESOURCE? OR IS IT TIME FOR A CHANGE?

- The LCRA should reevaluate their current policies and practices to reflect the economic and demographic changes in our basin.
- If you support the reevaluation of LCRA water management policies and want more information, see
   <u>www.ourwater-ourfuture.com</u>. Join us as we work together to help foster change that will meet the
   needs of the Entire Lower Colorado Basin.