

# Texas Water Policy: History, Development, & Future Challenges

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## Topic: Texas Water Policy: History, Development, & Future Challenges

Water is the common denominator of all life on Earth, surely our most precious natural resource, as all master gardeners know so well. Texans have tended to respond to droughts during their attack more so than preparing for their never-ending recurring visits. Join Dr. Porter as he plots the history of water policy development in Texas, analyzes the key water policy decisions made by the legislature and the courts over the years, discusses where we are now in water policy development, and offers ideas to face future water challenges in rapidly growing Texas.

### Speaker: Charles Porter, Ph.D.

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Charles Porter, Ph.D., is an award-winning author, speaker, testifying real estate expert in over 600 cases nationwide, and has served in various faculty teaching roles at St. Edward's University since 2008. In 2016 he earned a Ph.D. in Economics and Business from the Universitat Jaume I in Spain with "Cum Laude" distinction. He is also a water rights expert. In addition to his many published works, he is the author of *Sharing the Common Pool: Water Rights in the Everyday Lives of Texans* (2014), and his newest college textbook is titled *Public Water Policies: The Ultimate Weapons of Social Control* (2018). He is currently working on another college textbook, titled *Water Rights and Policies in the United States: A State-By-State Analysis*, outlining the water rights of all 50 states of the United States.

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