



Mission Statement

The Angelina & Neches River Authority shall conserve, store, control, preserve, use, and distribute the storm water, floodwater and the water of the rivers and streams of the state in the Neches River Basin for the benefit of the human environment and the natural environment.

Purpose

Acting under the broad authority of the Texas State Constitution and Chapter 8501, Special District and Local Laws Code, the Authority, as a conservation and reclamation district, has the same power of control and regulation over the waters of the Neches River and its tributaries that the state has, subject to the constitution and statutes of this state.

Powers Relating To Flooding

The Authority may:

- (1) prevent the devastation of land from recurrent overflows;
- (2) protect life and property in the authority from uncontrolled floodwater; and
- (3) encourage the conservation of soil to prevent destructive erosion and to prevent the increased flood menace related to that erosion.

Powers Relating To the Use of Water In General

The Authority may:

- (1) through practical means, provide for the control and coordination of the regulation of the water of the Neches River and its tributaries;
- (2) by adequate organization and administration, provide for preserving the equitable rights of the people of different sections of the watershed area in the beneficial use of the water of the Neches River and its tributaries;
- (3) store, control, and conserve the water of the Neches River and its tributaries inside or outside the authority and prevent the escape of that water without the maximum of public service;
- (4) equitably distribute the water of the Neches River and its tributaries to meet the regional potential requirements for all uses, including domestic, manufacturing, and irrigation uses; and
- (5) use controlled and conserved floodwater and storm water for any purpose that results in the performance of a useful service authorized by the constitution of this state.

Powers Relating To Domestic, Commercial, or Industrial Use of Water

The Authority may:

- (1) conserve the water of the Neches River and its tributaries essential for the domestic uses of the people of the authority, including all necessary water supplies for cities and towns;

- (2) control the water of the Neches River and its tributaries and make the water available for use in the development of commercial and industrial enterprises in the entire watershed area of the authority; and
- (3) control, store, and use the water of the Neches River and its tributaries in the development and distribution of hydroelectric power, if that use is economically coordinated with other superior uses and subordinated to the uses declared by law to be superior.

Powers Relating To Use of Water for Irrigation

The Authority may:

Provide for the irrigation of all land in the authority or land outside the authority but inside the authority's watershed area where the irrigation is required for agricultural purposes or is considered helpful to more profitable agricultural production.

Powers Relating To Drainage of Water

The Authority may:

- (1) provide for the better encouragement and development of drainage systems for, and provide for the drainage of, lands in the valleys of the Neches River and its tributaries as needed for profitable agricultural production; and
- (2) provide for drainage for other land in the watershed area of the authority as required for the most advantageous use of the land.

Powers Relating To the Acquisition of Operation of Works, Land or Other Property

The Authority may:

- (1) purchase or construct any work necessary or convenient for the exercise of the authority's powers under this chapter and to accomplish the purposes of this chapter;
- (2) purchase or otherwise acquire land or other property necessary or convenient for carrying out the purposes of this chapter; and
- (3) The plans and works provided by the authority, and the works provided under the power of the authority, shall regard primarily the necessary and potential needs for water by or within the area in the authority constituting the watershed of the Neches River and its tributaries.

Coordination and Joint Planning Undertakings Among Districts

The Authority may:

- (1) coordinate its plans with the authority; a drainage, conservation, reclamation, or other district created by this state with powers provided in Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution; and
- (2) enter into joint undertakings with other districts for the purposes for which the entities are created. The acts taken under Subsection (1) must be approved by a majority of the boards of directors of all the districts involved.

Statutes Relevant to Authority Operations

Texas Constitution

- Article 16 General Provisions
- Section 59 Conservation and Development of Natural Resources and Parks and
 Recreational Facilities; Conservation and Reclamation Districts

Special Districts and Local Laws Code

- Chapter 8501 Angelina & Neches River Authority

Local Government Code

- Chapter 245 Issuance of Local Permits
- Chapter 395 Financing Capital Improvements Required by New Development in
 Municipalities, Counties and Certain Other Local Governments
- Chapter 501 Provisions Governing Development Corporations

Government Code

- Chapter 551 Open Meetings
- Chapter 552 Open Records
- Chapter 2256 Public Funds Investment

Texas Water Code

- Chapter 7 Enforcement
- Chapter 11 Water Rights
- Chapter 12 Provisions Generally Applicable to Water Rights
- Chapter 26 Water Quality Control
- Chapter 30 Regional Waste Disposal
- Chapter 49 Provisions Applicable to All Districts

Natural Resources Code

- Chapter 71 Lease for Mineral Development