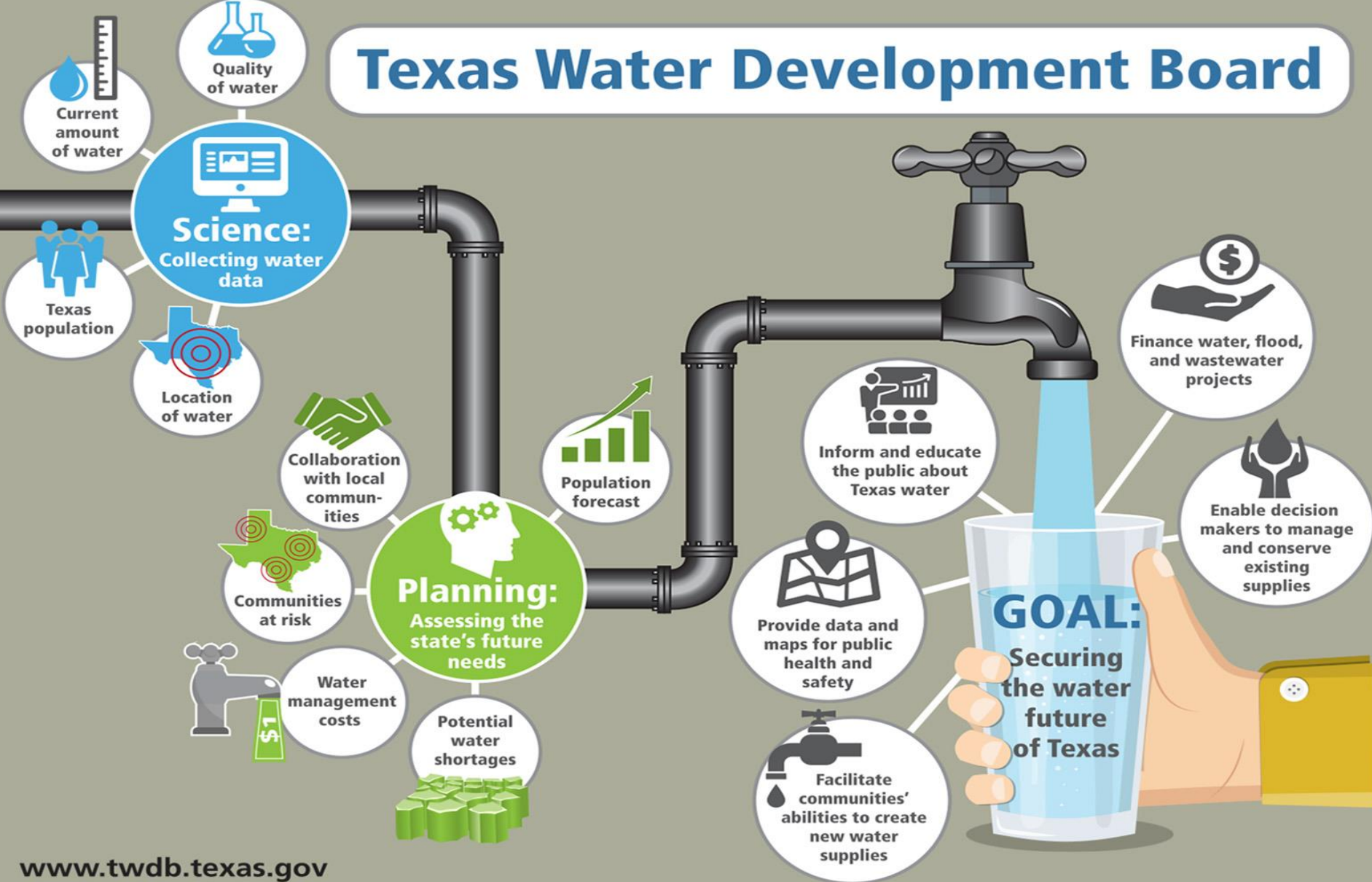


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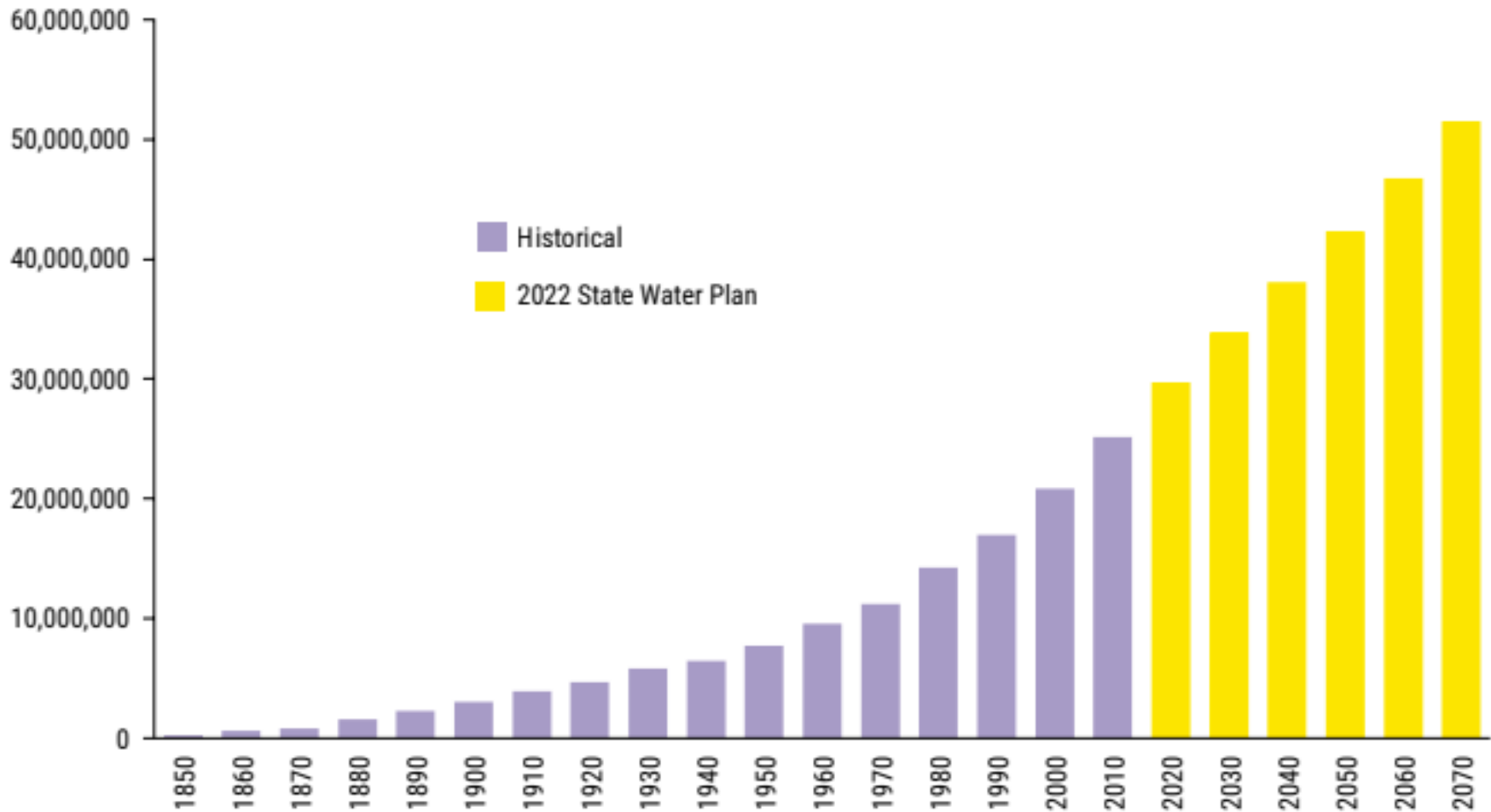
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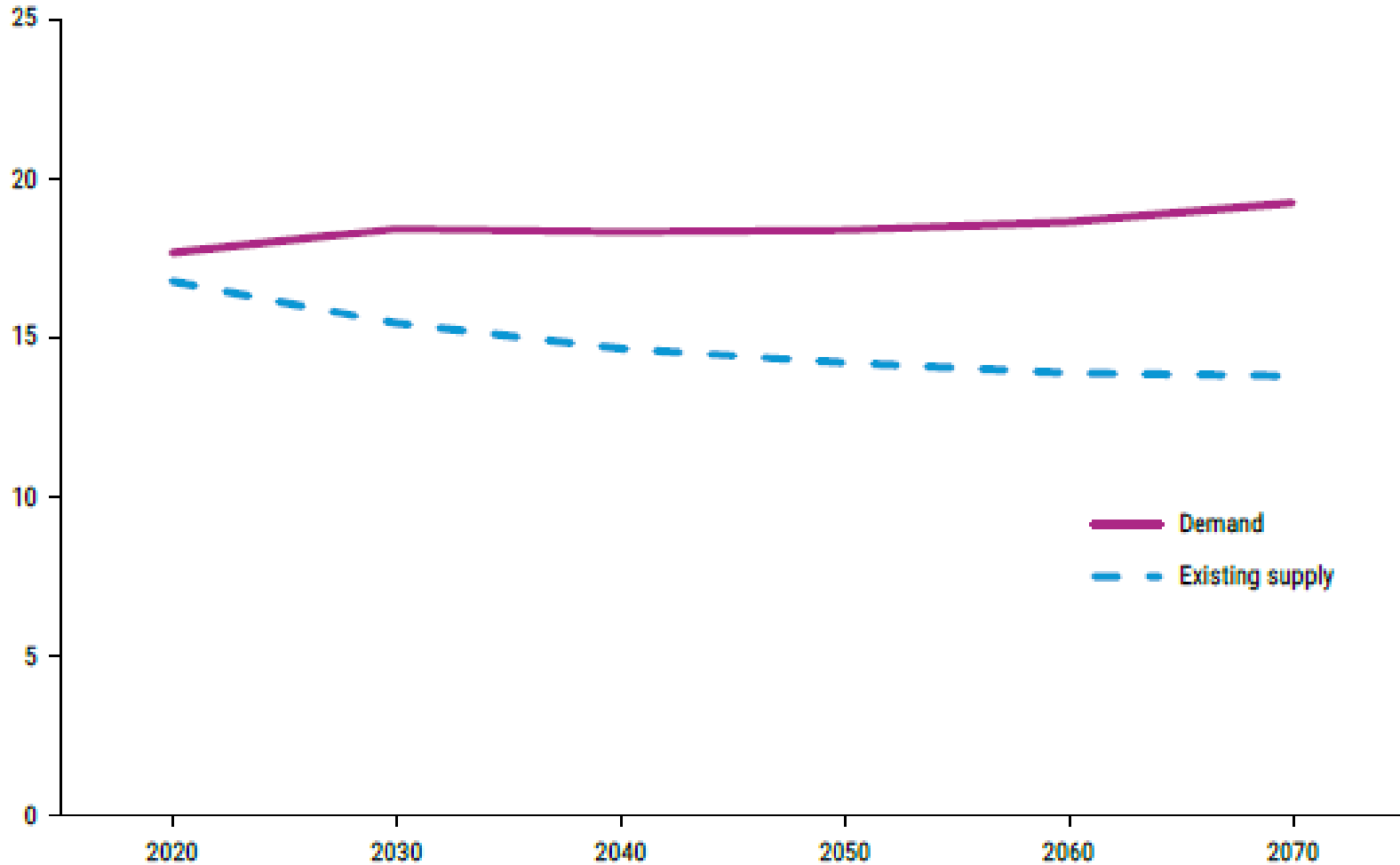


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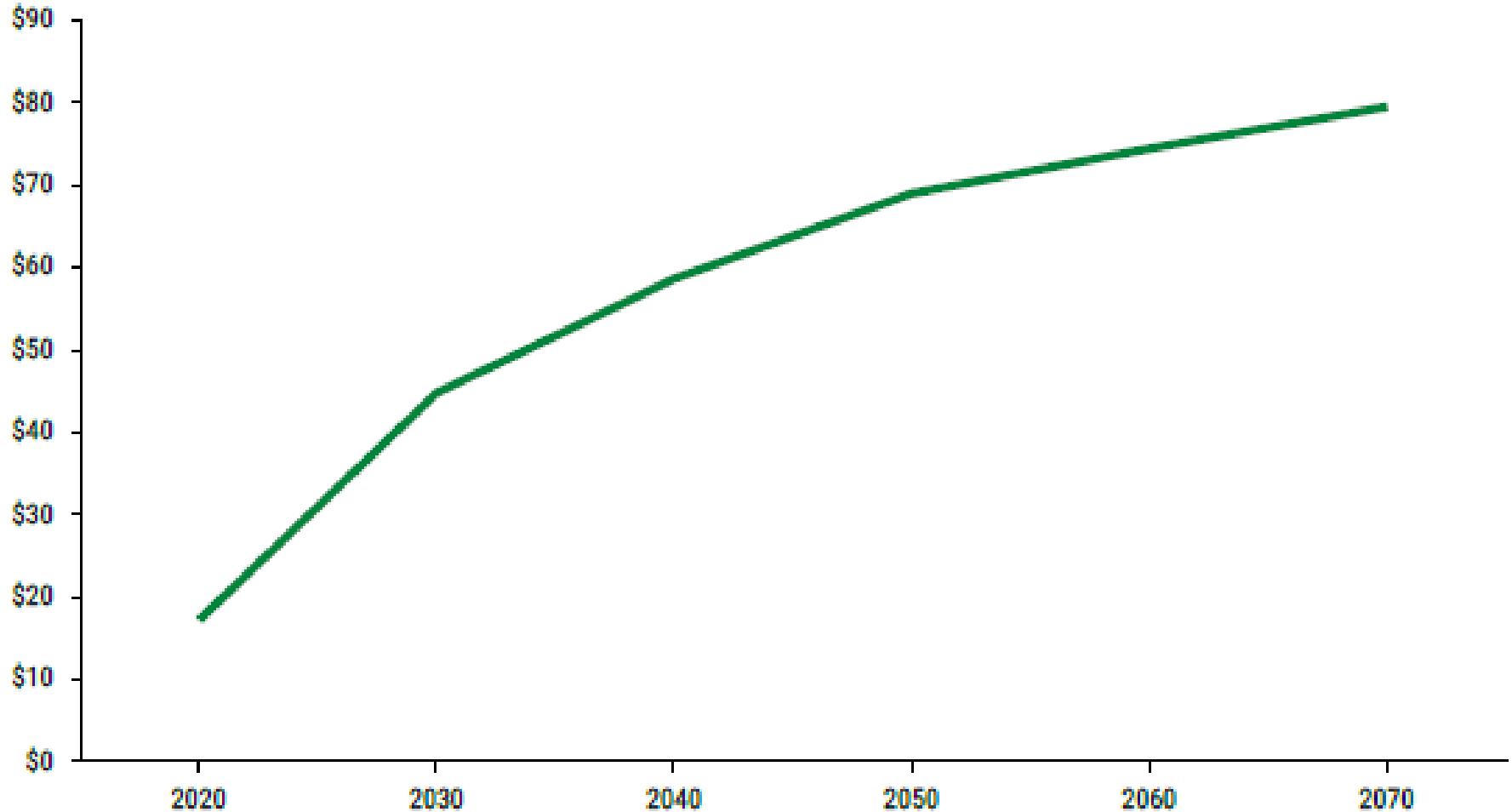
# Population Growth



# Supply and Demand



# Total Capital Costs



# 88<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session

# TWDB Budget

## Project Funding

- \$1 billion – Texas Water Fund
- \$625 million – Flood Infrastructure Fund
- \$125 million – Federal match for SRF programs

## Employees

- 5% pay raise across the board
- \$3 million: Targeted salary increases for key positions
- Funding for about 80 new positions

# SB 28 / Proposition 6

- Created the **Texas Water Fund**
- **\$1 billion** deposit
- Resounding approval from **voters**
  - 78% voted for Prop 6
  - 1.97 million votes
- **\$750 million** to supplement TWDB programs that already exist
- **\$250 million**: New Water Supply for Texas Fund



# SB 28 / Proposition 6

- Specifically mentioned in bill:
  - Rural communities
  - Cities under 150,000 population
  - Projects where all permitting is complete
  - Statewide public awareness campaign
  - Water conservation strategies
  - Water loss mitigation projects

# New Water Supply for Texas Fund

- Goal: create new water supply sources for TX
- \$250 million deposit
- Examples:
  - Desalination (both seawater and brackish groundwater)
  - Produced water treatment
  - Aquifer storage and recovery
- Public-private partnerships allowed

# Looking Ahead

- Rulemaking and stakeholder input
  - New Water Supply Fund
  - Rural Water Assistance Fund
  - Public awareness campaign
  - Water loss audits