

**LNRA BOARD POLICY**  
**603 – ACQUISITION OF WATER RIGHTS**

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**603.10 PURPOSE**

This policy establishes directives and guidelines for the acquisition of additional water rights within the Lavaca River Basin and its adjoining coastal basins.

**603.20 POLICY**

**603.201 DEFINITIONS**

- Lavaca River Basin means and includes the drainage area for the Lavaca River, the Navidad River, and their respective tributaries within portions of Fayette, Colorado, Wharton, Lavaca, Dewitt, and Jackson Counties.
- Colorado-Lavaca Coastal Basin means and includes the drainage area along the Texas coast covering portions of Wharton, Matagorda, and Jackson Counties.
- Lavaca-Guadalupe Coastal Basin means and includes the drainage area along the Texas coast covering portions of Jackson, Lavaca, Victoria, Dewitt, and Calhoun Counties.
- Water Right means existing rights and any amendments thereto acquired under the laws of this state to impound, divert, store, convey, take or use state water.

**603.202 ACQUISITION OF WATER RIGHTS**

The Board declares that it is the policy of LNRA to acquire additional water rights within the Lavaca River Basin, the Colorado-Lavaca Coastal Basin, and the Lavaca-Guadalupe Coastal Basin. Such water rights may be acquired to assist LNRA in carrying out its statutory obligations; to enhance LNRA's total surface water supply; to increase the firm-yield of Lake Texana; to increase LNRA's operational flexibility; and/or to minimize possible adverse impacts to LNRA's then existing water rights.

**METHOD OF ACQUISITION**

- The use of the power of eminent domain to acquire additional water rights is hereby prohibited.
- Funding for the purchase of additional water rights may be from any and all sources available to LNRA under current law and in accordance with applicable Board policy and By-laws.

**603.30 RESPONSIBILITIES**

**603.301 GENERAL MANAGER**

The General Manager or his designee is hereby authorized to negotiate and execute purchase and sale agreements and other related transfer documents for LNRA to acquire additional water rights in accordance with this policy. The General Manager shall be responsible for the implementation and coordination of this policy.

**Effective:** April 23, 2008