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CHAPTER 9: INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCING ANALYSIS

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List of Abbreviations

IFR	Infrastructure Financing Report
RWP	Regional Water Plans
RWPG	Regional Water Planning Group
TWDB	Texas Water Development Board
WMS	Water Management Strategies
WUG	Water User Group

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9.1 INTRODUCTION

The infrastructure financing analysis is important to ensure that entities can receive funding to meet their water needs. Senate Bill 2 of the 77th Texas Legislature incorporated the Infrastructure Financing Report (IFR) requirement into the regional water planning process. For purposes of the IFR, each regional water planning group (RWPG) is required to determine proposed financing for all the water management strategies (WMSs) with capital costs that were proposed in this round of planning. For each of these strategies, the RWPG must determine the funding needed to implement the strategy and what types of funding are likely to be accessed.

According to Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) guidelines, the primary objectives of the IFR are to determine the following:

- The number of entities with identified needs for additional water supplies that will be unable to pay for their water infrastructure needs without outside financial assistance;
- How much of the infrastructure costs in the Regional Water Plans (RWPs) cannot be paid for solely through local utility revenue sources;
- The financing options proposed by entities to meet future water infrastructure needs (including the identification of any state funding sources considered); and
- What role(s) the RWPGs propose for the state in financing the recommended water supply projects.

The TWDB will provide the RWPGs with an IFR survey used to obtain information about each water user group (WUG) entity's plan to finance the WMS recommended for them in the RWP.

The tabulated survey results are presented in Appendix F.