

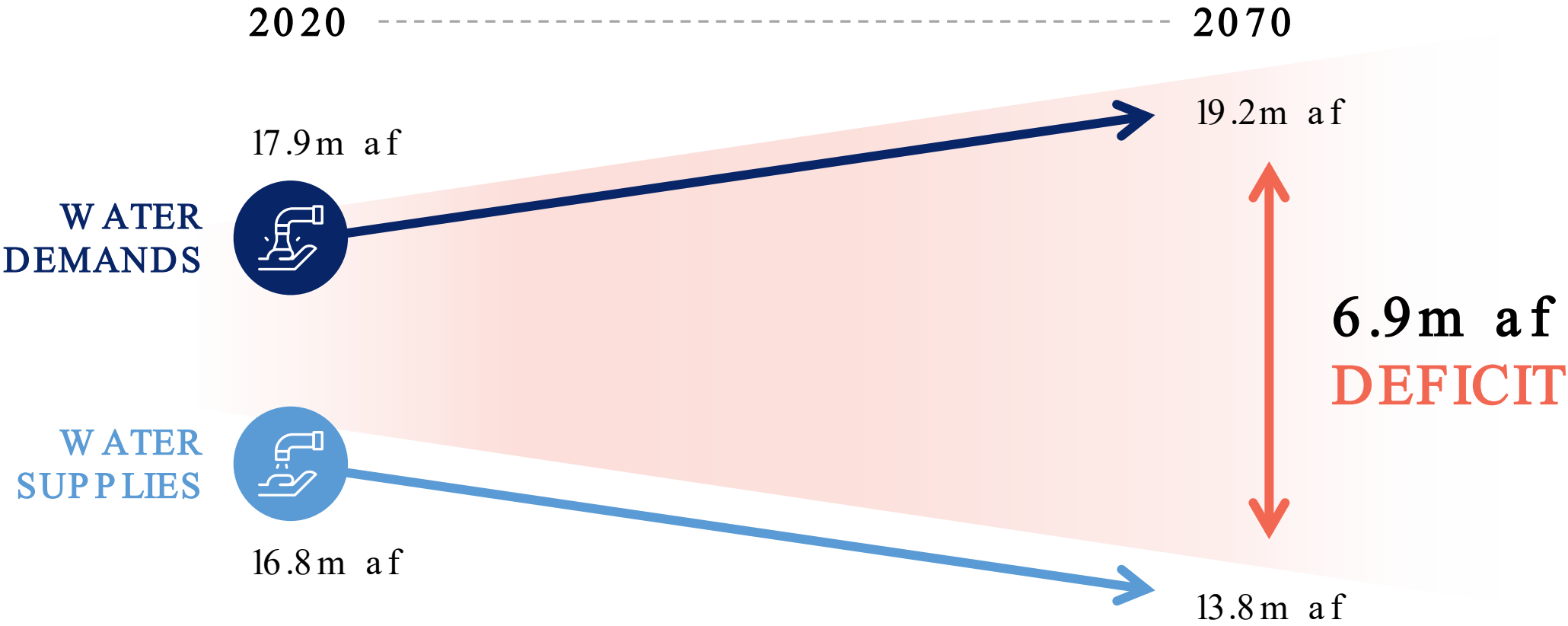
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Long-Term Water Funding:

**An Economic Development Priority
for 2025 and Beyond**

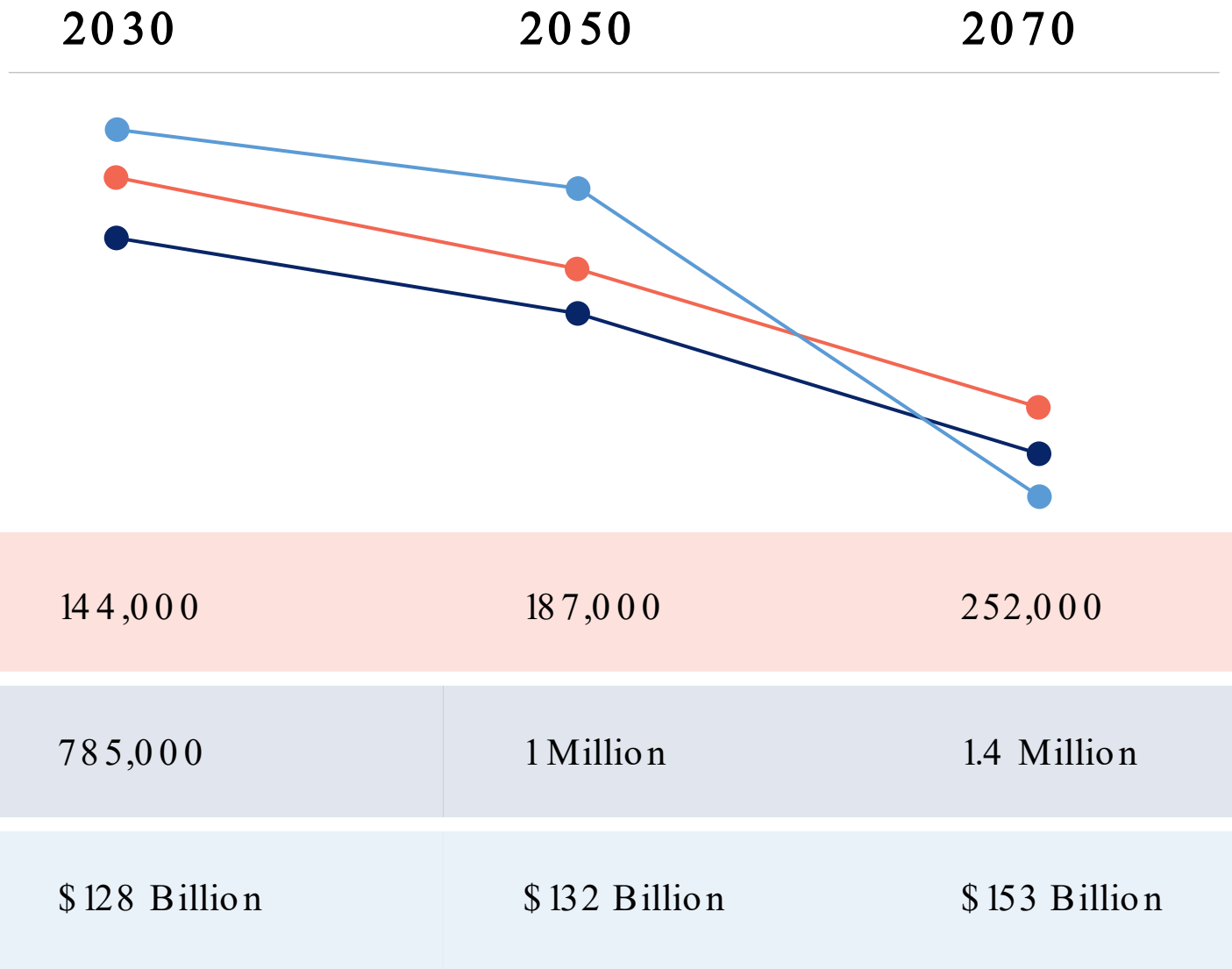
State Bar of Texas
2024 Environmental Superconference
August 1, 2024

Texas Faces a Water Supply Deficit



Source: 2022 Texas State Water Plan

Failing to Build Water Supplies Invites Economic Crisis



LEAVING TEXAS



JOBS LOST



GDP LOSS

Source: 2022 Texas State Water Plan

Our Water Infrastructure is **Deteriorating**



STATE INFRASTRUCTURE GRADES

C- Water
Infrastructure

D Wastewater
Infrastructure

Source: American Society of Civil Engineers



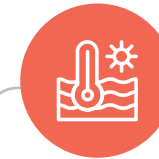
PIPE LEAKS

572,000

Acre feet

of water lost annually
due to leaky pipes
across Texas.

Source: Texas Living Waters Project



BOIL WATER NOTICES

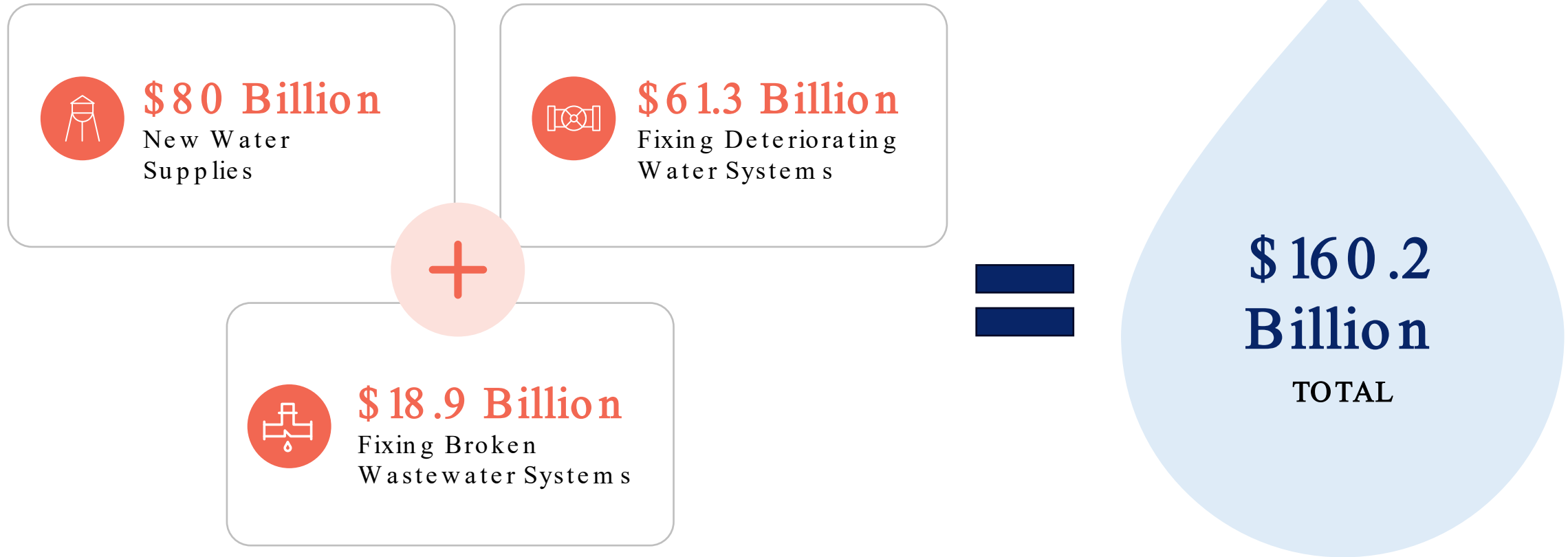
2,200

Average

Boil water
notices per year
since 2018.

*Source: Texas Commission
on Environmental Quality*

Our Water Challenges Require Investment



Sources: 2022 Texas State Water Plan, US EPA

State Leaders Have Begun Addressing these Challenges

SRFs

- Clean & Drinking Water state revolving funds (SRFs)
- May only be used to assist utilities with Safe Drinking Water and Clean Water act compliance
- US IIIA provided greater SRF funding but with significant requirements for lead service line replacement and PFAS removal
- Earmarks diminishing state's SRF allotments

SWIFT

- Approved in 2013
- Capitalized with \$2 billion
- Restricted to State Water Plan projects
- Intended to finance \$27 billion over 50 years
- Has provided \$11.5 billion in commitments
- SWIFT balance was \$1.774 billion (June 2023)

73.3% Support!

Texas Water Fund

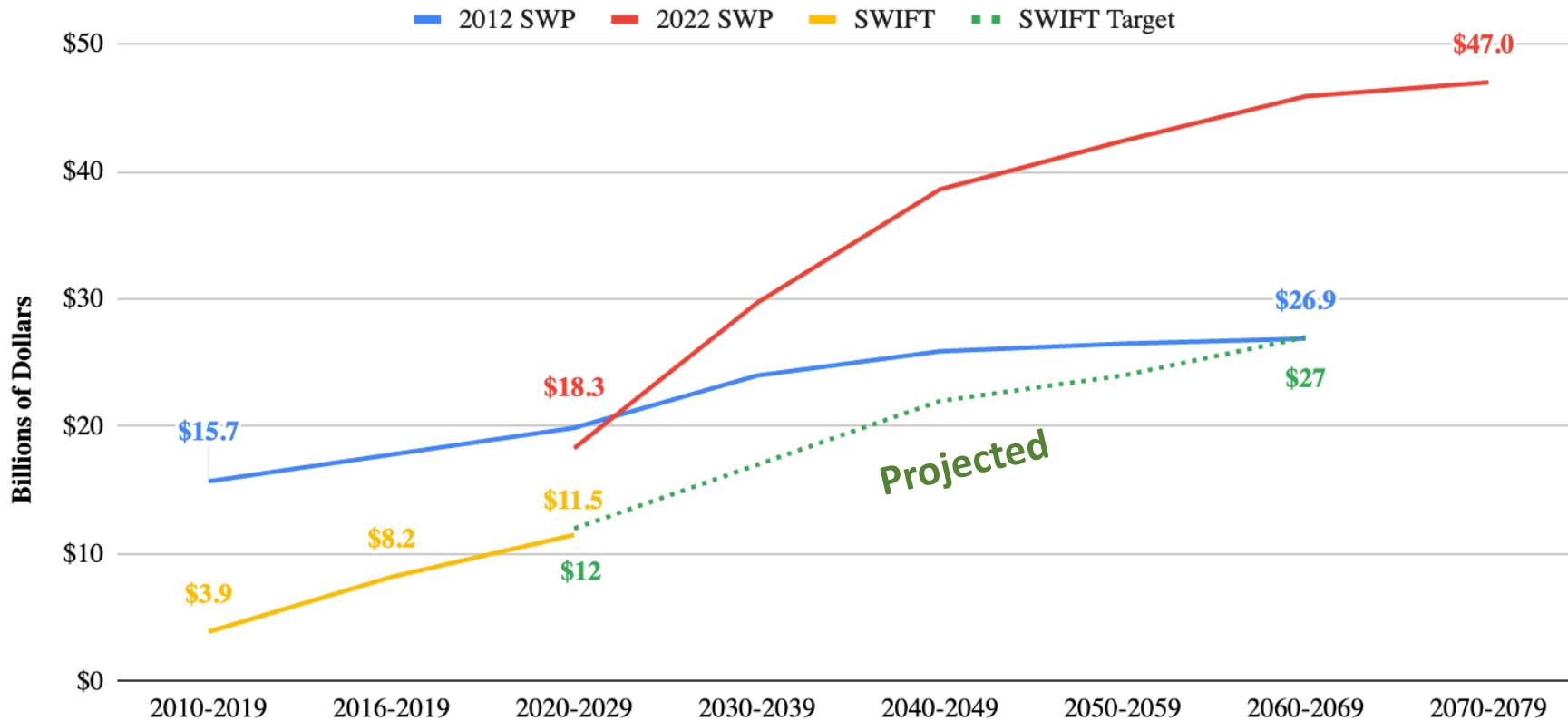
- Approved in 2023 (Proposition 6)
- Capitalized with one-time \$1 billion appropriation
- May be used for water supply and infrastructure projects

77.6% Support!

Projected State Water Plan Funding Gap

Data from 2012, 2017, 2022 State Water Plans and TWDB SWIFT commitments (2015-2023)

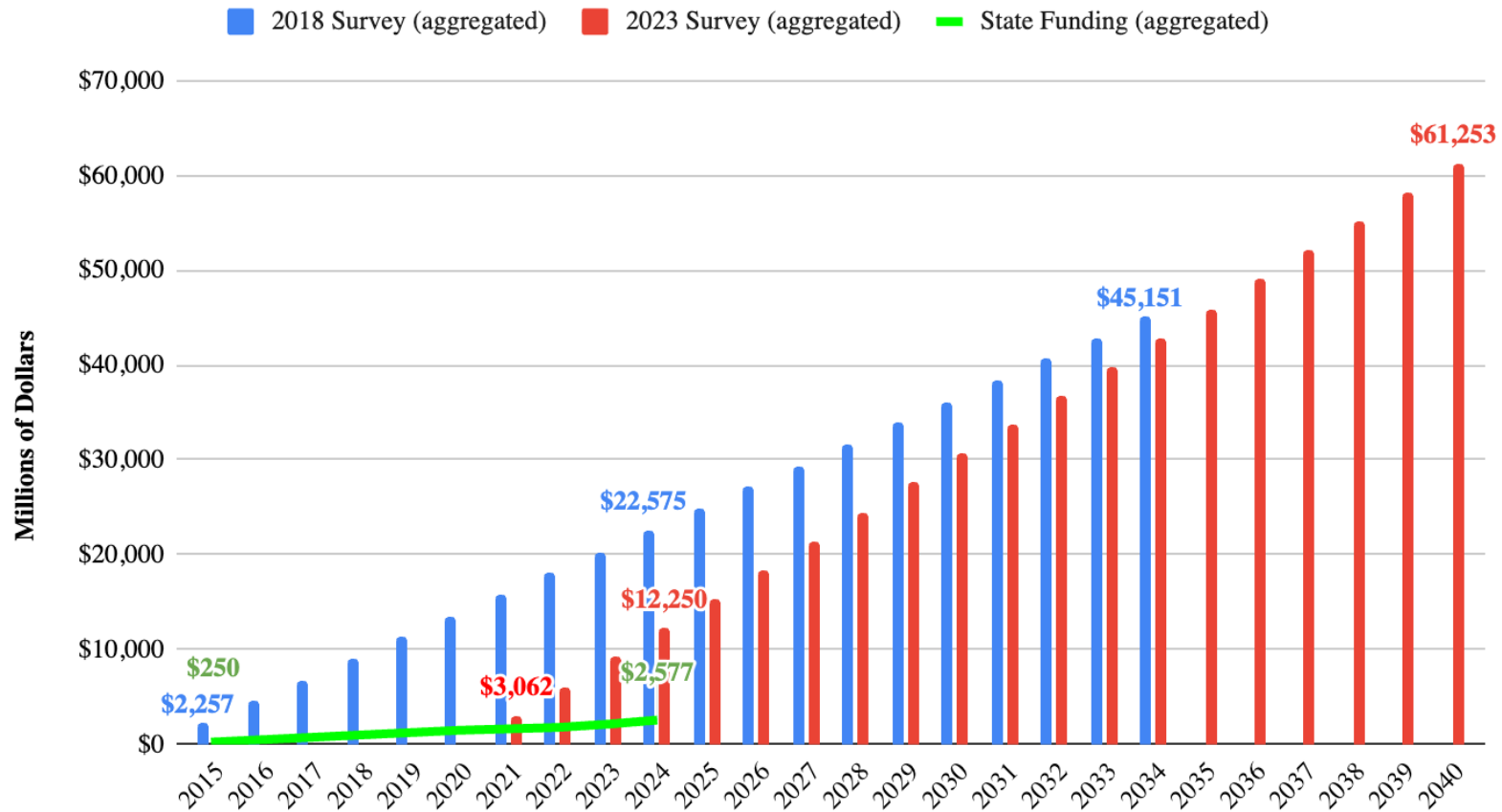
State Financial Assistance Needs by State Water Plan (SWP) by Decade vs. SWIFT Commitments



Drinking Water Infrastructure Funding Gap

Data from EPA's 2018 and 2023 Drinking Water needs surveys and TWDB's DWSRF IUPs (SFYs 2015-2024)

EPA DWSRF Needs Surveys (aggregated) vs. State Funding





Key Takeaway #1:

Texas needs a sustained investment in water infrastructure to meet future demands

And it's working:
With revenue
dedication comes
long-term
planning and more
efficient spending



Governor Abbott, TxDOT Announce Record \$142 Billion Transportation Investment

August 17, 2023 | Austin, Texas | [Press Release](#)

Governor Greg Abbott today announced a record \$142 billion in total investment for Texas' transportation infrastructure. The record investment includes the unanimous adoption of the \$100 billion 10-year statewide roadway construction plan with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) for transportation projects to enhance safety, improve congestion and connectivity, and preserve Texas roadways. This is a \$25 billion increase in total investment from the previous year.

“Thanks to our booming economy, Texas has achieved a major milestone in our transportation infrastructure with this record \$142 billion investment that will strengthen our roadways and build a next-generation transportation network,” said Governor Abbott. “Through this record transportation investment project, the State of Texas will further improve roadway congestion and safety to meet the growing needs of Texans in our large metros, rural communities, and everywhere in between. This plan will not only connect Texans from every corner of our state, it will also bolster our economic growth and ensure Texans and businesses continue to thrive for generations to come.”



Key Takeaway #2:

Investment in water infrastructure is economic development

Thank You!

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