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1. What are your top three legislative priorities if elected? If you do not list water availability as one of them, how do you rank water availability in Central Texas as an issue for you?	Education, water, and the rule of law
2. What concerns do you have that Central Texas will not have enough water in the future to support an additional one million in population and numerous large companies moving into the area?	Very large concerns. We have to take several actions to make this growth sustainable. Some of the positions below are a good start, but further action will also be needed.
3. As the demand for water and the need for new water supplies increase, understanding the hydrological connection between groundwater and surface water will be critical in developing policies to effectively manage these two resources. While both are consumable sources of water, they have been managed independently. Would you support the creation of an advisory board or legislative study to examine surface water and groundwater interaction?	I would support this.
4. Would you support legislation that would increase accountability and transparency for entities such as river authorities? If yes, would you support a publicly elected member to the LCRA Board of Directors to increase accountability and transparency?	I would support both of these policies.
5. The Central Texas region is projected to add up to one million more residents by 2030. With no significant water supply projects planned, more arid weather conditions becoming the norm, and declining inflows into the Highland Lakes (the region's primary source of drinking water), should the LCRA curtail its practice of selling mass quantities of water to downstream irrigators for the purpose of flooding fields for weed control?	Yes, it likely should.
6. LCRA municipal and business customers have subsidized downstream irrigators through inequitable water rates. Would you support ensuring all customers pay a fair rate that will encourage conservation and help fund new water supplies?	Yes, I would support this.