

Blanco-Pedernales Groundwater Conservation District

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To: The Board President and/or the Designated Representative of the Bandera County River Authority and Groundwater District, Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District, Blanco-Pedernales Groundwater Conservation District, Comal Trinity Groundwater Conservation District, Cow Creek Groundwater Conservation District, Headwaters Groundwater Conservation District, Hays-Trinity Groundwater Conservation District, Medina County Groundwater Conservation District, Southwestern Travis County Groundwater Conservation District, Trinity-Glen Rose Groundwater Conservation District, and

From: Ronald G. Fieseler, P.G., Chairman of GMA 9

RE: Approval of Proposed Desired Future Conditions, Proposed Designation of Non-Relevant Aquifers by GMA 9, and Public Hearing Process

Dear Board Presidents or Designated Representatives,

In accordance with Texas Water Code § 36.108(d-2), you are hereby notified that, during an Open Meeting held on March 22, 2021, GMA 9 voted and approved for distribution the following Proposed Desired Future Conditions (DFC) and proposed that various aquifers be designated as "Non-Relevant" in certain portions of GMA 9 for GMA 9 regional groundwater planning purposes.

Proposed Desired Future Conditions

Major or Minor Aquifer	Proposed Desired Future Condition*
Trinity	Allow for An Increase in Average Drawdown of Approximately 30 Feet Through 2060 (throughout GMA 9) Consistent With "Scenario 6" in TWDB GAM Task 10-005
Edwards-Trinity (Plateau)	Allow for No Net Increase in Average Drawdown in Bandera and Kendall Counties through 2080
Ellenburger-San Saba	Allow for An Increase in Average Drawdown of No More Than 7 Feet in Kendall County through 2080
Hickory	Allow for An Increase in Average Drawdown of No More Than 7 Feet in Kendall County through 2080

*Allow for DFC variance of up to five percent when comparing DFCs to average drawdown calculations from model files.

Proposed Designation of Non-Relevant Aquifers

Proposed Non-Relevant Aquifer Classification	Applicable Areas Within GMA 9 (All or Portions of the Following Counties, as applicable)
Edwards Aquifer (Balcones Fault Zone)	Bexar, Comal, Hays, and Travis counties
Edwards-Trinity (Plateau)	Blanco and Kerr counties
Ellenburger-San Saba	Blanco and Kerr counties
Hickory	Blanco, Hays, Kerr, and Travis counties
Marble Falls	Blanco County

This letter will be mailed today, April 1, 2021. This mailing will trigger a Public Hearing process that will last a minimum of 90 days. GMA 9 has proposed that this period extend from Thursday, April 1, 2021, through Wednesday, June 30, 2021, a total of 91 days.

During the public comment period and after posting notice as required by Texas Water Code §§ 36.063, and 36.101(d), each District shall hold a public hearing on any proposed Desired Future Conditions relevant to that District. During the public comment period, the District shall make available in its office a copy of the proposed desired future conditions and any supporting materials, such as the documentation of factors considered under Texas Water Code § 36.108(d) and groundwater availability model run results. After the public hearing, the District shall compile for consideration at the next joint planning meeting a summary of relevant comments received, any suggested revisions to the proposed desired future conditions, and the basis for the revisions.

Supporting documents, including those developed by the GMA 9 Explanatory Report consulting team, relevant GAM runs, etc., will be provided to each GCD.

Please feel free to call or email me if you have any questions.

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Chairman, GMA 9