

PUBLIC HEARING
Groundwater Management Area 13
Proposed Desired Future Conditions and Relevant Aquifer Designations

Date: Wednesday, June 30th, 2021

Time: 11:00 AM

Location: 1101 W. San Antonio St., Lockhart, TX 78644

At an open meeting of the **Groundwater Management Area 13 Joint Planning Committee** (GMA-13) held virtually on April 23, 2021 and attended by representatives from the following groundwater conservation districts located wholly or partially within Groundwater Management Area 13: Evergreen Underground Water Conservation District, Gonzales County Underground Water Conservation District, Guadalupe County Groundwater Conservation District, McMullen Groundwater Conservation District, Medina County Groundwater Conservation District, Plum Creek Conservation District, Uvalde County Underground Water Conservation District, Wintergarden Groundwater Conservation District; GMA-13 considered and adopted the following Proposed Desired Future Conditions (DFCs) for GMA-13 regional groundwater planning purposes:

1. Due to limitations of the Groundwater Availability Model for the Southern Portion of the Carrizo-Wilcox, Queen City, and Sparta aquifers identified and discussed during 2016 and 2021 Joint Planning, Groundwater Management Area 13 proposes two desired future conditions for the Carrizo-Wilcox, Queen City, and Sparta aquifers:
 - The first proposed desired future condition for the Carrizo-Wilcox, Queen City and Sparta aquifers in Groundwater Management Area 13 is that 75 percent of the saturated thickness in the outcrop at the end of 2012 remains at the end of 2080. Due to limitations of the current Groundwater Availability Model, this desired future condition cannot be simulated as documented during 2016 Joint Planning in GMA 13 Technical Memorandum 16-08.
 - A secondary proposed desired future condition for the Carrizo-Wilcox, Queen City, and Sparta aquifers in Groundwater Management Area 13 is an average drawdown of 49 feet (+/- 5 feet) for all of Groundwater Management Area 13. The drawdown is calculated from the end of 2012 conditions through the year 2080. This desired future condition is consistent with simulation “GMA13_2019_001” summarized during a meeting of Groundwater Management Area 13 members on March 19, 2021.
2. The desired future conditions for the Yegua-Jackson Aquifer in Groundwater Management Area 13:
 - For Gonzales County, the average drawdown from end of 2010 through 2080 is 3 feet (+/- 1 foot).
 - For Karnes County, the average drawdown from end of 2010 through 2080 is 1 foot (+/- 1 foot).
 - For all other counties in Groundwater Management Area 13, the Yegua-Jackson is classified as not relevant for purposes of joint planning.

3. Declaration of non-relevant aquifers in Groundwater Management Area 13:

- Groundwater Management Area 13 does hereby document, record, and confirm that the Edwards (Balcones Fault Zone), Gulf Coast, and Trinity aquifers are not relevant for purposes of joint planning within Groundwater Management Area 13 and therefore do not require the establishment of desired future conditions by Groundwater Management Area 13, nor the determination by the Texas Water Development Board of Modeled Available Groundwater for those aquifers in Groundwater Management Area 13.

Groundwater conservation districts located wholly or partially within Groundwater Management Area 13 include: Evergreen Underground Water Conservation District, Gonzales County Underground Water Conservation District, Guadalupe County Groundwater Conservation District, McMullen Groundwater Conservation District, Medina County Groundwater Conservation District, Plum Creek Conservation District, Uvalde County Underground Water Conservation District, and Wintergarden Groundwater Conservation District.

Members of the public are invited to attend and provide oral comment, testimony, and/or submit other documentation and information relevant to the Proposed DFCs and Relevant Aquifer Designations to the Board of Directors at this Public Hearing.

If unable to attend the Public Hearing, members of the public are invited to submit written comments, testimony, and/or other documentation and information relevant to the Proposed DFCs and Relevant Aquifer Designations to the Board of Directors at the District Office located at:

Plum Creek Conservation District
P.O. Box 328
1101 W. San Antonio St.
Lockhart, TX 78640

GMA-13 has prepared standardized Public Comment Forms to help you organize and substantiate your submission. This form is available at the address above. <http://pccd.org/forms>

The Public Comment period runs from April 30th, 2021 through July 30th, 2021.

The District will prepare a report of any relevant comments received at the Public Hearing and attach any written comments, testimony, and/or other documentation and information relevant to the Proposed DFCs and Relevant Aquifer Designations received through July 30th, 2021. This report and attachments will be provided to the GMA-13 Committee for their review, consideration, and incorporation into the DFC decision-making process.

Questions or requests for additional information may be submitted to:

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