

GMA-13 Public Comment Form
90-Day Public Comment Period
Proposed Desired Future Conditions

Dear Interested Member of the Public:

On April 23, 2021, the Groundwater Management Area 13 Joint Planning Committee (GMA-13) adopted proposed Desired Future Conditions (DFCs) for the Carrizo-Wilcox, Queen City, Sparta, and Yegua-Jackson Aquifers within the management area. In addition, GMA-13 has classified certain aquifers or portions of those aquifers as non-relevant for the purposes of joint planning. A summary of these proposals and relevant aquifer designations follows:

- 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:
 1. 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.
 2. 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.
- Groundwater Management Area 13 (GMA 13) approved the following proposed desired future conditions for the Yegua-Jackson Aquifer in Groundwater Management Area 13:
 1. For Gonzales County, the average drawdown from end of 2010 through 2080 is 3 feet (+/- 1 foot).
 2. For Karnes County, the average drawdown from end of 2010 through 2080 is 1 foot (+/- 1 foot).
 3. For all other counties in Groundwater Management Area 13, the Yegua-Jackson is classified as not relevant for purposes of joint planning.
- Groundwater Management Area 13 (GMA 13) approved the following proposed declaration of non-relevant aquifers in Groundwater Management Area 13:
 1. 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.

Relevant documents used by the GMA 13 Joint Planning Committee in creating the proposed DFCs can be accessed at http://bit.ly/GMA_13_3rd_Round .

On Friday, April 30, 2021, notice of these proposals was sent to each of the eight Groundwater Conservation Districts (GCDs) within GMA-13. Therefore, the official 90-day public comment period related to the proposed DFCs began on Friday, April 30, 2021, and will close on Friday, July 30, 2021. Public comments can be submitted directly to your local GCD at any time before the 90-day public comment closes. Also, each GCD will hold a public hearing regarding the proposed DFCs related to that GCD, as may be applicable. To find out the time, date and location for your local GCD’s public hearing, please contact them directly as follows:

Groundwater Conservation District	Contact Information
Evergreen Underground Water Conservation District	GMA-13 Contact c/o Evergreen Underground Water Conservation District 110 Wyoming Blvd Pleasanton, TX 78064 (830) 569-4186
Gonzales County Underground Water Conservation District	GMA-13 Contact c/o Gonzales County Underground Water Conservation District P.O. Box 1919 Gonzales, TX 78629 (830) 672-1047
Guadalupe County Groundwater Conservation District	GMA-13 Contact c/o Guadalupe County Groundwater Conservation District P.O. Box 1221 Seguin, TX 78156 (830) 379-5969
McMullen Groundwater Conservation District	GMA-13 Contact c/o McMullen Groundwater Conservation District P.O. Box 232 Tilden, TX 78072 (361) 449-7017
Medina County Groundwater Conservation District	GMA-13 Contact c/o Medina County Groundwater Conservation District 1607 Avenue K Hondo, TX 78861 (830) 741-3162
Plum Creek Conservation District	GMA-13 Contact c/o Plum Creek Conservation District P.O. Box 328 Lockhart, TX 78644 (512) 398-2383
Uvalde County Underground Water Conservation District	GMA-13 Contact c/o Uvalde County Underground Water Conservation District 200 East Nopal St., Suite 203 Uvalde, TX 78801 (830) 278-8242
Wintergarden Groundwater Conservation District	GMA-13 Contact c/o Wintergarden Groundwater Conservation District P.O. Box 1433 Carrizo Springs, TX 78834 (830) 876-3801

To help the GCDs give your comments their due consideration, GMA-13 is providing this public comment form for your use in preparing and submitting comments during the 90-day public comment period. Every section of this public comment form reflects factors the GCDs must consider and document as we make these DFC decisions. To that end, we encourage you to complete as much of the public comment form as possible.

You may also attach additional pages, if necessary. Please note, in accordance with Subsection 36.108 (d-2) of the Texas Water Code, the GCDs will only consider public comments that are determined to be relevant.

Completed public comment forms should be submitted to directly to your local GCD at the contact information listed above. Copies of your completed public comment forms, along with any other relevant public comments received during the 90-day public comment period, will be reviewed by your local GCD and will be reflected as part of the public comment summaries each GCD will prepare and submit to GMA-13.

Thank you for taking time to participate in this very important process. If you have any questions, please contact your local GCD representative at the contact information provided above.

Contact Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Representing: _____

Proposed Desired Future Condition(s)

Please be as detailed as possible in describing your proposed DFC. Include the quantifiable value and a description of the method for measuring or calculating the value. Please attach additional pages, if needed.

Aquifer	Proposed DFC and Measuring/Calculating Method

Consideration of Proposed Desired Future Condition(s)

The Texas Water Code requires that GMA-13 develop DFCs that “provide a balance between the highest practicable level of groundwater production and the conservation, preservation, protection, recharging, and prevention of waste of groundwater and control of subsidence in the management area.” In the space below, or on additional attached pages, please provide your considerations with regard to the nine items that must be considered, per the Texas Water Code, for the proposed DFC(s).

Consideration 1 – “Aquifer uses or conditions within the management area, including conditions that differ substantially from one geographic area to another:” _____

Consideration 2 – “The water supply needs and water management strategies included in the state water plan:” _____

Consideration 3 – “Hydrological conditions, including for each aquifer in the management area the total estimated recoverable storage as provided by the executive administrator, and the average annual recharge, inflows, and discharge:” _____

Consideration 4 – “Other environmental impacts, including impacts on spring flow and other interactions between groundwater and surface water:” _____

Consideration 5 – “The impact on subsidence:” _____

Consideration 6 – “Socioeconomic impacts reasonably expected to occur:” _____

Consideration 7 – “The impact on the interests and rights in private property, including ownership and the rights of management area landowners and their lessees and assigns in groundwater:” _____

Consideration 8 – “The feasibility of achieving the desired future condition:” _____

Consideration 9 – “Any other information relevant to the specific desired future conditions:” _____
