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RE: Desired Future Conditions Proposed for Adoption by Groundwater Management Area 15

The purpose of this letter is to distribute, by mail as required by 36.108(d-2) of the Texas Water Code, the desired future conditions (DFCs) proposed for adoption on April 8, 2021 by the representatives of Groundwater Management Area 15 (GMA 15), see attached. The draft explanatory report related to the proposed DFCs may be downloaded from the following links: http://bit.ly/GMA_15_3rd_Round or <https://www.vcgcd.org/groundwater-management-area-15.html>.

The public comment period, as required by 36.108(d-2) of the Texas Water Code, for the proposed DFCs begins with this transmittal letter. During the comment period, which must remain open for at least 90 days, each member district of GMA 15 is required to hold a public hearing on any proposed DFCs relevant to the district. In addition, each member district must "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 Subsection (d) and groundwater availability model run results."

Finally, after the public comment period closes, each member district is required to compile a summary of relevant comments received, any suggested revisions to the proposed DFCs, and the basis for the revisions. Each district must submit its summary to GMA 15 for consideration at future meeting. The next meeting at which the summaries are anticipated to be reviewed and considered is planned for October 14, 2021.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at your convenience.

Regards,



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Groundwater Management Area 15 Chairman

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Proposed Desired Future Conditions for GMA 15 Date: April 8, 2021

The following Desired Future Conditions (DFCs) are proposed for adoption for GMA 15:

- 1) The Desired Future Condition for the counties in the groundwater management area (gma-specific DFC) shall not exceed an average drawdown of 13 feet for the Gulf Coast Aquifer System at December 2080; and
- 2) The Desired Future Conditions for each county within the groundwater management area (county-specific DFCs) shall not exceed the values specified in Table A at December 2080:

Table A. Desired Future Conditions for Counties of GMA 15 expressed as an Average Drawdown between January 2000 and December 2080.

Aransas County	0 feet of drawdown of the Gulf Coast Aquifer System.
Bee County	7 feet of drawdown of the Gulf Coast Aquifer System.
Calhoun County	5 feet of drawdown of the Gulf Coast Aquifer System.
Colorado County	17 feet of drawdown of the Chicot and Evangeline Aquifers; and 25 feet of drawdown of the Jasper Aquifer.
DeWitt County	17 feet of drawdown of the Gulf Coast Aquifer System.
Fayette County	44 feet of drawdown of the Gulf Coast Aquifer System.
Goliad County	4 feet of recovery of the Chicot Aquifer; 2 feet of recovery of the Evangeline Aquifer; 7 feet of drawdown of the Burkeville Aquifer; and 14 feet of drawdown of the Jasper Aquifer.
Jackson County	15 feet of drawdown of the Gulf Coast Aquifer System.
Karnes County	22 feet of drawdown of the Gulf Coast Aquifer System.
Lavaca County	18 feet of drawdown of the Gulf Coast Aquifer System.
Malagorda County	11 feet of drawdown of the Chicot and Evangeline Aquifers.
Refugio County	5 feet of drawdown of the Gulf Coast Aquifer System.
Victoria County	5 feet of drawdown of the Gulf Coast Aquifer System.
Wharton County	15 feet of drawdown of the Chicot and Evangeline Aquifers.