

GMA-10 Public Comment Form 90-Day Public Comment Period Proposed Desired Future Conditions

Dear Interested Member of the Public:

On April 20, 2021, the Groundwater Management Area 10 Joint Planning Committee (GMA-10) adopted proposed Desired Future Conditions (DFCs) for the Austin Chalk, Buda Limestone, Edwards (BFZ) Northern Subdivision, Edwards (BFZ) Northern Subdivision Saline Zone, Edwards (BFZ) San Antonio Segment within Edwards Aquifer Authority, Edwards, Leona Gravel, and Trinity aquifers within the management area. In addition, GMA-10 has classified certain aquifers or portions of those aquifers as non-relevant for the purposes of joint planning. As summary of these proposals and relevant aquifer designations follows:

Aquifer	2021 Desired Future Conditions
Austin Chalk (Uvalde County)	No drawdown (including exempt and non-exempt use).
Austin Chalk (Medina County)	Declared non-relevant
Buda Limestone (Uvalde County)	No drawdown (including exempt and non-exempt use).
Buda Limestone (Medina County)	Declared non-relevant
Edwards (BFZ) Northern Subdivision	Springflow at Barton Springs during average recharge conditions shall be no less than 49.7 cubic feet per second averaged over an 84 month (7-year) period; and during extreme drought conditions, including those as severe as a recurrence of the 1950s drought of record, springflow of Barton Springs shall be no less than 6.5 cubic feet per second averaged on a monthly basis.
Edwards (BFZ) Northern Subdivision Saline Zone	Well drawdown at the saline-freshwater interface (the so-called Edwards Bad Water Line) averages no more than 5 feet and does not exceed a maximum of 25 feet at any one point on the interface.
Edwards (BFZ) San Antonio Segment within Edwards Aquifer Authority	Desired future conditions and modeled available groundwater for the Edwards Aquifer within jurisdiction of the Edwards Aquifer Authority are set by the Texas Legislature (Act of May 28, 2007, 80th Leg., R.S., ch. 1351, § § 2.02 and 2.06, 2007 Tex. Gen. Laws, 4612, 4627, and 4627; Act of May 28, 2007, 80th Leg., R.S. ch. 1430, § § 12.02 and 12.06, 2007 Tex. Gen. Laws 5848, 5901, and 5903). The DFCs are specified in Sections 1.14(a), (f), (h), and 1.26 of the Edwards Aquifer Authority Act. The DFCs are specified in Sections 1.14(a), (f), (h), and 1.26 of the Edwards Aquifer Authority Act, and relate to levels in index wells (J-17 in the San Antonio pool and J-27 in the Uvalde pool) or flows in the Comal Springs and San Marcos Springs. Refer to the Edwards Aquifer Authority Groundwater Management Plan for details.
Edwards (Kinney County)	Water level in well number 70-38-902 shall not fall below 1184 feet mean sea level.
Leona Gravel (Uvalde County)	No drawdown (including exempt and non-exempt use).
Leona Gravel (Medina County)	Declared non-relevant (December 2, 2013)

Trinity	Average regional well drawdown not exceeding 25 feet during average recharge conditions (including exempt and non-exempt use); within Uvalde County: 20 feet;
Trinity (Plum Creek Conservation District)	Declared Non-relevant

On Friday April 23, 2021, notice of these proposals was sent to each of the seven Groundwater Conservation Districts (GCDs) within GMA-10. Therefore, the official 90-day public comment period related to the proposed DFCs began on Friday April 23, 2021 and will close on Thursday July 22, 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
Edwards Aquifer Authority	GMA-10 Contact c/o Edwards Aquifer Authority 900 E. Quincy San Antonio, TX 78215 (210) 222-2204
Medina County Groundwater Conservation District	GMA-10 Contact c/o Medina County Groundwater Conservation District 1607 Avenue K Hondo, TX 78861 (830) 741-3162
Uvalde County Underground Water Conservation District	GMA-10 Contact c/o Uvalde County Underground Water Conservation District 200 East Nopal St., Suite 203 Uvalde, TX 78801 (830) 278-8242
Plum Creek Conservation District	GMA-10 Contact c/o Plum Creek Conservation District P.O. Box 328 Lockhart, TX 78644 (512) 398-2383
Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District	GMA-10 Contact c/o Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District 1124 Regal Row Austin, Texas 78748 (512) 282-8441
Comal Trinity Groundwater Conservation District	GMA-10 Contact c/o Comal Trinity Groundwater Conservation District P.O. Box 664 Spring Branch, TX 78070 e-mail address: admin@comaltrinitygcd.com

Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District	GMA-10 Contact c/o Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District P.O. Box 369 Brackettville, TX 78832 (830) 563-9699
Southwestern Travis County Groundwater Conservation District	GMA-10 Contact c/o SWTCGCD P.O. Box 340595 Austin, TX 78734 (512)276-2875

To help the GCDs give your comments their due consideration, GMA-10 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-10.

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-10 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:” _____
