

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT PROPOSED DESIRED FUTURE CONDITIONS
FOR AQUIFERS IN GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AREA 12**

THE STATE OF TEXAS	§
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GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AREA 12	§
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GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS	§

WHEREAS, Texas Water Code § 36.108 requires the groundwater conservation districts located in whole or in part in a groundwater management area (“GMA”) designated by the Texas Water Development Board to adopt desired future conditions for the relevant aquifers located within the management area;

WHEREAS, the groundwater conservation districts located wholly or partially within Groundwater Management Area 12 (“GMA 12”), as designated by the Texas Water Development Board, as of the date of this resolution are as follows: Brazos Valley Groundwater Conservation District, Fayette County Groundwater Conservation District, Lost Pines Groundwater Conservation District, Mid-East Texas Groundwater Conservation District, and Post Oak Savannah Groundwater Conservation District (collectively hereinafter “the GMA 12 Districts”);

WHEREAS, the GMA 12 Districts are each governmental agencies and bodies politic and corporate operating under Chapter 36, Water Code;

WHEREAS, the GMA 12 Districts desire to fulfill the requirements of Texas Water Code §36.108 through mutual cooperation and joint planning efforts;

WHEREAS, the GMA 12 Districts have had numerous public meetings, including stakeholder meetings for the specific purpose of receiving comments and input from stakeholders within GMA 12, and they have engaged in joint planning efforts to promote comprehensive management of the aquifers located in whole or in part in Groundwater Management Area 12;

WHEREAS, GMA 12 held meetings on July 12, 2013; December 19, 2013; June 6, 2014; June 27, 2014; February 26, 2015; March 27, 2015; April 30, 2015; May 28, 2015; June 25, 2015; August 13, 2015; September 24, 2015; October 22, 2015; December 17, 2015; February 4, 2016; March 24, 2016 and April 15, 2016, in compliance with its statutory duty to publically consider the desired future conditions considerations listed in § 36.108(d);

WHEREAS, the GMA 12 Districts have considered the following factors, listed in §36.108(d), in establishing the proposed desired future conditions for the aquifer(s), set forth under Appendix B:

- (1) groundwater availability models and other data or information for the management area;

- (2) aquifer uses or conditions within the management area, including conditions that differ substantially from one geographic area to another;
- (3) the water supply needs and water management strategies included in the state water plan;
- (4) hydrological conditions, including for each aquifer in the management area the total estimated recoverable storage as provided by the Texas Water Development Board Executive Administrator and the average annual recharge, inflows, and discharge;
- (5) other environmental impacts, including impacts on spring flow and other interactions between groundwater and surface water;
- (6) the impact of subsidence;
- (7) socioeconomic impacts reasonably expected to occur;
- (8) 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 as recognized under Texas Water Code §36.002;
- (9) the feasibility of achieving the desired future conditions; and
- (10) any other information relevant to the specific desired future conditions;

WHEREAS, the proposed desired future conditions provide a balance between the highest practicable level of groundwater production and the conservation, preservation, protection, recharging, and prevention of waste of groundwater in the management area;

WHEREAS, after considering the factors listed in 36.108(d), Texas Water Code, the GMA 12 Districts may establish different desired future conditions for: (1) each aquifer, subdivision of an aquifer, or geologic strata located in whole or in part within the boundaries of GMA 12; or (2) each geographic area overlying an aquifer in whole or in part or subdivision of an aquifer within the boundaries of GMA 12;

WHEREAS, the GMA 12 Districts recognize that GMA 12 includes a geographically and hydrologically diverse area with a variety of land uses and a diverse mix of water users;

WHEREAS, at least two-thirds of the GMA 12 Districts had a voting representative in attendance at the April 15, 2016, meeting in accordance with Section 36.108, Texas Water Code; and the following districts had a voting representative in attendance at the meeting: Brazos Valley Groundwater Conservation District, Fayette County Groundwater Conservation District, Lost Pines Groundwater Conservation District, Mid-East Texas Groundwater Conservation District, and Post Oak Savannah Groundwater Conservation District, and;

WHEREAS, it is the intent and purpose of the GMA 12 Districts, by adoption of this resolution, to meet the requirements of Texas Water Code §36.108, and establish proposed “desired future conditions for the relevant aquifers” within GMA 12 for the specific aquifer(s) and desired future conditions described under “Appendix B,” attached hereto and incorporated herein for all purposes;

WHEREAS, at the April 15, 2016, meeting, after a motion was duly made and seconded, the GMA 12 Districts adopt this resolution establishing desired future conditions for the aquifer(s) described under “Appendix B”, the motion prevailed by the following vote:

Hooper ___ Ayes, ___ Nays;

Simsboro ___ Ayes, ___ Nays;;

Carrizo ___ Ayes, ___ Nays;

Calvert Bluff ___ Ayes, ___ Nays;

Queen City ___ Ayes, ___ Nays;

Sparta ___ Ayes, ___ Nays;

Yegua-Jackson ___ Ayes, ___ Nays;

Brazos Alluvium ___ Ayes, ___ Nays;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE AUTHORIZED VOTING REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GMA 12 DISTRICTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. The above recitals are true and correct.
2. The authorized voting representatives of the GMA 12 Districts hereby establish the proposed desired future conditions of the aquifer(s) as set forth in Appendix B by the vote reflected in the above recitals.
3. The GMA 12 Districts and their agents and representatives, individually and collectively, are further authorized to take any and all actions necessary to implement this resolution.
4. The proposed desired future conditions of the aquifer(s) adopted by the GMA 12 Districts and attached hereto shall be sent to the GMA 12 Districts to commence the public comment and hearing period required by Section 36.108(d-2), Texas Water Code.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 15th day of April, 2016.

ATTEST:

Brazos Valley Groundwater Conservation District

Fayette County Groundwater Conservation District

Lost Pines Groundwater Conservation District

Mid-East Texas Groundwater Conservation District

Post Oak Savannah Groundwater Conservation District

ATTACHMENTS

Appendix A: Copies of notices of April 15, 2016, meeting

Appendix B: Proposed Desired Future Conditions