

Victoria County Groundwater Conservation District

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Goliad County Groundwater Conservation District
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RE: Proposed Amended Desired Future Conditions of Groundwater Management Area 15

Goliad County Groundwater Conservation District,

After completing all necessary public notice requirements and a quorum of representatives present, the representatives of Groundwater Management Area 15 (GMA 15) met at the Offices of the Victoria County Groundwater Conservation District on March 12, 2026, at 9:30 AM. During the meeting, the representatives of the member districts considered proposals to amend the Desired Future Conditions (DFC) of relevant aquifers within the management area.

The representatives of the member districts of GMA 15 approved a motion to amend DFC, establish interim DFC values, and approved the plain-language explanations for the proposed changes to the previously adopted DFCs for GMA 15 for distribution to the districts in the management area in accordance with 36.108(d-2) of the Texas Water Code, as follows:

	<i>Identified Interim Values for the Proposed DFCs by Decade</i>						<i>Proposed DFC</i> <small>Note 1</small>
	<i>2030</i>	<i>2040</i>	<i>2050</i>	<i>2060</i>	<i>2070</i>	<i>2080</i>	
<i>Bee County</i>	<i>7 feet of drawdown of the Gulf Coast Aquifer System</i>	<i>7 feet of drawdown of the Gulf Coast Aquifer System</i>	<i>7 feet of drawdown of the Gulf Coast Aquifer System</i>	<i>7 feet of drawdown of the Gulf Coast Aquifer System</i>	<i>7 feet of drawdown of the Gulf Coast Aquifer System</i>	<i>7 feet of drawdown of the Gulf Coast Aquifer System</i>	
<i>Calhoun County</i>	<i>5 feet of drawdown of the Gulf Coast Aquifer System</i>	<i>5 feet of drawdown of the Gulf Coast Aquifer System</i>	<i>5 feet of drawdown of the Gulf Coast Aquifer System</i>	<i>5 feet of drawdown of the Gulf Coast Aquifer System</i>	<i>5 feet of drawdown of the Gulf Coast Aquifer System</i>	<i>5 feet of drawdown of the Gulf Coast Aquifer System</i>	
<i>Colorado County</i>	<i>17 feet of drawdown of the</i>	<i>17 feet of drawdown of the</i>	<i>17 feet of drawdown of the</i>	<i>17 feet of drawdown of the</i>	<i>17 feet of drawdown of the</i>	<i>17 feet of drawdown of the</i>	

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	2030	2040	2050	2060	2070	2080	
	<i>Chicot and Evangeline Aquifers</i>	<i>Chicot and Evangeline Aquifers</i>	<i>Chicot and Evangeline Aquifers</i>	<i>Chicot and Evangeline Aquifers</i>	<i>Chicot and Evangeline Aquifers</i>	<i>Chicot and Evangeline Aquifers</i>	<i>Chicot and Evangeline Aquifers</i>
<i>Colorado County</i>	<i>25 feet of drawdown of the Jasper Aquifer</i>	<i>25 feet of drawdown of the Jasper Aquifer</i>	<i>25 feet of drawdown of the Jasper Aquifer</i>	<i>25 feet of drawdown of the Jasper Aquifer</i>	<i>25 feet of drawdown of the Jasper Aquifer</i>	<i>25 feet of drawdown of the Jasper Aquifer</i>	<i>25 feet of drawdown of the Jasper Aquifer</i>
<i>DeWitt County</i>	<i>10 feet of drawdown of the Gulf Coast Aquifer System</i>	<i>10 feet of drawdown of the Gulf Coast Aquifer System</i>	<i>10 feet of drawdown of the Gulf Coast Aquifer System</i>	<i>15 feet of drawdown of the Gulf Coast Aquifer System</i>	<i>15 feet of drawdown of the Gulf Coast Aquifer System</i>	<i>17 feet of drawdown of the Gulf Coast Aquifer System</i>	
<i>Fayette County</i>	<i>20 ft of drawdown of the Gulf Coast Aquifer System</i>	<i>20 ft of drawdown of the Gulf Coast Aquifer System</i>	<i>25 ft of drawdown of the Gulf Coast Aquifer System</i>	<i>35 ft of drawdown of the Gulf Coast Aquifer System</i>	<i>40 ft of drawdown of the Gulf Coast Aquifer System</i>	<i>44 feet of drawdown of the Gulf Coast Aquifer System</i>	
<i>Goliad County</i>	<i>4.875 ft of drawdown of the Chicot Aquifer</i>	<i>6.5 ft of drawdown of the Chicot Aquifer</i>	<i>8.125 ft of drawdown of the Chicot Aquifer</i>	<i>9.75 ft of drawdown of the Chicot Aquifer</i>	<i>11.375 ft of drawdown of the Chicot Aquifer</i>	<i>13 feet of drawdown of the Chicot Aquifer</i> <i>Note 2</i>	
<i>Goliad County</i>	<i>12.75 ft of drawdown of the</i>	<i>17 ft of drawdown of the</i>	<i>21.25 ft of drawdown of the</i>	<i>25.5 ft of drawdown of the</i>	<i>29.75 ft of drawdown of the</i>	<i>34 feet of drawdown of the</i>	

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	2030	2040	2050	2060	2070	2080
	<i>Evangeline Aquifer</i>	<i>Evangeline Aquifer</i>	<i>Evangeline Aquifer</i>	<i>Evangeline Aquifer</i>	<i>Evangeline Aquifer</i>	<i>Evangeline Aquifer</i> ^{Note 2}
<i>Goliad County</i>	<i>7.875 ft of drawdown of the Burkeville Aquifer</i>	<i>10.5 ft of drawdown of the Burkeville Aquifer</i>	<i>13.125 ft of drawdown of the Burkeville Aquifer</i>	<i>15.75 ft of drawdown of the Burkeville Aquifer</i>	<i>18.375 ft of drawdown of the Burkeville Aquifer</i>	<i>21 feet of drawdown of the Burkeville Aquifer</i> ^{Note 2}
<i>Goliad County</i>	<i>7.875 ft of drawdown of the Jasper Aquifer</i>	<i>10.5 ft of drawdown of the Jasper Aquifer</i>	<i>13.125 ft of drawdown of the Jasper Aquifer</i>	<i>15.75 ft of drawdown of the Jasper Aquifer</i>	<i>18.375 ft of drawdown of the Jasper Aquifer</i>	<i>21 feet of drawdown of the Jasper Aquifer</i> ^{Note 2}
<i>Goliad County</i>	<i>10.5 feet of drawdown of the Gulf Coast Aquifer</i>	<i>14 feet of drawdown of the Gulf Coast Aquifer</i>	<i>17.5 feet of drawdown of the Gulf Coast Aquifer</i>	<i>21 feet of drawdown of the Gulf Coast Aquifer</i>	<i>24.5 feet of drawdown of the Gulf Coast Aquifer</i>	<i>28 feet of drawdown of the Gulf Coast Aquifer</i> ^{Note 2}
<i>Jackson County</i>	<i>15 ft of drawdown of the Gulf Coast Aquifer System</i>	<i>15 ft of drawdown of the Gulf Coast Aquifer System</i>	<i>15 ft of drawdown of the Gulf Coast Aquifer System</i>	<i>15 ft of drawdown of the Gulf Coast Aquifer System</i>	<i>15 ft of drawdown of the Gulf Coast Aquifer System</i>	<i>15 feet of drawdown of the Gulf Coast Aquifer System</i>
<i>Karnes County</i>	<i>22 feet of drawdown of the Gulf Coast</i>	<i>22 feet of drawdown of the Gulf Coast</i>	<i>22 feet of drawdown of the Gulf Coast</i>	<i>22 feet of drawdown of the Gulf Coast</i>	<i>22 feet of drawdown of the Gulf Coast</i>	<i>22 feet of drawdown of the Gulf Coast</i>

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	2030	2040	2050	2060	2070	2080
	<i>Aquifer System</i>	<i>Aquifer System</i>	<i>Aquifer System</i>	<i>Aquifer System</i>	<i>Aquifer System</i>	<i>Aquifer System</i>
<i>Matagorda County</i>	<i>15 feet of drawdown of the Chicot and Evangeline Aquifers</i>	<i>15 feet of drawdown of the Chicot and Evangeline Aquifers</i>	<i>15 feet of drawdown of the Chicot and Evangeline Aquifers</i>	<i>15 feet of drawdown of the Chicot and Evangeline Aquifers</i>	<i>15 feet of drawdown of the Chicot and Evangeline Aquifers</i>	<i>15 feet of drawdown of the Chicot and Evangeline Aquifers</i> ^{Note 3}
<i>Refugio County</i>	<i>5 ft of drawdown of the Gulf Coast Aquifer System</i>	<i>5 ft of drawdown of the Gulf Coast Aquifer System</i>	<i>5 ft of drawdown of the Gulf Coast Aquifer System</i>	<i>5 ft of drawdown of the Gulf Coast Aquifer System</i>	<i>5 ft of drawdown of the Gulf Coast Aquifer System</i>	<i>5 feet of drawdown of the Gulf Coast Aquifer System</i>
<i>Victoria County</i>	<i>5 ft of drawdown of the Gulf Coast Aquifer System</i>	<i>5 ft of drawdown of the Gulf Coast Aquifer System</i>	<i>5 ft of drawdown of the Gulf Coast Aquifer System</i>	<i>5 ft of drawdown of the Gulf Coast Aquifer System</i>	<i>5 ft of drawdown of the Gulf Coast Aquifer System</i>	<i>5 feet of drawdown of the Gulf Coast Aquifer System</i>
<i>Wharton County</i>	<i>15 feet of drawdown of the Chicot and Evangeline Aquifers</i>	<i>15 feet of drawdown of the Chicot and Evangeline Aquifers</i>	<i>15 feet of drawdown of the Chicot and Evangeline Aquifers</i>	<i>15 feet of drawdown of the Chicot and Evangeline Aquifers</i>	<i>15 feet of drawdown of the Chicot and Evangeline Aquifers</i>	<i>15 feet of drawdown of the Chicot and Evangeline Aquifers</i>

Note 1: The basis and explanation for proposing the amended desired future conditions is portions of Groundwater Management Area 15 are not located within a district boundary charged with the

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responsibility to regulate groundwater resources. The lack of regulatory authority regarding the spacing of wells and production of groundwater resources in these areas results in the complete inability by a member district of Groundwater Management Area 15 to, individually or collectively, actively manage groundwater resources to achieve any desired future condition encompassing those unregulated areas. Therefore, this proposal for an amended desired future condition eliminates the County-Specific DFCs" for those unregulated areas, Aransas County and Lavaca County, and eliminates the "GMA-Wide DFC Statement" which applies to those unregulated areas.

Note 2: The basis and explanation for proposing the amended desired future conditions is restatement of the conditions for the Chicot, Evangeline, Burkeville, and Jasper Aquifers as future drawdowns of 13, 34, 21, 21 feet, and 28 feet of drawdown collectively in the Gulf Coast Aquifer System, respectively, represents a realistic and achievable management goal that more closely aligns with the goals established through GMA 15 for adjacent districts.

Note 3: The basis and explanation for proposing the amended desired future conditions is increasing the acceptable of groundwater drawdown of the Chicot and Evangeline Aquifers across Matagorda County from 11 feet of drawdown to 15 feet of drawdown may increase the amount of groundwater that could be produced in Matagorda County to meet future water needs while adequately conserving groundwater resources within Matagorda County and Groundwater Management Area 15.

The motion was approved unanimously by the following record vote:

- Lonnie Stewart, Bee Groundwater Conservation District - Aye
- Tim Andruss, Calhoun County Groundwater Conservation District - Aye
- Neil Hudgins, Coastal Bend Groundwater Conservation District - Aye
- Neil Hudgins - Coastal Plains Groundwater Conservation District - Aye
- Ed Griffin, Evergreen Underground Water Conservation District - Aye
- David Van Dresar, Fayette County Groundwater Conservation District - Aye
- Terrell Graham, Goliad County Groundwater Conservation District - Aye
- Cindy Parma, Pecan Valley Groundwater Conservation District - Aye
- Tim Andruss, Refugio Groundwater Conservation District - Aye
- Tim Andruss, Texana Groundwater Conservation District - Aye
- Tim Andruss, Victoria County Groundwater Conservation District - Aye

Representatives of Colorado County Groundwater Conservation District and Corpus Christi Aquifer Storage and Recovery Conservation District were not present.

A copy of the draft explanatory report can be accessed at <https://www.vcgcd.org/gma-15-desired-future-conditions-4th-cycle>.

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

Regards,



Tim Andruss

Chair of Groundwater Management Area 15