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Mr. Kevin Patteson, Executive Administrator
Texas Water Development Board
P.O. Box 13231
Austin, TX 78711-3231

Texas Water Development Board

RE: GMA 9 Desired Future Conditions

Dear Mr. Patteson,

The Groundwater Management Area 9 Joint Planning Committee (GMA 9) is pleased to submit the attached documents in support of our adoption of Desired Future Conditions (DFCs) for the following aquifers located within GMA 9.

GMA 9 met on April 18, 2016 and adopted the following DFCs:

- Trinity Aquifer (Upper, Middle, and Lower undifferentiated) - ***Allow for an increase in average drawdown of approximately 30 feet through 2060 (throughout GMA-9) consistent with "Scenario 6" in TWDB GAM Task 10-005***
- Edwards Group of the Edwards Trinity (Plateau) in Kendall and Bandera Counties - ***Allow For No Net Increase in Average Drawdown in Kendall and Bandera Counties Through 2070.***
- Ellenburger-San Saba Aquifer in Kendall County - ***Allow for An Increase in Average Drawdown of No More Than 2 Feet in Kendall County Through 2070.***
- Hickory Aquifer in Kendall County - ***Allow for An Increase in Average Drawdown of No More Than 7 Feet in Kendall County Through 2070.***

In addition, GMA 9 proposed that the following aquifers or portions of aquifers be classified as Non-Relevant for the purposes of joint planning:

- Edwards Group of the Edwards Trinity (Plateau) located ***in Kerr and Blanco Counties.***
- Ellenburger-San Saba Aquifer located ***in Blanco County and Kerr Counties.***
- Hickory Aquifer located ***in Blanco, Hays, Kerr, and Travis Counties.***
- Marble Falls Aquifer located ***in Blanco County.***
- Edwards Aquifer (Balcones Fault Zone) located ***in Bexar, Comal, Hays, and Travis Counties.***

Documentation justifying the above adopted DFCs and proposed Non-Relevant classifications for joint planning is included in the *Groundwater Management Area 9 Explanatory Report for Desired Future Conditions Major and Minor Aquifers* accompanying this DFC submission. As required, this Explanatory Report addresses the information required by Subsection 36.108 (d-3) of the Texas Water Code, and the criteria contained in Subsection 36.108 (d) of the Water Code.

Also enclosed with this DFC submission packet are:

- A copy of GMA-9 Resolution # 041816-01 adopted by consensus on April 18, 2016 adopting the DFCs as required Subsection 36.108 (d-3) of the Water Code; and
- A copy of the notice posted for the April 18, 2016 GMA-9 Meeting where the members of GMA-9 collectively adopted the DFCs as required by Subsections 36.108 (e) and 36.108 (e-2) of the Water Code.

GMA-9 is not including any Groundwater Availability Model (GAM) files or aquifer assessments, or any other information the TWDB executive administrator may require to estimate the modeled available groundwater amounts, with this submission as GMA-9 did not perform any new GAM tasks, runs, or assessments in this second round of joint planning, and referenced in the Explanatory Report the technical work performed by the TWDB staff for GMA-9 in the first round of planning.

GMA 9 appreciates the assistance and advice that we have received over the entire DFC process from members or former members of the TWDB staff, especially from Dr. Robert Mace, Dr. Bill Hutchison, Dr. Rima Petrossian, Ali Chowdhury, Robert Bradley, and others. We look forward to continued cooperative efforts with the TWDB.

Please feel free to contact me as the designated GMA-9 representative if you or any of your staff have questions regarding this submission.

Sincerely yours,



Ronald G. Fieseler
General Manager, Blanco Pedernales GCD
GMA 9 Chairman

Attachments:

GMA-9 Resolution # 041816-01

Notice posted for the April 18, 2016 GMA-9 Meeting

Groundwater Management Area 9 Explanatory Report for Desired Future Conditions Major and Minor Aquifers

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RESOLUTION # 041816-01

GROUNDWATER
MANAGEMENT AREA-9

Adopting the Groundwater Management Area 9 Joint Planning Committee's (GMA-9) Classifications of Non-Relevant Aquifers for Joint Planning Purposes and Desired Future Conditions for Relevant Aquifers in GMA 9

WHEREAS, the Groundwater Conservation Districts (GCDs) located within or partially within Groundwater Management Area 9 (GMA-9) are required under Chapter 36.108, Texas Water Code to conduct joint planning and designate the Desired Future Conditions (DFCs) for aquifers within GMA-9 and;

WHEREAS, the Board Presidents or their Designated Representatives of the GCD Members of the Groundwater Management Area 9 Joint Planning Committee (GMA-9) have met as a Committee in various meetings and conducted joint planning in accordance with Section 36.108, Texas Water Code since September 2005 and;

WHEREAS, GMA-9, having given proper and timely notice, held an open meeting of the GMA-9 Committee on April 18, 2016 at the Dripping Springs City Hall, 511 Mercer Street, Dripping Springs, Texas and;

WHEREAS, following GMA-9's September 28, 2015 adoption of GMA 9 Proposed DFCs and the Proposed Classification of Non Relevant Aquifers, and in accordance with Section 36.108, GMA-9 has solicited and considered public comment during a Public Hearing at each GCD located within or partially within GMA-9, through written public comments, and through public comment in person at various GMA-9 Committee meetings, and;

WHEREAS, the GMA-9 Committee received and considered technical advice regarding local aquifers, hydrology, geology, recharge characteristics, local groundwater demands and usage, population projections, ground and surface water inter-relationships, and other considerations that affect groundwater conditions from the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB), Regional Water Planning Groups J, K, and L, consultants, hydrologists, geologists, and other groundwater professionals, and;

WHEREAS, following public discussion and due consideration of the current and future needs and conditions of the aquifers in question, the current and projected groundwater demand estimates from local GCDs, the TWDB, and Regional Water Planning Groups J, K, and L, and the potential effects on springs, surface water, habitat, and water-dependent species for DFCs set through the year 2060 or the year 2070, as applicable, the following motions were made and acted upon:

Motion #1:

Moved by Micah Voulgaris and seconded by George Wissmann to adopt the following Desired Future Condition through the year 2060 for the Trinity Aquifer located in GMA 9:

- Allow for An Increase in Average Drawdown of Approximately 30 Feet Through 2060 (Throughout GMA-9) Consistent With "Scenario 6" in TWDB GAM Task 10-005.

The vote on the motion was 9 ayes, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions, and the Motion Passed.

Motion #2

Moved by Dave Mauk and seconded by Micah Voulgaris to adopt the following Desired Future Condition through the year 2070 for the Edwards Group of the Edwards-Trinity (Plateau) Aquifer for those portions located in Kendall and Bandera counties:

- Allow For No Net Increase in Average Drawdown in Kendall and Bandera Counties Through 2070.

The vote on the motion was 9 ayes, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions, and the Motion Passed.

Motion #3

Moved by Micah Voulgaris and seconded by David Caldwell to adopt the following Desired Future Condition through the year 2070 for the portions of the Ellenburger-San Saba Aquifer located in Kendall County:

- Allow for An Increase in Average Drawdown of No More Than 2 Feet in Kendall County Through 2070.

The vote on the motion was 9 ayes, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions, and the Motion Passed.

Motion #4

Moved by Micah Voulgaris and seconded by George Wissmann to adopt the following Desired Future Condition through the year 2070 for the portions of the Hickory Aquifer located in Kendall County:

- Allow for An Increase in Average Drawdown of No More Than 7 Feet in Kendall County Through 2070.

The vote on the motion was 9 ayes, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions, and the Motion Passed.

Motion #5

Moved by Gene Williams and seconded by Larry Hull to propose the Edwards Group of the Edwards-Trinity (Plateau) Aquifer located in Blanco County and Kerr County be classified as a non-relevant aquifer for the purposes of joint planning.

The vote on the motion was 9 ayes, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions, and the Motion Passed.

Motion #6

Moved by Ronald G. Fieseler and seconded by Larry Hull to propose the Ellenburger-San Saba Aquifer located in Blanco County and Kerr County be classified as a non-relevant aquifer for the purposes of joint planning.

The vote on the motion was 9 ayes, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions, and the Motion Passed.

Motion #7

Moved by George Wissmann and seconded by David Caldwell to propose the Hickory Aquifer located in Blanco, Hays, Kerr, and Travis counties be classified as a non-relevant aquifer for the purposes of joint planning.

The vote on the motion was 9 ayes, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions, and the Motion Passed.

Motion #8

Moved by Ronald G. Fieseler and seconded by Rick Broun to propose the Marble Falls Aquifer located in Blanco County be classified as a non-relevant aquifer for the purposes of joint planning.

The vote on the motion was 9 ayes, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions, and the Motion Passed.

Motion #9

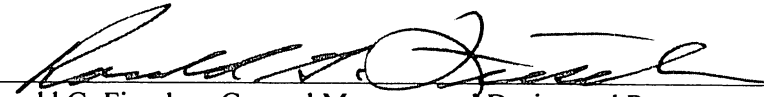
Moved by Larry Hull and seconded by Brian Hunt to propose the Edwards Aquifer (Balcones Fault Zone) located in Bexar, Comal, Hays, and Travis counties be classified as a non-relevant aquifer for the purposes of joint planning.


The vote on the motion was 9 ayes, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions, and the Motion Passed.


Whereas, the above Motions and Votes of each Committee Member have been recorded in the Minutes of the April 18, 2016 GMA-9 Committee Meeting,


NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Groundwater Management Area 9 Joint Planning Committee Members present and voting on April 18, 2016 do hereby document, record, and confirm the above described Motions and Votes.

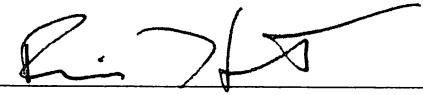
Approved by consensus and signed on April 18, 2016 by the following Voting Groundwater Management Area 9 Joint Planning Committee Members:

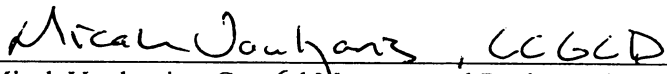

Ronald G. Fieseler - General Manager and Designated Representative for the Blanco Pedernales GCD



Dave Mauk - General Manager and Designated Representative for the Bandera County River Authority and Groundwater Conservation District


David Caldwell - General Manager and Designated Representative for the Medina County GCD

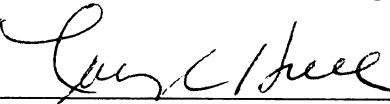

Rick Broun - General Manager and Designated Representative for the Hays Trinity GCD


Brian Hunt - Designated Representative for the Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District


Micah Voulgaris - General Manager and Designated Representative for the Cow Creek GCD


George Wissmann - General Manager and Designated Representative for the Trinity Glen Rose GCD


Gene Williams - General Manager and Designated Representative for the Headwaters GCD


Larry Hull - President of the Comal Trinity GCD

Groundwater Management Area 9 Joint Planning Committee Meeting

NOTICE OF OPEN MEETING

As required by Section 36.108(e), Texas Water Code, a meeting of the **Groundwater Management Area 9 Joint Planning Committee**, comprised of district representatives from the following groundwater conservation districts located wholly or partially within Groundwater Management Area 9: Bandera County River Authority and Groundwater District, Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District, Blanco-Pedernales Groundwater Conservation District, Comal Trinity Groundwater Conservation District, Cow Creek Groundwater Conservation District, Edwards Aquifer Authority, Headwaters Groundwater Conservation District, Hays-Trinity Groundwater Conservation District, Trinity-Glen Rose Groundwater Conservation District, and Medina County Groundwater Conservation District, will be held on **Monday, April 18, 2016, at 10:00 am at the Dripping Springs City Hall, 511 Mercer Street, Dripping Springs, Texas.**

Discussion and/or possible action may occur on the following business matters:

1. Call to Order.
2. Receipt of Posted Meeting Notices.
3. Introductions.
4. Approval of October 13, 2015 and April 4, 2016 GMA 9 Meeting Minutes.
5. Texas Water Development Board updates, comments, or communications.
6. Review Draft "*Groundwater Management Area 9 Explanatory Report for Desired Future Conditions for Major and Minor Aquifers.*"
7. Consider approval of the GMA 9 draft document "Summarization of Public Comments Received and GMA 9 Responses" which will be attached to the Explanatory Report as "Appendix B".
8. Consider approval of GMA 9 Resolution # 041816-1 "Adopting the Groundwater Management Area 9 Joint Planning Committee's (GMA 9) Classifications of Non-Relevant Aquifers for Joint Planning Purposes and Desired Future Conditions for Relevant Aquifers in GMA 9", and authorizing the GMA 9 Chairman to formally submit them and all other required information to the TWDB."
9. Consider approval of "*Groundwater Management Area 9 Explanatory Report for Desired Future Conditions for Major and Minor Aquifers.*"
10. Public Comment.
11. Next meeting date, location, and future agenda items.
12. Announcements.
13. Adjournment.

Filed this 10th day of April 2016
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LAURA WALLA
County Clerk Blanco County, Texas

Further information, questions, or comments concerning any aspect of this meeting should be directed to:

Mr. Ron Fieseler, GMA 9 Planning Committee Chairman
c/o Blanco-Pedernales Groundwater Conservation District
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Ronald G. Fieseler

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Agency Id: 1023
Date of Submission: 04/06/2016
Agency Name: Groundwater Management Area 9
Date of Meeting: 04/18/2016
Time of Meeting: 10:00 AM (##:## AM Local Time)
Street Location: 511 Mercer Street
City: Dripping Springs
State: TX
Liaison Name: Ronald G. Fieseler
Liaison Id: 1
Additional Information Obtained From: Mr. Ron Fieseler, GMA 9 Planning Committee Chairman
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