

**GMA 9 Public Comment Form
90-Day Public Comment Period
Proposed Desired Future Conditions**

Dear Interested Member of the Public:

On March 22, 2021, the Groundwater Management Area 9 Joint Planning Committee (GMA-9) adopted proposed Desired Future Conditions (DFCs) for the Trinity, Edwards-Trinity (Plateau), Ellenburger-San Saba, and Hickory aquifers within the management area. In addition, GMA 9 is proposing to classify certain aquifers or portions of those aquifers as non-relevant for the purposes of joint planning. As summary of these proposals follows:

<u>MAJOR OR MINOR AQUIFER</u>	<u>POSSIBLE AUTHORIZED DESIRED FUTURE CONDITION* OR NON-RELEVANT AQUIFER CLASSIFICATION</u>
Edwards Aquifer (Balcones Fault Zone)	Non-Relevant Aquifer Classification (in Bexar, Comal, Hays and Travis Counties)
Edwards-Trinity (Plateau)	Allow for No Net Increase in Average Drawdown in Bandera and Kendall Counties Through 2080
	Non-Relevant Aquifer Classification (in Blanco and Kerr Counties)
Ellenburger-San Saba	Allow for An Increase in Average Drawdown of No More Than 2 Feet in Kendall County Through 2080
	Non-Relevant Aquifer Classification (in Blanco and Kerr Counties)
Hickory	Allow for An Increase in Average Drawdown of No More Than 7 Feet in Kendall County Through 2080
	Non-Relevant Aquifer Classification (in Blanco, Hays, Kerr and Travis Counties)
Marble Falls	Non-Relevant Aquifer Classification (in Blanco County)
Trinity	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

*Allow for DFC variance of up to five percent when comparing DFCs to average drawdown calculations from model files.

On Thursday, April 1, 2021, notice of these proposals was sent to each of the ten Groundwater Conservation Districts (GCDs) within GMA 9. Therefore, the official 90-day public comment period related to the proposed DFCs began on Thursday, April 1, 2021, and will close on Wednesday, June 30, 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
Bandera County River Authority and Groundwater District	GMA 9 Contact c/o Bandera County River Authority and Groundwater District P.O. Box 177 Bandera, TX 78003 (830) 796-7260
Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District	GMA 9 Contact c/o Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District 1124 Regal Row Austin, Texas 78748 (512) 282-8441
Blanco-Pedernales Groundwater Conservation District	GMA 9 Contact c/o Blanco-Pedernales Groundwater Conservation District P.O. Box 1516 Johnson City, TX 78636 (830) 868-9196

Groundwater Conservation District	Contact Information
Comal Trinity Groundwater Conservation District	GMA 9 Contact c/o Comal Trinity Groundwater Conservation District P.O. Box 664 Spring Branch, TX 78070
Cow Creek Groundwater Conservation District	GMA 9 Contact c/o Cow Creek Groundwater Conservation District P.O. Box 1557 Boerne, Texas 78006 (830) 816-2504
Hays Trinity Groundwater Conservation District	GMA 9 Contact c/o Hays Trinity Groundwater Conservation District P.O. Box 1648 Dripping Springs, Texas 78620 (512) 858-9253
Headwaters Groundwater Conservation District	GMA 9 Contact c/o Headwaters Groundwater Conservation District 125 Lehmann Dr. Ste. 201 Kerrville, TX 78028 (830) 896-4110
Medina County Groundwater Conservation District	GMA 9 Contact c/o Medina County Groundwater Conservation District 1607 Avenue K Hondo, TX 78861 (830) 741-3162
Southwestern Travis County Groundwater Conservation District	GMA 9 Contact c/o Southwestern Travis County Groundwater Conservation District P.O. Box 340595 Austin, TX 78734 (512) 276-2875
Trinity Glen Rose Groundwater Conservation District	GMA 9 Contact c/o Trinity Glen Rose Groundwater Conservation District 12790 FM 1560 N. Box 1589 Helotes, Texas 78023 (210) 698-1155

To help the GCDs give your comments their due consideration, GMA-9 developed 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 Texas Water Code § 36.108 (d-2), the GCDs will only consider public comments that are determined to be relevant.

Completed public comment forms should be submitted 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 9.

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-9 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:” _____
