

Item 12c | GMA 12 DFC Planning Update | October 2021

Notification of the adoption of the proposed 2021 Desired Future Conditions by GMA 12 representatives was made to each district April 27, 2021 triggering a 90-day public comment period regarding the proposed DFCs in each district. Each district is required to hold one (1) public hearing to receive public comments. BVGCD held the public hearing on Thursday, June 10, 2021 and received further oral comments during the regular board meeting held July 8, 2021. The comment period closed as of July 27, 2021.

GMA 12 representatives met June 24, 2021 to consider a presentation by Post Oak Savannah GCD (POSGCD) reviewing past planning cycles (2010 & 2016) and discussing what has been different during the current round of planning. POSGCD continues to push the narrative to allow for one of their Carrizo Aquifer pumping files to be revised downward. If that action were allowed, current effects of groundwater pumping from the aquifer would not be fully expressed in the model run.

The decision to adopt the well file used in GAM Run S-12 was made during the March 2021 meeting. During the April 2021 meeting, POSGCD asked GMA 12 representatives to reconsider the earlier decision to no avail. BVGCD received a white paper commentary from POSGCD which expressed a concern that they no longer can properly manage the Carrizo Aquifer due to the GMA 12 action. The Board responded directly to the POSGCD board regarding their expressed concern. All of the remaining GMA 12 members received a copy of our response.

The representatives of GMA 12 met October 6, 2021 to discuss and consider any suggested modifications to the current method for calculating the desired future conditions. An issue arose during the third planning cycle relating to pumping files input to the model being less than current pumping from a subject aquifer. Further discussion will occur at a future meeting once the current DFCs have been adopted.

GMA 12 will meet October 13, 2021 to consider all the comments received during public hearing, determine whether to revise the DFC(s) based on the comments, and receive an update on the explanatory report progress. All districts have held a required public comment hearing, received comments, and have begun evaluating comment responses.