

Item 12c | GMA 12 DFC Planning Update | September 2023

GMA 12 members met Thursday, August 24, 2023 for DFC planning purposes. The group is in the early stages of preparing the road map to be used during the fourth round of DFC planning.

James Beach, hydrologist for BVGCD, gave a presentation concerning the methods for establishing the format for expressing the DFC. The emphasis was placed on possibly using the format used by GMA 14 which establishes a GMA-wide DFC based on a desired percentage of mean artesian head to remain in 2080. Following extensive discussion among GMA 12 members, it was agreed that the hydrologists involved with the GMA 12 planning process meet to:

- Discuss methods to express the Desired Future Conditions
- Discuss the estimated budget needed for the fourth planning round
- Develop recommendations for presentation at the October 26, 2023 GMA 12 meeting

GMA 12 members discussed the need to develop an interlocal agreement regarding financial obligations for each district during the fourth round of planning and what that might entail. Members informally agreed to start the planning round using the current DFCs as the starting point and beginning the evaluation of the nine factors related to those DFCs. The hydrogeologists were instructed to convert the current expression of DFCs based on individual district to a GMA-wide expression on artesian head remaining.

The general managers of each district were asked to query each of their boards concerning:

- Participation in a GMA 12 Groundwater Summit during the first half of 2024
- Appointing two board members to serve on a panel to discuss how regional mitigation of operability of wells might work
- Address how each district would facilitate using the first three factors listed in TWC 36.108 in setting their DFCs

John Elliott and Jayson Barfknecht were appointed by the board president to represent BVGCD on the GMA 12 panel to discuss regional mitigation. The initial meeting of the panel is scheduled for Wednesday, October 11, 2023 at the POSGCD office.

The next GMA 12 meeting will be held Thursday, October 26, 2023 in Milano, Texas.