

Item 7d | GMA 12 DFC Planning Update | April 2024

GMA 12 members last met Thursday, October 26, 2023 to discuss a wide range of topics impacting the future adoption of the 2026 Desired Future Conditions. GMA 12 members adopted the position to begin the fourth planning round using the finally adopted Desired Future Conditions from the third planning round as an initial starting point. This facilitated the members' ability to begin discussions of the nine statutorily mandated factors related to the adoption of the fourth round Desired Future Conditions.

Members of GMA 12 decided to push forward with planning a GMA 12 Groundwater Summit in late 2024. Two board members from each of the five groundwater conservation districts will be asked to participate in the planning process. Gary Westbrook will lead the planning effort. Location of the summit will likely be in Brazos County. As more specific information is developed, the General Manager will brief the Board and ask for approval to move forward. BVGCD has appointed directors (Jayson Barfknecht & Jeff Kennedy) to serve on the planning committee. GMA 12 is currently waiting for the other members to make appointments.

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. 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 gather information related to financial expenditures during the third planning period. Members are working toward an interlocal agreement detailing each district's financial responsibilities during the current planning round.

The next GMA 12 meeting will be held May 23, 2024. One agenda item will be the discussion and comparison of management plans and strategies adopted to deal with the impending reduction in artesian head pressure in the both the Carrizo and Simsboro aquifers due to large scale production projects across GMA 12. The agenda for the upcoming meeting is attached.

1. Invocation
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Call meeting to order and establish quorum
4. Welcome and introductions
5. Public Comment on agenda items
6. Minutes of October 26, 2023 GMA 12 Meeting
7. Discussion of actions taken by GMA 12 Districts in response to SB 2440, 88th Legislature
8. Update on efforts related to improvement to science and studies used by Districts in GMA 12
9. Discussion of presentations and comments received by GMA 12
10. Discussion and comparison of Management Plans, Rules, and Management Strategies of the Districts in GMA 12 as required by Chapter 36.108
11. Discussion of permitted production of aquifers in GMA 12
12. Discussion of monitoring, reporting and evaluations of compliance with Desired Future Conditions (DFCs)
13. Discussion of requirements of Chapter 36.108 in adopting DFCs
14. Evaluation and discussion of past and future pumping files and scenarios using the Sparta/Queen City/Carrizo-Wilcox Groundwater Availability Model (GAM) and results, including predicted water levels and water budgets
15. Discussion of possible groundwater summit for GCDs in GMA 12
16. Discussion on sharing of responsibilities and expenses of cost for work performed by each GCD in recent rounds of joint planning
17. Discussion and possible action on use of MAG Peak Factor for water users during this round of joint planning
18. Public Comment on non-agenda items
19. Update from Texas Water Development Board
20. Agenda items and Date for next meeting
21. Adjourn