

Item 4d | GMA 12 DFC Planning Update | March 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 scheduled for some time in May. 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.