

**A RESOLUTION OF GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AREA 9
TO SET THE PROPOSED DESIRED FUTURE CONDITIONS FOR
ITS RELEVANT MAJOR AND MINOR AQUIFERS AND
THE PROPOSED CLASSIFICATION OF LOCALLY MANAGED AQUIFERS AS
NON-RELEVANT FOR JOINT PLANNING PURPOSES**

WHEREAS, Texas Water Code §35.001 provides the purpose of the creation of groundwater management areas is "in order to provide for the conservation, preservation, protection, recharging, and prevention of waste of the groundwater, and of groundwater reservoirs or their subdivisions, and to control subsidence caused by withdrawal of water from those groundwater reservoirs or their subdivisions, consistent with the objectives of Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution";

WHEREAS, the groundwater conservation districts located wholly or partially within Groundwater Management Area 9 ("GMA 9"), as designated by the Texas Water Development Board, as of the date of this resolution are as follows: Bandera County River Authority and Groundwater Conservation District, Blanco-Pedernales Groundwater Conservation District, Comal Trinity Groundwater Conservation District, Cow Creek Groundwater Conservation District, Hays Trinity Groundwater Conservation District, Headwaters Groundwater Conservation District, Medina County Groundwater Conservation District, Southwestern Travis County Groundwater Conservation District, and Trinity Glen Rose Groundwater Conservation District;

WHEREAS, the GMA 9 districts are each a local government operating under Chapter 36, Texas Water Code and their specific enabling act;

WHEREAS, the Groundwater Conservation Districts (GCDs) located within Groundwater Management Area 9 (GMA 9) are required under Chapter 36.108, Texas Water Code, to conduct joint planning and designate the Desired Future Conditions (DFCs) for aquifers within GMA 9 for the approximate 50-year planning period identified by the TWDB executive administrator for the preparation of state and regional water plans;

WHEREAS, the GMA 9 designated district representatives have met in many public meetings and conducted joint planning in accordance with Section 36.108, Texas Water Code, throughout the planning cycle since 2021 to present;

WHEREAS, information was presented for consideration to GMA 9 groundwater conservation districts concerning the following factors, listed in §36.108(d) and (d-2), including:

- (1) groundwater availability models and other data or information for the management area;
- (2) aquifer uses or conditions within the management area, including conditions that differ substantially from one geographic area to another;
- (3) the water supply needs and water management strategies included in the state water plan;
- (4) 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;
- (5) other environmental impacts, including impacts on spring flow and other interactions between groundwater and surface water;
- (6) the impact on subsidence;
- (7) socioeconomic impacts reasonably expected to occur;
- (8) 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 as recognized under Section 36.002, Texas Water Code;

- (9) the feasibility of achieving the desired future condition; and
- (10) any other information relevant to the specific desired future conditions; and
- (11) the 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.

WHEREAS, Section 36.108(d - d-2) of the Texas Water Code requires the GMA 9 Districts to propose DFCs that are approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of all the district representatives, not later than May 1, 2026, for distribution to the GMA 9 districts;

WHEREAS, the public comment period on the proposed DFCs shall be for a period of not less than 90 days and shall begin on the day the proposed desired future conditions are mailed to the districts;

WHEREAS, during the public comment period and after posting notice as required by Section 36.063, Texas Water Code, each district shall hold a public hearing on any proposed desired future conditions relevant to that district. During the public comment period, each district shall make available in its office a copy of the proposed desired future conditions and any supporting materials, such as the documentation of factors considered under Subsection (d) and groundwater availability model run results; and

WHEREAS, after the close of the public comment period, the district shall compile and submit to the GMA 9 district representatives for consideration at the next GMA 9 joint planning meeting:

- (1) a summary of relevant comments received;
- (2) any suggested revisions to the proposed desired future conditions, and the basis for those revisions; and
- (3) any supporting materials, including new or revised groundwater availability model run results.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE AUTHORIZED VOTING REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GMA 9 DISTRICTS AS FOLLOWS:

Trinity Aquifer

The DFC shall allow for an increase in average drawdown of approximately 30 feet through 2080, relative to 2008 water-level conditions, (throughout GMA 9) consistent with “Scenario 6” in TWDB GAM Task 10-005 (Original well locations/pumping volumes).

Bandera County - Allow for an increase in average drawdown of approximately 29 feet through 2080.

Bexar County - Allow for an increase in average drawdown of approximately 46 feet through 2080.

Blanco County - Allow for an increase in average drawdown of approximately 19 feet through 2080.

Comal County - Allow for an increase in average drawdown of approximately 24 feet through 2080.

Hays County - Allow for an increase in average drawdown of approximately 19 feet through 2080.

Kendall County - Allow for an increase in average drawdown of approximately 29 feet through 2080.

Kerr County - Allow for an increase in average drawdown of approximately 39 feet through 2080.

Medina County - Allow for an increase in average drawdown of approximately 16 feet through 2080.

Travis County - Allow for an increase in average drawdown of approximately 28 feet through 2080.

Edwards Group of the Trinity Aquifer

The DFC shall allow for no net increase in average drawdown in Bandera and Kendall Counties through 2080.

Ellenburger-San Saba Aquifer

The DFC shall allow for an increase in average drawdown of no more than 16 Feet in Kendall County and no more than 11 feet in Kerr County through 2080 consistent with Scenario 3 of the March 9, 2024 Technical Memorandum titled "Evaluation of Water Level Change Due to Potential Pumping in Ellenburger Unit in Blanco, Kendall, and Kerr Counties from End of 2010 to End of 2080 Using Llano Uplift Minor Aquifers Groundwater Availability Model."

Hickory Aquifer

The DFC shall allow for an increase in average drawdown of no more than 16 Feet in Kendall County through 2080 consistent with Scenario 3 of the March 9, 2024 Technical Memorandum titled "Evaluation of Water Level Change Due to Potential Pumping in Ellenburger Unit in Blanco, Kendall, and Kerr Counties from End of 2010 to End of 2080 Using Llano Uplift Minor Aquifers Groundwater Availability Model."

Proposed Non-Relevant Aquifer Classifications

The following locally managed aquifers shall be classified as Non-Relevant for Joint Planning purposes

Non-Relevant Aquifers	Applicable Areas Within GMA-9
Edwards Aquifer (Balcones Fault Zone)	Bexar, Comal, Hays, and Travis counties
Edwards Group of the Edwards-Trinity (Plateau)	Blanco and Kerr counties
Ellenburger-San Saba	Blanco County
Hickory	Blanco, Hays, Kerr, and Travis counties
Marble Falls	Blanco County (entire GMA)

*Based on the principle of using the GAM as a joint planning tool and the fact that the GAM predictions contain uncertainty, GAM 9 considers the DFCs to be compatible and physically possible if the difference between modeled drawdown results and the DFC drawdown targets are within a 10 percent variance for all aquifers in the GAM simulation.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 31st day of March, 2026



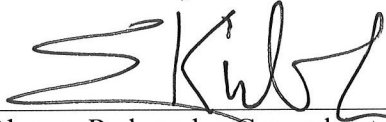
Cow Creek Groundwater Conservation District, Chair, Micah Voulgaris



Trinity Glen Rose Groundwater Conservation District, Vice Chair, Amanda Maloukis



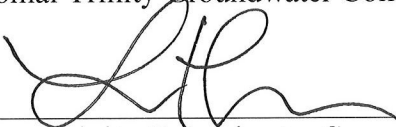
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Medina County Groundwater Conservation District, David Caldwell



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