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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Groundwater Management Area 13
Proposed Desired Future Conditions and Relevant Aquifer Designations**

The Board of Directors of the Wintergarden Groundwater Conservation District (the District) will hold a public hearing to hear oral comments regarding the proposed Desired Future Conditions and Relevant Aquifer Designations on Wednesday, July 14, 2021, at 12:00 p.m. at the District Office, 2881 Hwy. 277, Carrizo Springs, Texas.

1. Call to order.
2. Introduction of visitors.
3. Public comment.
4. Adjourn.

On April 23, 2021, the **Groundwater Management Area 13 Joint Planning Committee (GMA-13)** adopted proposed Desired Future Conditions (DFCs) for the Carrizo-Wilcox, Queen City, Sparta, and Yegua-Jackson Aquifers within the management area. In addition, GMA-13 has classified certain aquifers or portions of those aquifers as non-relevant for the purposes of joint planning. A summary of these proposals and relevant aquifer designations are as follows:

- Due to limitations of the Groundwater Availability Model for the Southern Portion of the Carrizo-Wilcox, Queen City, and Sparta aquifers identified and discussed during 2016 and 2021 Joint Planning, Groundwater Management Area 13 proposes two desired future conditions for the Carrizo-Wilcox, Queen City, and Sparta aquifers:
 1. The first proposed desired future condition for the Carrizo-Wilcox, Queen City and Sparta aquifers in Groundwater Management Area 13 is that 75 percent of the saturated thickness in the outcrop at the end of 2012 remains at the end of 2080. Due to limitations of the current Groundwater Availability Model, this desired future condition cannot be simulated as documented during 2016 Joint Planning in GMA 13 Technical Memorandum 16-08.
 2. A secondary proposed desired future condition for the Carrizo-Wilcox, Queen City, and Sparta aquifers in Groundwater Management Area 13 is an average drawdown of 49 feet (+/- 5 feet) for all of Groundwater Management Area 13. The drawdown is calculated from the end of 2012 conditions through the year 2080. This desired future condition is consistent with simulation "GMA13_2019_001" summarized during a meeting of Groundwater Management Area 13 members on March 19, 2021.
- Groundwater Management Area 13 (GMA 13) approved the following proposed desired future conditions for the Yegua-Jackson Aquifer in Groundwater Management Area 13:

1. For Gonzales County, the average drawdown from end of 2010 through 2080 is 3 feet (+/- 1 foot).
 2. For Karnes County, the average drawdown from end of 2010 through 2080 is 1 foot (+/- 1 foot).
 3. For all other counties in Groundwater Management Area 13, the Yegua-Jackson is classified as not relevant for purposes of joint planning.
- Groundwater Management Area 13 (GMA 13) approved the following proposed declaration of non-relevant aquifers in Groundwater Management Area 13:
 1. Groundwater Management Area 13 does hereby document, record, and confirm that the Edwards (Balcones Fault Zone), Gulf Coast, and Trinity aquifers are not relevant for purposes of joint planning within Groundwater Management Area 13 and therefore do not require the establishment of desired future conditions by Groundwater Management Area 13, nor the determination by the Texas Water Development Board of Modeled Available Groundwater for those aquifers in Groundwater Management Area 13.

On Friday, April 30, 2021, notice of these proposals was sent to each of the eight Groundwater Conservation Districts (GCDs) within GMA-13 (Evergreen Underground Water Conservation District, Gonzales County Underground Water Conservation District, Guadalupe County Groundwater Conservation District, McMullen Groundwater Conservation District, Medina County Groundwater Conservation District, Plum Creek Conservation District, Uvalde County Underground Water Conservation District, Wintergarden Groundwater Conservation District.) Therefore, the official 90-day public comment period relating to the proposed DFCs began on Friday, April 30, 2021, and will close on Friday, July 30, 2021. Public comments can be submitted directly to the District at any time before the 90-day public comment closes.

Members of the public are invited to attend and provide oral comment, testimony, and/or submit other documentation and information relevant to the Proposed DFCs and Relevant Aquifer Designation to the Board of Directors at the designated Public Hearing.

If unable to attend the Public Hearing, members of the public are invited to submit written comments, testimony, and/or other documentation and information relevant to the Proposed DFCs and Relevant Aquifer Designations to the Board of Directors at the District Office located at

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GMA-13 has prepared standardized Public Comment Forms to help the public organize and substantiate their submission. This form is available at the address above or by visiting www.wgcd.net. The Public comment period will end on July 30, 2021.

Questions or request for additional information may be submitted to:
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