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Dear GMA 12 Representatives,

On behalf of the City of Hearne, I urge Groundwater Management Area 12 to give full and immediate consideration to the **PS4-3 pumping scenario (GAM Run)** prepared by the Brazos Valley Groundwater Conservation District (BVGCD). We respectfully request that PS4-3 be incorporated into the initial Desired Future Condition (DFC) for the Simsboro Aquifer.

The City of Hearne has no backup supply. Groundwater is our only source of drinking water for families, businesses, schools, and industries. Any curtailment of production directly threatens our ability to serve our community. As Robertson County grows—driven by new residents, economic development, and regional expansion—our public water supply must expand as well. Without a higher DFC in the Simsboro, the City and other providers will face serious limitations, stifling the economic momentum of one of the fastest-growing areas of the Brazos Valley.

PS4-3 was not developed in a vacuum. BVGCD based its projections on the **2022 State Water Plan**, the **draft Region G Plan**, and detailed demand forecasts through 2080. They consulted directly with municipalities, industry, agriculture, energy, and other stakeholders—making sure the scenario reflects both local realities and regional needs. Just as importantly, PS4-3 was developed in collaboration with neighboring GCDs in GMA 12 to ensure consistency across the area. This is a scenario rooted in data, collaboration, and sound planning.

Chapter 36 of the Texas Water Code requires that DFCs balance maximum practicable production with conservation and sustainability. PS4-3 does exactly that. It recognizes the unique demands in Brazos and Robertson Counties—high growth, rising industrial and high-tech development, and significant agricultural reliance—while safeguarding the aquifer for future use. It addresses the economic consequences of restricting supply, respects private property rights, and demonstrates that achieving this DFC is both **feasible and responsible**.

Adopting PS4-3 is not simply a technical adjustment—it is a decision that will directly shape the future of water availability, economic growth, and quality of life for thousands of people. A

restrictive DFC will choke investment and deny communities the very resources they need to thrive. A forward-looking DFC, such as PS4-3, will empower cities like Hearne to plan responsibly, grow sustainably, and serve our citizens with confidence.

For these reasons, I strongly urge GMA 12 to adopt PS4-3 as part of its initial Desired Future Condition for the Simsboro Aquifer. This decision is critical to ensuring that public water suppliers, industry, and agriculture can continue to meet the demands of a vibrant and expanding Brazos Valley.

Sincerely,

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