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Subject: GMA-12 comments - DFC Process

Gentlemen:

Elvis and Gary, I was unexpectedly on the road all day until just now - Gary, at this late hour, please help me get these comments into the "record" of the GMA-12 DFC process at tomorrow's meeting. You won't be surprised to hear me say this issue is very important to me. Thank you.

General Managers Hernandez and Westbrook,

As a board member of the Simsboro Aquifer Water Defense Fund, and as a landowner in Lee County for almost three decades, I appreciate very much the opportunities I have had over those years to support Lost Pines GCD's efforts as a [REDACTED] district, to promote and achieve the sustainability of our local groundwater supply upon which we all depend.

The Texas Water Development Board, which oversees the regional planning process, expresses its mission in similar terms as "ensuring a secure water future for Texas...as part of the state's mission and goals to maintain the viability of the state's natural resources, health, and economic development".

These are overarching principles and goals that should guide the District in representing Lee and Bastrop counties in the ongoing round of regional planning that requires the districts in GMA-12 to revisit the Desired Future Conditions every five-year planning period.

SAWDF is mindful of how increasingly important this exercise is for the groundwater conservation districts in GMA-12, in the face of mounting pressures on our groundwater supply.

Our Executive Director, Andrew Wier, consults with us when he advocates for the central Texas families we look out for, in ways the SAWDF board believes to be in those families' best interests. Accordingly, on their behalf, **the SAWDF board supports GMA-12 keeping the current DFCs and the use of model run PS4-2 in this current round of regional planning.** As a rural landowner, I concur in this request.

Domestic/livestock well owners comprise more than 90% of water wells in the Lost Pines District, and they deserve your protection. These well owners are the Texans for whom SAWDF advocates throughout central Texas, including in the other district members of GMA-12. The Texas Water Code requires a GMA to review water needs identified in the State Water Plan, but the GMA is *not* required to fulfill those needs at the cost of harming local wells.

We are aware of Brazos Valley GCD's latest legal problems; however, though we sympathize with the pressure that can be brought to bear on any district, we do not believe BVGCD's legal problems compel the adoption by GMA-12 of new DFCs (with deeper "allowable" drawdowns).

Elvis, please stand firm as the Lost Pines district representative to GMA-12. We appreciate your work with that body on behalf of the district's constituents who want to leave a legacy of sustainability of natural resources for their future generations. Without those resources, health and economic development are not attainable goals.

Thank you for your service.

Sincerely,

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