

Included in this packet are letters in support of the GMA12 PS4-2 model run from:

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] GMA-12 DFC & model runs for the GAM
Date: Saturday, November 15, 2025 at 2:03:35 PM Central Standard Time
From: Kermit Heaton
To: Elvis
CC: LPGCD

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November 15, 2025

Elvis Hernandez
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Re: November 20, 2025 GMA-12 meeting

The LPGCD has the tools to manage groundwater production if and/or when drawdown approaches the Desired Future Condition in an aquifer/formation, including curtailment of permitted production, if necessary. Allowing for deeper drawdown in the DFCs may damage hundreds of wells within the larger GMA-12.

Despite voting earlier this year to re-adopt the current DFCs, Brazos Valley GCD is proposing to significantly increase their DFC in the Simsboro formation to 329 feet of average drawdown. BVGCD has permitted more than 300,000 acre-feet per year drawdown in the Simsboro formation, much of it for export. Many of the recent BVGCD permits were challenged in district court because of board irregularities. A settlement agreement requires BVGCD to advocate for a DFC of 329 feet of average drawdown in the Simsboro thru 2070.

329 feet of average drawdown will not only impact hundreds of domestic/livestock wells in Robertson & Brazos counties, but in Milam and Burleson counties, too! At the GMA-12 meeting, BVGCD will propose a new GAM run that shows this greater Simsboro drawdown. In addition, BVGCD has mounted a campaign urging permittees to send letters supporting a new GAM run and deeper drawdown. Many of these letters reference the water needs identified in the State Water Plan.

I strongly urge you to keep the current DFCs and use the model run PS4-2 for GMA-12. Some

specific applicable points are:

- Keep the current DFCs in this round of GMA-12 joint planning.
- Use PS4-2 model run to support adoption of the current DFCs.
- Protect domestic/livestock well owners; we comprise more than 90% of water wells in the GMA-12 District.
- Brazos Valley GCD's legal problems are not a reason for GMA-12 to adopt dangerous DFCs.
- 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.

Sincerely Yours,

Kermit D. Heaton

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Lost Pines Water

Date: Saturday, November 15, 2025 at 2:35:15 PM Central Standard Time

From: Patricia Anderson

To: Elvis

My husband and I support keeping the current desired future conditions in this round of GMA-12 joint planning. We trust you will support:

- Use PS4-2 model run to support adoption of the current DFCs.
- Protect domestic/livestock well owners; we comprise more than 90% of water wells in the District.
- Brazos Valley GCD's legal problems are not a reason for GMA-12 to adopt new DFCs.
- It is our understanding that 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 have a well and are dependent upon it for certain property purposes. Thank you in advance for protecting our water supply!

Patricia & Matt Anderson

Subject: [EXTERNAL] GMA-12's DFCs

Date: Sunday, November 16, 2025 at 1:46:31 PM Central Standard Time

From: George and Jeri Witta

To: Elvis

Mr. Hernandez,

I wish to urge you to vote to keep the current DFCs for the GMA-12 joint planning meeting. With the achievements attained with the last legislative session, I believe we should stay with the current DFCs at least until the next legislative session where I believe there will be considerable attention given to a state water plan. We must protect the exempt livestock and private use wells and I believe the current DFCs does that, for now.

My well at 184 Ragtime Ranch Rd was recently inspected and I want to tell you I really appreciate that service.

Many thanks,

George & Jeri Witta

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Keep the Current DFC's

Date: Monday, November 17, 2025 at 7:49:02 AM Central Standard Time

From: Jeri Matthys

To: Elvis

Dear Sir,

I live in the Lost Pines District. I support keeping the current DFCs for our GCD and the use of GAM run PS4-2 by GMA-12 to support that decision.

Keep the current DFCs in this round of GMA-12 joint planning.

Use PS4-2 model run to support adoption of the current DFCs.

Protect domestic/livestock well owners; we comprise more than 90% of water wells in the District.

Brazos Valley GCD's legal problems are not a reason for GMA-12 to adopt new DFCs.

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.

Sincerely

Jeri Matthys

Lee County TX citizen

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please do not risk our water!

Date: Monday, November 17, 2025 at 9:26:49 AM Central Standard Time

From: Cindy Terrell

To: Elvis, gwestbrook@posgcd.org

Dear Sirs:

Please keep the current DFCs and the use of model run PS4-2 by GMA-12.

Please help assure sustainable groundwater supplies for our families and future generations.

Sincerely,

Cindy Terrell

Editor - Lexington Leader

and Burleson County Resident

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Maintain Current DFCs and Use GAM Run PS4-2 at GMA-12 Meeting

Date: Monday, November 17, 2025 at 10:56:30 AM Central Standard Time

From: Mike Orosco

To: Elvis

Dear Mr. Hernandez,

I am a landowner and the owner of private wells in Lee County. I have direct experience with the consequences of inadequate groundwater management. My domestic well, like many of my neighbors, has suffered significant drawdown as a direct result of commercial export pumping from Vista Ridge, imposing a substantial financial burden on my family to maintain the water supply.

I strongly urge the Lost Pines GCD to advocate for and vote to re-adopt the current DFCs for the Sparta, Queen City, and Carrizo-Wilcox formations in this round of GMA-12 joint planning.

To support this decision, I also urge the GCD to endorse the use of GAM model run PS4-2, which effectively supports maintaining the current DFCs.

Allowing deeper drawdown by adopting new, relaxed DFCs is simply unconscionable. Our management strategy must prioritize the protection of our local resources over accommodating the permitting ambitions of export companies.

The Desired Future Condition is a statutory requirement based on the best available hydrogeologic science, ensuring the sustainability of aquifers. It is not a legal tool designed to paper over the administrative and procedural irregularities of a single Groundwater District, nor should it be dictated by a settlement agreement reached in a district court. We must reject the notion that a compromised legal settlement can override the technical findings of GAM run PS4-2.

The proposed DFC increase to 329 feet is the regional price tag for BV GCD's past misapplication of rules and permitting decisions. GMA-12 cannot allow the governance failures of one district to compromise the water rights, infrastructure, and property values of landowners across the GMA. Many of us in the LPGCD have lived with the impacts of POSGCD's decision to permit Vista Ridge. Let's not willfully abdicate the protection of our private property rights to another GCD.

We must prioritize the protection of domestic and livestock well owners, who comprise the majority of the water wells in our District. Increasing the DFC effectively codifies the extreme drawdown that commercial projects will cause, guaranteeing further destruction of the essential infrastructure that sustains our rural communities.

While the Texas Water Code requires a GMA to review water needs identified in the State Water Plan, the GMA is NOT required to fulfill those needs at the cost of harming local wells and private property rights.

The current DFCs are necessary to conserve the aquifer and protect the private investment that sustains rural life. I urge the Lost Pines GCD to lead the effort at GMA-12 to maintain sound, protective management. Let's hold our ground!

Thank you for your consideration and service to our community.

Sincerely,

Mike Orosco

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Upcoming GMA2 mtg

Date: Monday, November 17, 2025 at 4:06:48 PM Central Standard Time

From: Michael MacLeod

To: Elvis

The GMA 12 has already agreed upon an aggressive DFC of 262 ft for the Simsboro Aquifer in the Brazos Valley GCD, based on the current science in the PS4-2 GAM run. I consider this overly aggressive, and now the Brazos Valley GCD wants to increase the drawdown to 329 ft to allow an outside millionaire to pump billions of gallons of our precious water out of the Simsboro and sell to the highest bidder.

I urge you to attempt to hold the Brazos Valley GCD to the already agreed upon 262 ft. drawdown in keeping with the science, rather than supporting the profits of outside interests. Thank you for all of your work on this matter.

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Meeting of the GMA12
Date: Monday, November 17, 2025 at 4:32:20 PM Central Standard Time
From: Lynda MacLeod
To: Elvis

I am reaching out to you for your help. You are the keepers of our environment and to see that money is driving the changing of our groundwater model is disheartening. As you well know the current groundwater availability model (PS4-2) supports a desired future condition of 262 ft. in the Simsboro Aquifer for the Brazos Valley GCD . Again please continue to support this plan and not allow the DFC to be raised to 329 ft. This would result in many private wells becoming useless. And as we all well know water is the blood of our ranches and mother nature knows what it needs to make our environment to thrive.

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Desired future conditions

Date: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 at 8:33:13 AM Central Standard Time

From: hughbrown@zochnet.com

To: Elvis

Please do not alter the present Desired Future Conditions in any way that allows increased drawdowns of the aquifers. Thank you.

Hugh brown

Lee county well owner

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Brazos Valley GCD

Date: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 at 8:46:33 AM Central Standard Time

From: gminto@gmail.com

To: Elvis

As you well know the current groundwater availability model (PS4-2) supports a desired future condition of 262 ft. in the Simsboro Aquifer for the Brazos Valley GCD. Please continue to support this plan and do not allow the DFC to be raised to 329 ft.

Our water source here is a precious commodity. We cannot afford to play games with our resources. The fear of wells going dry is real. Re-drills are no guarantee of sourcing.

Thank you for your time,

Gayle Minto
Paige, Texas

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support to GMA-12

Date: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 at 10:09:38 AM Central Standard Time

From: Mickey Dehart

To: Elvis

Good Morning, Mr. Hernandez , My Family and I reside in Lee County. My neighbors and my family are concerned with protecting our domestic and livestock water wells. We support keeping the current DFCs and the use of model run PS4-2 by GMA-12. We sincerly hope you support our interests on this issue. Thank You. Sincerely. Wallace Dehart - DeHart Hay and Cattle.

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please keep the current DFC's
Date: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 at 12:17:58 PM Central Standard Time
From: Diann Watson
To: Elvis
Attachments: image002.png

Elvis,

First I want to thank you for your work to steward our water. I still find Thomas Turfgrass frustrating as I see standing puddles every day but at least they didn't get ALL they were asking for. I hope you can trust their self reporting of water usage.

I also enjoyed very much meeting Kacey who came to measure our wells. Sounds like their company is a wonderful contract and will work well for the groundwater district.

I am writing to ask that you keep the current DFC's for LPGCD with the use of model run PS4-2 by GMA-12 to support that decision. It is imperative that you protect the domestic and livestock wells we in Bastrop County and Lee County depend upon. Brazos County's poor decision making should not mean that LPGCD should adjust GMA-12 to adopt new DFCs.

I appreciate that Texas Water Code requires a GMA review for water needs but the GMA is NOT required to fulfill those needs at the cost of harming local wells.

Thank you for protecting our water and our future.

Diann DeLeeuw Watson
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please support the Current DFC's
Date: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 at 8:01:41 PM Central Standard Time
From: Jay Watson
To: Elvis
Attachments: image001.png

Elvis

I was just made aware that there are a couple of critical discussions coming to the district re Current DFC's.

We feel strongly that the current DFC's for Lost Pines GCD should be maintained utilizing the GAM run PS4-2 by GMA-12 to support that position.

It is essential that we protect hundreds of domestic/livestock well owners that comprise 90% of the water wells in the district.

Brazos Valley legal issues are not our issue and certainly not a reason for us to compromise our current DFC.

Please represent those of us with that rely directly on our water for our livelihood for our cattle and our families

Jay



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November 18, 2025

Mr. Elvis Hernandez
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Re: Proposed Desired Future Conditions

Thank you for the opportunity to provide my comments regarding the adoption of proposed DFCs which will be presented at the GMA-12 meeting November 20th.

Sincerely, I request that Lost Pines GCD votes to re-adopt the current DFCs. Using the PS4-2 model actually supports the DFCs as they stand. To increase levels per the Brazos Valley GCD request, will place a great risk of well failures on the domestic/livestock well owners.

At this last session, The Texas Legislature provided authority to discern if GCDs need curtailment of permitted production based on the condition of aquifers when drawdowns approach the DFC. What does it say, to increase the DFCs when approaching permits and current permits are already reaching the level? GCDs have also been authorized to include future permits in their decision of DFC sustainability. If it is the intention of GCDs to protect our resource and that that resource is not sustainable, given the studies we now have, it would be a tragedy to continue increasing allowable drawdowns.

Sincerely,
Nancy McKee
Lee County Resident

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