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GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AREA 14 ADOPTS DESIRED FUTURE CONDITIONS.

CONROE, TEXAS. SEPTEMBER 26, 2010- - The Member Districts of Groundwater Management Area 14 (GMA 14) adopted desired Future Conditions (DFCs) for all relevant aquifers within their area at their August 25th public meeting. Desired Future Conditions for the Gulf Coast Aquifer were adopted for all 21 counties with area within the GMA. However, the resolution also included sections of the Carrizo Sand, Queen City, Sparta, and Yegua-Jackson Aquifers as well as various water-bearing alluvial formations that occur in the area. The adopted language recommends acceptable levels of future drawdown for these formations. The Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) will, in turn, use these DFCs to estimate the amount of available groundwater or Managed Available Groundwater (MAG) that can be pumped while not exceeding the DFCs.

This effort was led by Bluebonnet Groundwater Conservation District (GCD), Brazoria County GCD, Brazos Valley GCD, Lone Star GCD, Lower Trinity GCD, and Southeast Texas GCD, but was made possible by support from the Fort Bend and Harris-Galveston Subsidence Districts and stakeholders from Chambers, Liberty, and Washington Counties. The combined team of Member Districts and stakeholders worked with the TWDB and consultants to prepare the DFC resolution utilizing the best available science for the aquifers. This team-approach helped to deliver a regional solution to groundwater planning that will benefit the entire GMA.

The Lone Star GCD played a critical and active role in the process, which benefited from the data on groundwater use and long-term water demand projections that have been developed to support efforts in Montgomery County. The end result is a DFC that parallels Lone Star GCD's current Management Plan and makes this Plan consistent with the groundwater management goals of surrounding counties.

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