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HPWD PROPOSES DESIRED FUTURE CONDITIONS FOR RELEVANT AQUIFERS

LUBBOCK (April 22, 2016) -- After meeting with groundwater conservation district representatives in Groundwater Management Areas (GMAs) 1 & 2, the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District has completed the process of proposing desired future conditions (DFCs) for relevant aquifers within its 16-county service area.

At their April 12 regular meeting, the HPWD Board of Directors approved a proposed desired future condition based upon average drawdown of water levels in the Ogallala/Edwards-Trinity (High Plains) and Dockum Aquifers.

A proposed DFC of average drawdown ranging from 23 to 27 feet in the Ogallala/Edwards-Trinity (High Plains) Aquifers for the next 50 years was discussed and accepted in GMA 2.

In addition, a proposed DFC of 27 feet average drawdown in the Dockum Aquifer for the next 50 years in GMA 2 was approved. Both DFCs are based upon the results of simulations using the High Plains Aquifer System groundwater availability model.

The majority of HPWD lies within GMA 2, while portions of HPWD in Armstrong, Potter, and Randall Counties are in GMA 1. The GMA boundaries were established by the TWDB.

“Our constituents are familiar with the average annual drawdown presented in the results of our annual water level measurements,” said HPWD Board President Lynn Tate of Amarillo. “We shared the proposed DFCs with the district’s County Advisory Committee members at our April 12 meeting. In addition, our technical consultant explained the results of different model scenarios,” Tate said.

A 90-day public comment period now begins, and will include a public hearing in each groundwater conservation district within the management areas. The date for the HPWD public hearing is yet to be determined. The DFC process is specified in Chapter 36 of the Texas Water Code.

A draft explanatory report of the proposed DFCs is available for review at the HPWD office, 2930 Avenue Q, in Lubbock. It is also available on the HPWD website at www.hpwd.org/proposeddfcs. “We encourage interested persons to use this reference document to learn more about the factors that were considered during the joint planning process,” Tate added.

The process of adopting a DFC was established by the Texas legislature in 2005, and requires groundwater conservation districts to establish DFCs for relevant aquifers at least once every five years. This is only the second time that groundwater conservation districts have established DFCs.

Comments regarding the proposed DFC should be mailed to HPWD, 2930 Avenue Q, Lubbock, TX 79411-2499 or emailed to comments@hpwd.org no later than 5:00 p.m., Monday, July 25, 2016.

Created in 1951 by local residents and the Texas Legislature, the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District is charged with the responsibility of conserving, preserving, protecting, and preventing the waste of groundwater within its 16-county service area. It celebrates its 65th Anniversary in 2016.

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