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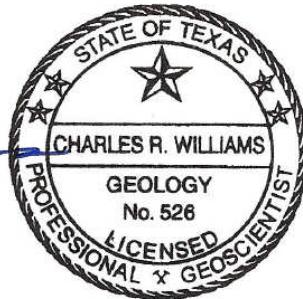
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# **Middle Pecos Groundwater Conservation District**

## **Groundwater Management Plan**

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### **District Mission**

The Middle Pecos Groundwater Conservation District (the District) is committed to manage and protect the groundwater resources of The District. The District was created to help maintain a sustainable, adequate, reliable, cost effective and high quality source of groundwater to promote the vitality, economy and environment of the District. The District will work with and for the citizens of the District and cooperate with other local, regional and State agencies involved in the study and management of groundwater resources.

### **Purpose of Management Plan**

In 1997 the 75<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature established a statewide comprehensive regional water planning initiative with the enactment of Senate Bill 1 (SB1). Among the provisions of SB1 were amendments to Chapter 36 of the Texas Water Code requiring groundwater conservation districts to develop a groundwater management plan that shall be submitted to the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) for approval. The groundwater management plan was specified to contain estimates on the availability of groundwater in the district, details of how the district would manage groundwater, and management goals for the district. In 2001 the 77<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature further clarified the water planning and management provisions of SB1 with the enactment of Senate Bill 2 (SB2).

The requirements of the Chapter 36 Texas Water Code provisions for groundwater management plan development are specified in 31 Texas Administrative Code Chapter 356 of the TWDB Rules. This plan fulfills all requirements for groundwater management plans in SB1, SB2, Chapter 36 Texas Water Code, and TWDB rules.

### **Time Period of Management Plan**

This plan shall be in effect for a period of five years from the date of approval by TWDB, unless a new or amended management plan is adopted by the District Board of Directors and approved by TWDB. The management plan will be readopted with or without changes by the District Board and submitted to TWDB for approval at least every five years.

### **Middle Pecos Groundwater Conservation District**

The District was created in 1999. The creation of the District is recorded in Chapter 1331 of the Acts of the 76<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature (SB 1911). This act enabled the District to function in a limited capacity until the creation of the District was fully validated in the 77<sup>th</sup> Legislature. The validation of the District is recorded in Chapter 1299 of the Acts of

the 77<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature (HB 1258). The District was confirmed by local election held in Pecos County on November 5, 2002.

The District boundaries are coterminous with the boundaries of Pecos County, Texas. The District is bounded by Reeves, Ward, Crane, Crockett, Terrell, Brewster, and Jeff Davis counties. As of the plan date, groundwater conservation districts (GCDs) that bound the District are in Jeff Davis, Brewster, and Crockett Counties. The GCDs neighboring the District are: Brewster County GCD, Jeff Davis County Underground Water Conservation District (UWCD), and Crockett County GCD. Fig.1

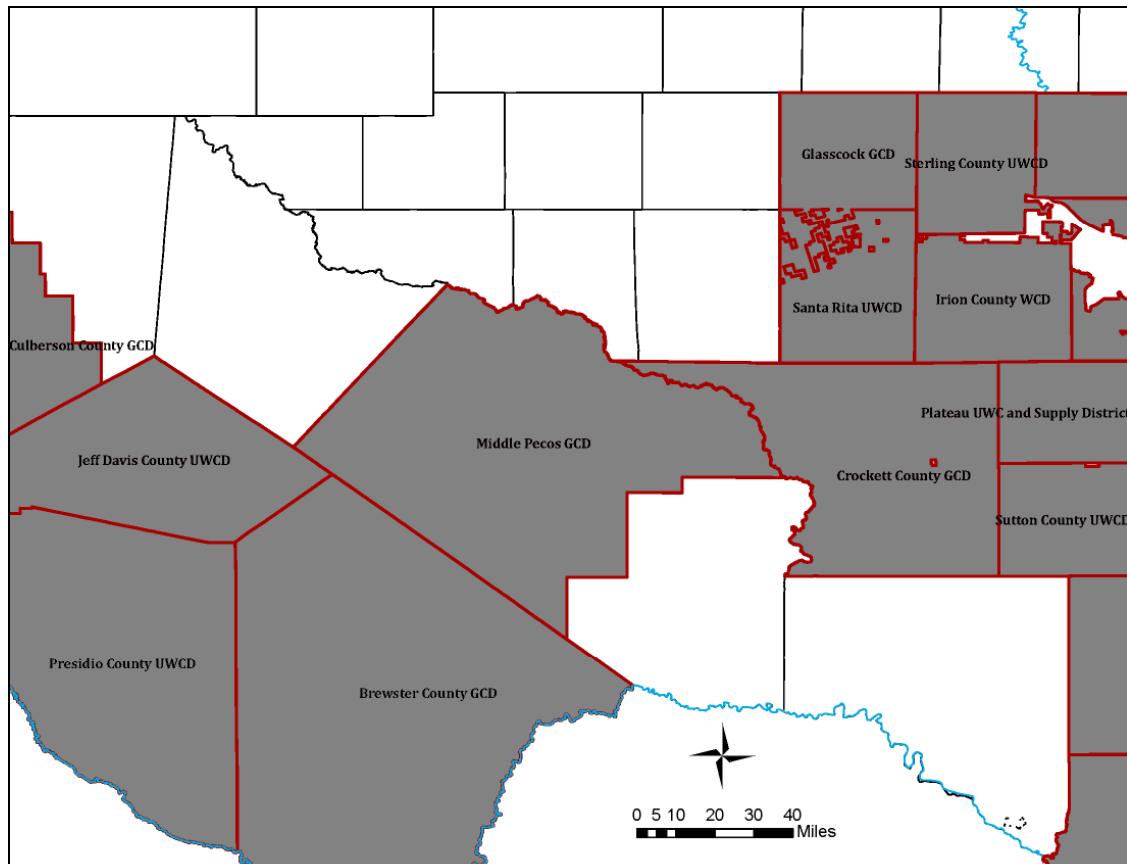


Figure1, Neighboring Districts to Middle Pecos Groundwater Conservation District

Most of the District is in Groundwater Management Area (GMA) 7, with the northern part of the District in GMA 3. Chapter 36 of the Texas Water Code authorizes the District to co-ordinate its management of groundwater with other GCDs in both GMA 7 and GMA 3. The District is currently the only GCD in GMA 3. The other GCDs that are located in GMA 7 are: Crockett County GCD, Santa Rita UWCD (Reagan), Irion County Water Conservation District (WCD), Glasscock GCD, Sterling County UWCD, Lone Wolf GCD (Mitchell), Wes-Tex GCD (Nolan), Coke County UWCD, Lipan-Kickapoo WCD (Tom Green, Concho, and Runnels), Hickory UWCD No. 1 (McCulloch, San Saba, and Mason), Menard County UWD, Hill Country UWCD (Gillespie), Kimble County GCD, Plateau Underground Water Conservation and Supply District (Schleicher), Sutton County UWCD, Real-Edwards Conservation and Reclamation District, Uvalde County UWCD, Edwards Aquifer Authority and Kinney County GCD. Fig. 2

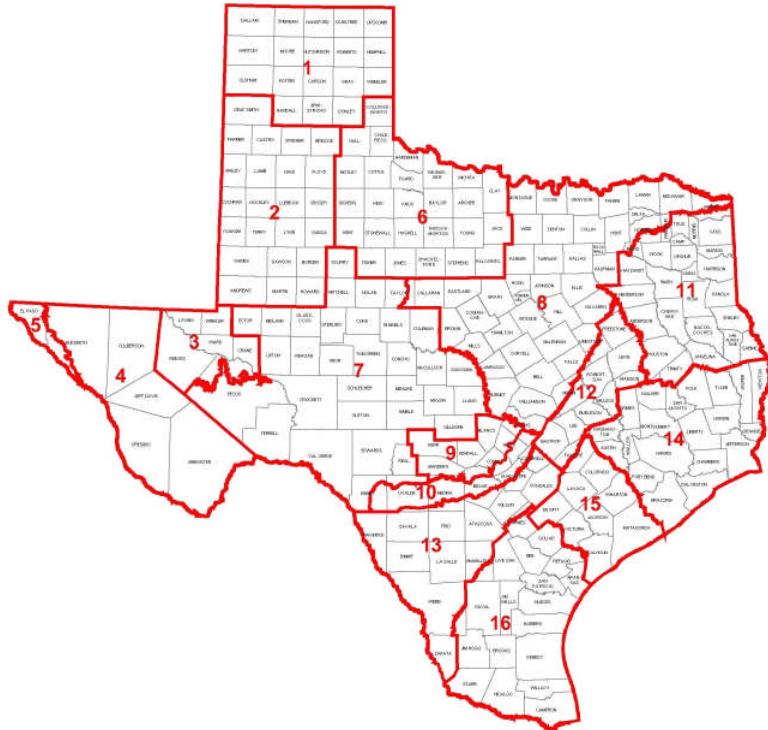


Figure 2, Groundwater Management Areas in Texas

The District Board of Directors is composed of eleven members elected to staggered four-year terms. Two directors are elected from each of the four county precincts, one director is elected at-large, one director is elected from the City of Iraan and one director is elected from the City of Fort Stockton. The Board of Directors holds regular meetings, at least quarterly. Meetings of the Board of Directors are public meetings noticed and held in accordance with public meeting requirements.

## **Authority of the District**

The District derives its authority to manage groundwater use within the District by virtue of the powers granted and authorized in the District enabling act HB 1258 of the 77<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature (Appendix A). The District, acting under authority of the enabling legislation, assumes all the rights and responsibilities of a groundwater conservation district specified in Chapter 36 of the Texas Water Code. The District has developed rules specifying the bounds of due process governing District actions. (Appendix C).

## Groundwater Resources of the District

There are 5 sources of groundwater recognized by TWDB in the District. Two of these sources; the Edwards-Trinity (Plateau) aquifer and the Pecos Valley are classified as major aquifers by TWDB. (Fig. 3) The other three sources of groundwater; the Rustler Formation, the Dockum aquifer and the Capitan Reef Complex are classified as minor aquifers by TWDB. (Fig. 4)

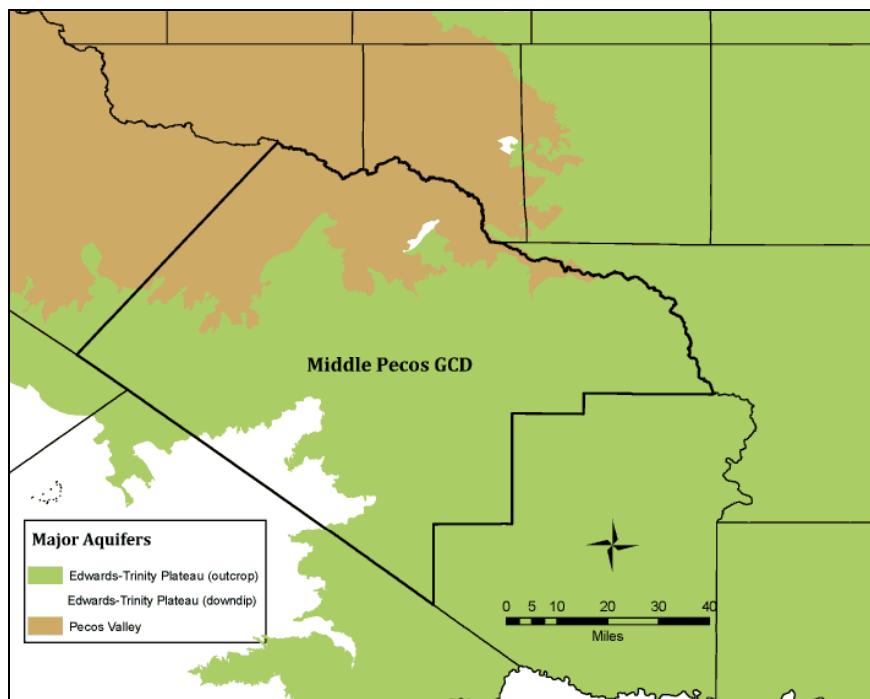


Figure 3, Major Aquifers in Middle Pecos GCD

A major aquifer is defined by TWDB as a source of groundwater that is capable of producing large quantities of groundwater or that produces groundwater over a large area. A minor aquifer is defined as an aquifer that produces small quantities of groundwater or produces groundwater in a limited area. The distinction of a source of groundwater as a major or minor aquifer may have no bearing on the importance of a source of groundwater to a particular locality.

The groundwater sources in the District may produce both fresh and moderately saline (brackish) water. The geologic origins of the groundwater sources of the District cover a broad range of geologic time. Listed in ascending order by geologic age, these sources and their ages are: Rustler Formation and Capitan Reef Complex (Permian), Dockum aquifer (Triassic), Edwards-Trinity (Plateau) aquifer (Cretaceous), and Pecos Valley (Cenozoic). The geologic age of the various sources of groundwater in the District and the geologic history of Pecos County have a bearing on the structure of the groundwater sources of the District and their relationships.

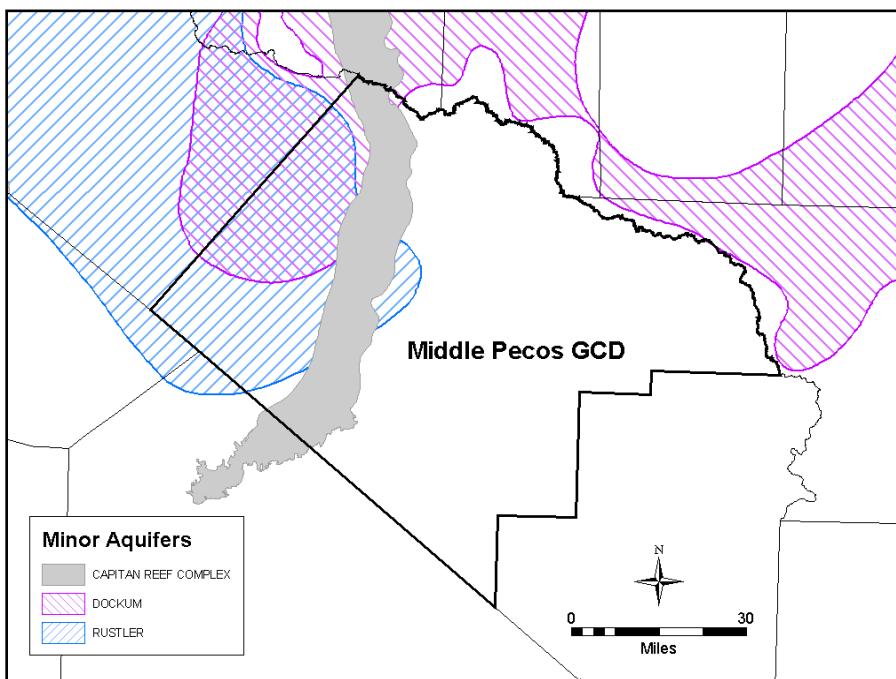


Figure 4, Minor Aquifers in Middle Pecos GCD

#### *Aquifer Relationships in the Western Portion of the District*

Parts of the District lie within the Delaware and Val Verde Basins. These basins were centers of sediment deposition at various times in geologic history. Near the end of Permian time, the seas of the Delaware Basin became shallow and restricted. This resulted in high evaporation rates of the sea water and allowed the deposition of very large amounts of evaporite minerals such as Halite (Sodium Chloride - NaCl), Anhydrite (Calcium Sulfate – CaSO<sub>4</sub>) and Gypsum (Calcium Sulfate – CaSO<sub>4</sub>+H<sub>2</sub>O). (Rees and Buckner, 1980)

In Cretaceous time, seas again advanced and deposited significant amounts of additional sediment that covered the Permian evaporite mineral deposits. When the Cretaceous seas eventually withdrew, fresh groundwater percolated through the Permian evaporite deposits. The groundwater percolation dissolved much of the evaporite minerals beneath the overlying Cretaceous rocks taking away much of their support. The unsupported Cretaceous rocks subsided with extensive faulting and folding. (Fig. 5) The areas where the Cretaceous rocks subsided were filled with erosional material from the nearby volcanic activity associated with the formation of the Davis Mountains. (Rees and Buckner, 1980)

The western portion of the District lies within the Delaware Basin. In the area bounded generally by the Capitan Reef Complex, the Edwards-Trinity (Plateau) aquifer is covered and dissected by the Pecos Valley aquifer. In this area water is commingled between the two aquifers. The water quality in this area is affected mainly by sulfates from water

percolating upward from the Rustler aquifer. Water that is recharged by infiltration on the Rustler outcrops in highlands to the west of the District leeches anhydrite and gypsum as it moves down-gradient into the District. The faulted and collapsed condition of the rocks of the Edwards-Trinity (Plateau) aquifer allows the sulfate laden water to infiltrate relatively easily. In the portion of the District which lies outside of the Delaware Basin, the Edwards-Trinity (Plateau) aquifer is undisturbed. (Rees and Buckner, 1980) (Fig 5)

### ***Aquifer Descriptions***

**Capitan Reef Aquifer** – The Capitan Reef aquifer is a Permian age reef complex on the eastern and western margins of the Delaware Basin. Within the District the aquifer occurs as a generally north-south trending strip approximately 10 to 20 miles wide. This strip is part of a trend which runs from northern Brewster County to the New Mexico state line through Pecos, Ward and Winkler Counties. The aquifer is composed of various cavernous limestone formations that make up the reef complex. The Capitan Reef aquifer outcrops in the Glass Mountains but is deeply buried below the Edwards-Trinity (Plateau) aquifer in other parts of the District. The aquifer may be 1,500 to 2,000 feet thick and up to 3,600 feet deep. Water quality in the Capitan Reef aquifer may be fresh near the mountain outcrop areas but may be moderately saline in other areas. Because of the cavernous nature of the aquifer, well yields may be high with a generally high availability of groundwater. The Capitan Reef aquifer has been little studied in Texas. (Ashworth, 1990) (Guyton, 2003)

**Rustler aquifer** – The Rustler aquifer is made up of the Permian age Rustler Formation. The Rustler Formation is approximately 200 to 500 feet thick. It is mostly dolomite and anhydrite but has sand and conglomerate at its base and also contains some shale and limestone. From outcrops in Culberson County the Rustler aquifer dips into the subsurface to the east. It is deformed by folding and may not produce groundwater in all areas. The Rustler is recharged by runoff infiltration in the outcrop areas but age-dating of the water may indicate that more water is recharged by cross-formation flow than from infiltration. The water quality of the Rustler aquifer is moderately saline. Well yields may vary from low to high. The Rustler aquifer is relatively deeply buried in the District and contributes water to the Edwards-Trinity (Plateau) and Pecos Valley aquifers. The principal use of the Rustler aquifer is for irrigation and oil field uses. The Rustler aquifer is not well understood and has been little studied. (Guyton, 2003)

**Dockum Aquifer** – The Dockum aquifer is composed of the Triassic age formations of the Dockum Group; the Santa Rosa and Tecovas Formations within the District. The aquifer has upper and lower shale sections with a fine grained sand in the middle often referred to as the “Santa Rosa” sand. The Dockum aquifer occurs only under artesian conditions in a limited area of the north western part of the District. It receives recharge from infiltration of runoff in the outcrop areas but may only receive cross-formation recharge within the area of the District. In areas where the Dockum aquifer is hydraulically connected to the Pecos Valley aquifer, the two units have been referred to as the Allurosa aquifer. Water quality in the Dockum aquifer within the District is slightly (3,000 mg/l) to moderately (5,000 mg/l) saline with a generally low productivity of wells. (Rees and Buckner, 1980) (Ashworth, 1990) (Guyton, 2003)

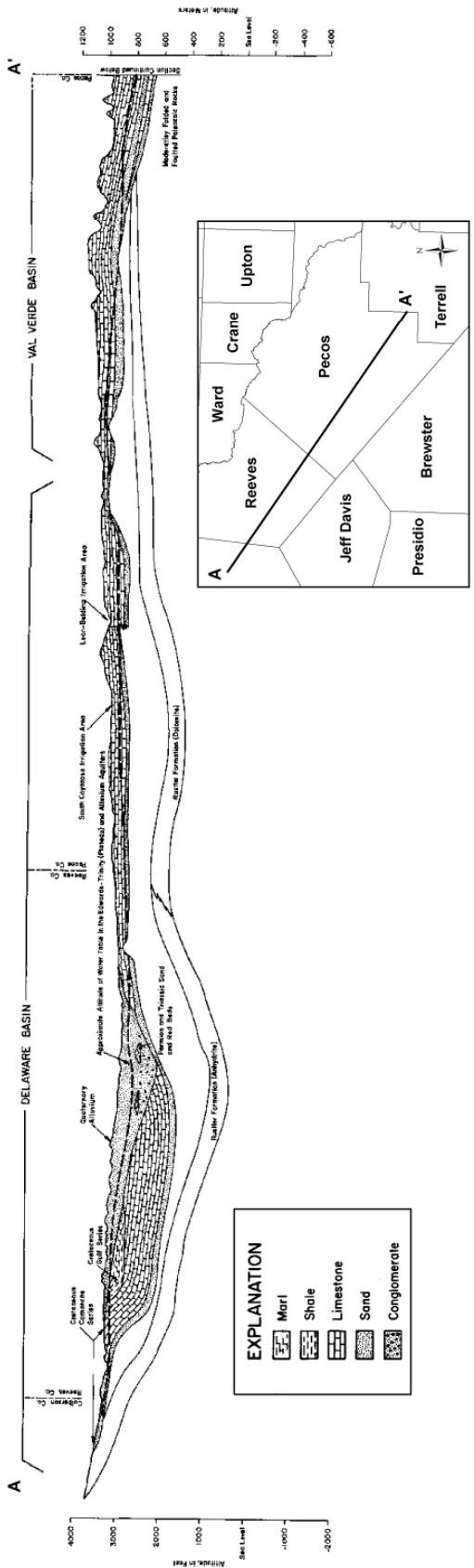


Figure 5, Geologic Cross Section of Reeves and Pecos Counties (Rees and Buckner, 1980)

**Edwards-Trinity (Plateau) Aquifer** – The Edwards-Trinity (Plateau) aquifer is of Cretaceous age and consists of the Edwards Group limestones and the sands and limestone of the Trinity Group. Within the District the Edwards Group is currently considered to consist of the Segovia and Fort Terrett Formations, but other terminology conventions may be applied to the Edwards Group. (BEG, 1975, 1981, 1982) The Trinity Group consists of the Maxon Sand, the Glen Rose Limestone and may include a basal conglomerate. (Rees and Buckner, 1980) The aquifer may be up to 1,200 feet in thickness and produces small to moderately large quantities of fresh to slightly saline (3,000 mg/l) water. The Edwards-Trinity (Plateau) aquifer is hydraulically connected to the Rustler and Pecos Valley aquifers in the western part of the District. (Ashworth, 1990)

**Pecos Valley Aquifer** – Consists of up to 1,500 feet of unconsolidated to partially consolidated sand, silt, clay and caliche. The alluvial fill material of the aquifer had two main deposition centers; the Pecos trough and the Monument Draw trough. The aquifer is a principal source of irrigation supply in the northern and western portions of the District. The water quality is fresh to moderately (5,000 mg/l) saline and well yields may be high. The Pecos Valley aquifer is hydraulically connected to the Rustler and Edwards-Trinity (Plateau) aquifers in the western part of the District. (Ashworth, 1990)

System	Geologic Unit	Hydrologic Unit
Quaternary	Alluvial Fill Material	Pecos Valley aquifer
Cretaceous	Edwards Group	Edwards-Trinity (Plateau) aquifer
	Trinity Group	
Triassic	Santa Rosa and Tecovas Formations (may be undifferentiated)	Dockum aquifer
Permian	Rustler Formation	Rustler aquifer
	Capitan Reef Complex	Capitan Reef aquifer

Figure 6, Water-bearing Geologic and Hydrologic Units of Pecos County, Modified from Rees and Buckner, 1980; Ashworth, 1990

## **Geomorphology of the District**

The topography of the District ranges from nearly level to gently undulating in the northern half and hilly to mountainous in the southern half. The eastern and central portions of the District are on the edge of the Edwards Plateau and are marked by mesas of varying sizes with intervening arroyos. Hills become more rounded and valleys more pronounced with generally undulating terrain further west. The northern part of the District slopes generally toward the Pecos River. Elevation ranges from about 2,200 feet above mean sea level (amsl) near the Pecos River to about 5,200 feet amsl in the mountains. All drainages flow to the Pecos River. The Pecos River flows continuously, but other streams in the county flow only after infrequent torrential rains. Springs were at one time an important water source for the area, but many no longer flow. (Rives 1980 and TSHA 2002)

## **Managed Available Groundwater in the District**

Managed available groundwater is defined in TWC §36.001 as “the amount of water that may be permitted by a district for beneficial use in accordance with the desired future condition of the aquifer.” The desired future condition of the aquifer may only be determined through joint planning with other groundwater conservation districts (GCDs) in the groundwater management area (GMA) or GMAs in which the District is located as required in TWC §36.108. The District is located in GMAs 3 and 7. The GCDs of GMAs 3 and 7 have completed the joint planning process and adopted desired future condition for the following aquifers in Pecos County:

### **GMA-3**

- Edwards-Trinity(Plateau)/Pecos Valley aquifers
- Dockum aquifer
- Capitan Reef aquifer
- Rustler aquifer

### **GMA-7**

- Edwards-Trinity(Plateau)/Pecos Valley aquifers
- Capitan Reef aquifer
- Rustler aquifer
- Lower Dockum aquifer

While GMAs 3 and 7 have completed the joint planning process, the District is unable to present a final value for the managed available groundwater in the aquifers of Pecos County as of the date of this plan, because TWDB has not yet provided the final values. The desired future conditions of aquifers as adopted by GMAs 3 and 7 are given below. The estimates of groundwater availability the District developed for use in the GMA-3 and GMA-7 processes are presented below for each aquifer in the District. TWDB does not allow the District to refer to this information as the “managed available groundwater” of the aquifer.

For the purposes of managing groundwater within the boundaries of the District and pursuant to Chapter 36 of the Texas Water Code, the District used the desired future conditions of the aquifers as a benchmark to estimate groundwater availability in the aquifers of the District (in lieu of the official managed available groundwater values from TWDB which are not available as of the date of this plan). The desired future conditions were identified through the GMA process and deliberations by GMAs 3 and 7. The District identified the amount of groundwater use sustainable under the adopted desired future conditions for the aquifers through participation in GMAs 3 and 7 for use in the District's management plan until the managed available groundwater values for the aquifers are provided by TWDB. The District's estimates of groundwater availability for the Edwards-Trinity (Plateau), Pecos Valley and Dockum aquifers were developed using the TWDB groundwater availability models (GAMs) for those aquifers. The District used other calculations to estimate groundwater availability under the adopted desired future conditions for the Capitan Reef aquifer and the Rustler aquifer.

#### **Edwards-Trinity (Plateau)and Pecos Valley Aquifers**

To assess groundwater availability, the District participated in the GMA 3 and 7 requests that TWDB perform a series of simulations using the most recent 1-layer version of the TWDB Groundwater Availability Model (GAM) for the Edwards-Trinity (Plateau) aquifer and Pecos Valley aquifer. The series of GAM simulations iteratively applied varying amounts of groundwater pumping from the aquifer over a predictive period. Pumping was varied, until the amount of pumping that could be sustained by the aquifer without exceeding the desired future conditions was identified.

a. **Desired Future Conditions**

The desired future conditions for the Edwards-Trinity (Plateau) and Pecos Valley aquifers of Pecos County, as follows:

GMA 7 – Indexed to 2010 conditions, the combined aquifer draw down over 50 years should not exceed 11 feet when averaged over the entire portion of Pecos County where the Edwards-Trinity (Plateau) and Pecos Valley aquifers occur within GMA 7 and 7 feet when averaged over the areas where the aquifers occur in GMA-7 overall.

GMA 3 – Indexed to 2010 conditions, the combined aquifer draw down over 50 years should not exceed 12 feet when averaged over the entire portion of Pecos County where the Edwards-Trinity (Plateau) and Pecos Valley aquifers occur within GMA-3 and 28 feet when averaged over the areas where the aquifers occur in GMA-3 overall.

The District estimates of the selected management conditions related to draw down in the Edwards-Trinity and Pecos Valley Aquifers are based on GAM-run 09-35 of version 3 (single-layer model):

- Scenario 10 for GMA-7 (results presented by TWDB July 29, 2010)
- Scenario 11 for GMA-3 (results presented by TWDB August 9, 2010)

b. Groundwater Availability\*

The estimated total groundwater availability for the Edwards-Trinity (Plateau) and Pecos Valley aquifers in MPGCD is 240,000 acre-feet per year which is based on the amounts of groundwater that could be pumped while maintaining the selected management conditions in each aquifer management zone discussed above. In determining the volume of water available for permitting, a total of 2,000 acre-feet per year is allocated for exempt well users. This leaves a total of **238,000 acre-feet per year as the groundwater available for permitting for the Edwards-Trinity (Plateau) and Pecos Valley aquifers**. The groundwater availability in GMAs 3 and 7 is given below:

**GMA-7 Portion of Pecos County:**

- 122,000 acre-feet per year

**GMA-3 Portion of Pecos County:**

- 118,000 acre-feet per year

\*: The District estimates of groundwater availability in the Edwards-Trinity (Plateau) and Pecos Valley Aquifers are based on TWDB spatial distribution of simulated pumping in GAM-run 09-35 of version 3 (single-layer model):

- Scenario 10 for GMA-7 (results presented by TWDB July 29, 2010)
- Scenario 11 for GMA-3 (results presented by TWDB August 9, 2010)

However, all presented values are approximate, as of the date of this Plan; TWDB has not provided the District with the Managed Available Groundwater values for GMAs 3 and 7, as simulated in the above referenced GAM-run scenarios.

**C. Management Zones for the Edwards-Trinity (Plateau) and Pecos Valley Aquifers**

The District may establish groundwater management zones in the principal areas of irrigation (or other groundwater demand) and pertinent surrounding areas of Pecos County, as described below:

- 1) The Leon-Belding Irrigation Area and the vicinity of the City of Fort Stockton to include the outlets of Comanche Springs. The area is generally bounded by the TWDB Edwards-Trinity (Plateau) / Pecos Valley Aquifer GAM-Grid cells that contain the following sets of latitude and longitude coordinates: (30.90321 N, -102.8566 W); (30.85306 N, -102.8928 W); (30.69796 N, -103.15137 W). The specific GAM-grid cells composing the management zone are given in Appendix G.
- 2) The Bakersfield Irrigation Area. The area is generally bounded by the TWDB Edwards-Trinity (Plateau) / Pecos Valley Aquifer GAM-Grid cells that contain the following sets of latitude and longitude coordinates (except where cells are truncated by intersection with the Pecos County-line): (31.05667 N, -102.3717 W); (30.8992 N, -102.28911 W); (30.95167 N, -102.1653 W); (30.96833 N, -102.2169 W). The specific GAM-grid cells used to compose the management zone are given in Appendix G.
- 3) The Coyanosa Irrigation Area. The area is generally bounded by the TWDB Edwards-Trinity (Plateau) / Pecos Valley Aquifer GAM-Grid cells that contain the following sets of latitude and longitude coordinates (except where cells are truncated by intersection with the Pecos County-line): (31.1805 N, 103.0202 W); (31.3169 N, 103.0511 W); (31.2097 N, 103.0026 W); (31.1105 N, 102.9924 W); (31.1025 N, 103.1022 W); (31.1834 N, 103.1347 W). The specific GAM-grid cells used to compose the management zone are given in Appendix G.

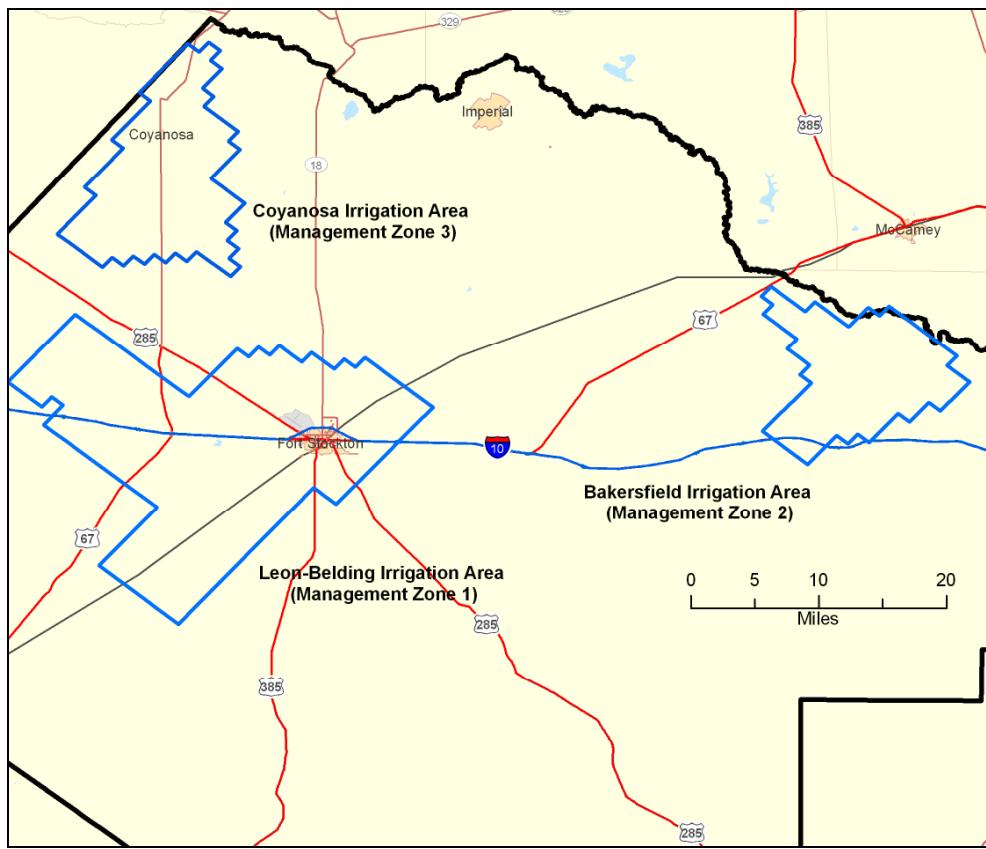


Figure 7, Groundwater Management Zones in MPGCD

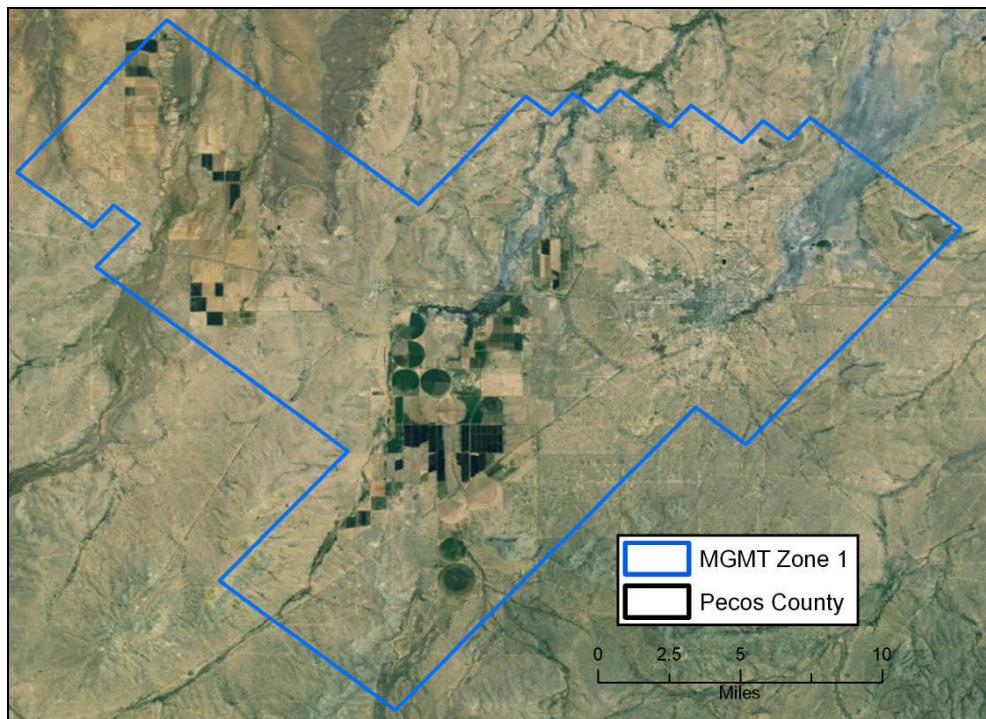


Figure 8, Groundwater Management Zone 1 in MPGCD

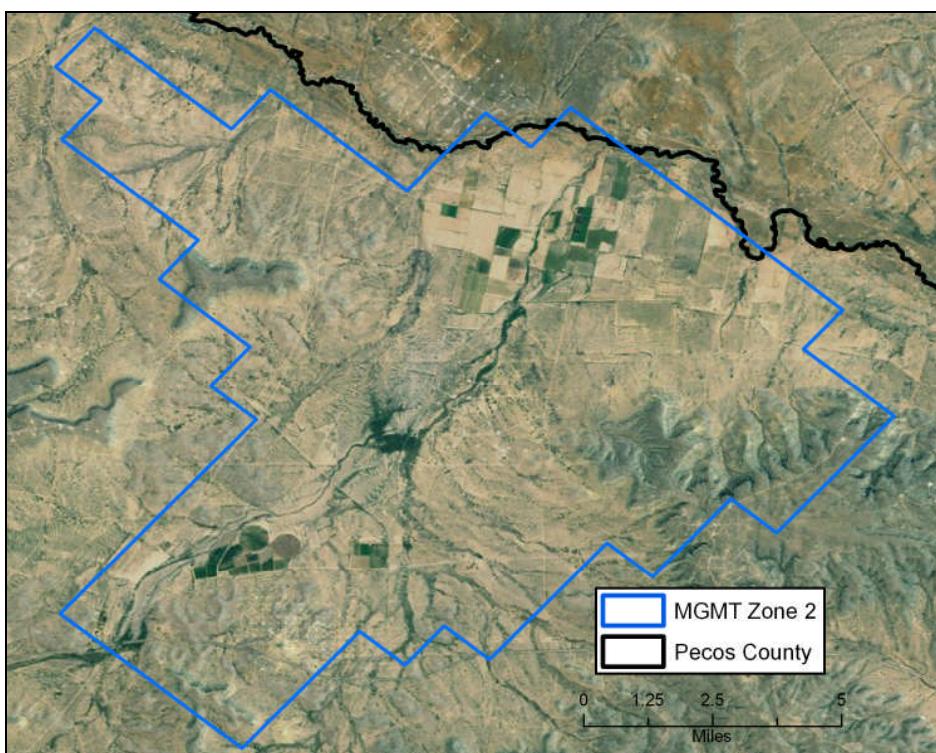


Figure 9, Groundwater Management Zone 2 in MPGCD

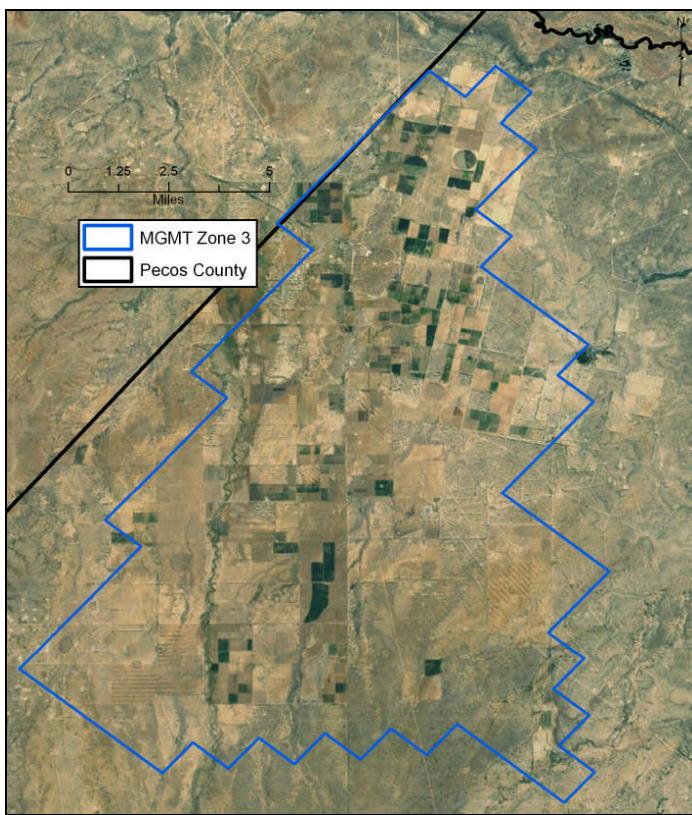


Figure 10, Groundwater Management Zone 3 in MPGCD

The District recognizes that groundwater use in the areas of principal groundwater demand in the District has the potential to result in localized aquifer draw down sufficient to possibly impair the DFCs of the aquifer in District as a whole (within each GMA). In each Management Zone described about a center of groundwater demand, the District seeks to avoid impairment of the adopted DFCs for the District as a whole (within the portions of the District in each of GMAs 3 and 7) by establishing benchmarks of sustainable groundwater use over time in the District Rules. The benchmarks of sustainable groundwater use over time established in the District Rules for each groundwater management zone may be based on the rates of change and the amounts of average aquifer draw-down described by the results of Scenario 10 of GAM-run 09-35 of version 3 (single-layer model) for the GMA-7 portion of MPGCD and Scenario 11 for the GMA 3 portion of MPGCD or other information such as water-level data. The assessment of the change in average draw-down values over time will be indexed to year 2010 water levels to be consistent with the adopted DFCs of the Edwards-Trinity (Plateau) and Pecos Valley aquifers. By managing the change in aquifer water levels over time in the management zones, the District can provide for the sustainability of the aquifers and avoid impairment of the aquifer DFCs established by the GMAs.

### **Capitan Reef Aquifer**

As of the date of this plan; a TWDB GAM for the Capitan Reef Aquifer has not been released. To assess groundwater availability, a spreadsheet model was developed. The model uses estimates of: the area of the aquifer recharge (unconfined) and the artesian (confined) zones; the annual amount of aquifer use (pumping, where pumping is assumed to be approximately equal to recharge); and the coefficient of storage of the aquifer in the confined and unconfined zones to predict the annual volume of water that could be produced from the aquifer and result in a specified amount of aquifer draw-down after 50 years. Predictions are made for the unconfined and confined zones of the aquifer within MPGCD. Predictions of the estimated annual amount of groundwater that could be produced in the unconfined zone and confined zone of the aquifer are summed for presentation. Aquifer-zone area estimates in Pecos County are from the TWDB GIS shape-files for the Capitan Reef aquifer. Estimates of the annual aquifer use are from estimates developed by MPGCD. The coefficients of storage values are reasonable estimates. Pumping was increased, until the amount of pumping that could be sustained by the aquifer without exceeding the selected management conditions. Details of the groundwater availability estimates for the Capitan Reef aquifer are given in Appendix F.

#### a. **Desired Future Conditions**

The Desired Future Condition describes the maintenance of the water levels expressed as an average draw down value for each aquifer zone where they occur in MPGCD over a 50-year horizon (2010-2060) at or above the levels specified below. *The desired future conditions are intended to define sustainable use by establishing management goals for each aquifer.* The District applied the spreadsheet models in 2010. The average draw-down values are indexed to year 2010 water levels. By maintaining the aquifer water levels the District can provide for the sustainability of the aquifer. The following 50-year

criteria (rounded to the nearest foot) were applied to the individual aquifer zones in each county to assess the amounts of sustainable use:

**Unconfined Zone (GMA 7):**

- Approximately 15 feet average draw down across the area of occurrence of the aquifer zone over 50-years

**Confined Zone (GMA 3 and GMA 7):**

- Approximately 200 feet average draw down across the area of occurrence of the aquifer zone over 50-years

b. Groundwater Availability\*

The estimated total groundwater availability for the Capitan Reef aquifer in MPGCD is 11,122 acre-feet per year which is based on the amounts of groundwater that could be pumped while maintaining the selected management conditions in the aquifer subdivisions discussed above. In determining the volume of water available for permitting, 100 acre-feet per year is allocated for exempt well users. This leaves **11,022 acre-feet per year as the groundwater available for permitting for the Capitan Reef aquifer.**

A summary is given by GMA and aquifer zone below:

**Unconfined Zone:**

- 1,287 acre-feet per year (80 acre-feet per year reserved for exempt use)

**Confined Zone in GMA 3:**

- 1,361 acre-feet per year (10 acre-feet per year reserved for exempt use)

**Confined Zone in GMA 7:**

- 8,474 acre-feet per year (10 acre-feet per year reserved for exempt use)

\*: The District estimates of groundwater availability related to draw down in the Capitan Reef Aquifer are based on the 2-D model. However, as of the date of this Plan, TWDB has not provided the District with the Managed Available Groundwater values for the aquifer in GMAs 3 and 7.

**Rustler Aquifer**

As of the date of this plan; a TWDB GAM for the Rustler Aquifer has not been released. To assess groundwater availability, a spreadsheet model was developed. The model uses estimates of the area of the artesian (confined) zone in MPGCD; the annual amount of aquifer use (pumping, where pumping is assumed to be approximately equal to aquifer inflow); and the coefficient of storage of the aquifer in the confined zone to predict the annual volume of water that could be produced from the aquifer and result in a specified amount of aquifer draw-down after 50 years. Predictions are made for the confined zone of the aquifer within MPGCD. The predictions of the estimated annual amount of

groundwater that could be produced in the confined zone of the aquifer are summed for presentation. Aquifer-zone area estimates in Pecos County are from the TWDB GIS shape-files for the Rustler aquifer. Estimates of the annual aquifer use are from estimates developed by MPGCD. The coefficients of storage values are reasonable estimates. Pumping was increased, until the amount of pumping that could be sustained by the aquifer without exceeding the selected management conditions. Details of the estimates of groundwater availability for the Rustler aquifer are given in Appendix F.

a. Desired Future Conditions

The Desired Future Condition describes the maintenance of the water levels expressed as an average draw down value for each section of aquifer where they occur in MPGCD over a 50-year horizon (2010-2060) at or above the levels specified below. *The desired future conditions are intended to define sustainable use by establishing management goals for each aquifer.* The District applied the spreadsheet models in 2010. The average draw-down values are indexed to year 2010 water levels. By maintaining the aquifer water levels the District can provide for the sustainability of the aquifer. The following 50-year criteria (rounded to the nearest foot) were applied to the individual aquifer zones in each county to assess the amounts of sustainable use:

**Confined Zone in GMA 3 and GMA 7:**

- Approximately 300 feet average draw down across the area of occurrence of the aquifer zone over 50-years

b. Groundwater Availability\*

The estimated total groundwater availability for the Rustler aquifer in MPGCD is 10,508 acre-feet per year which is based on the amounts of groundwater that could be pumped while maintaining the selected management conditions in the aquifer subdivisions discussed above. In determining the volume of water available for permitting, 100 acre-feet per year is allocated for exempt well users. This leaves **10,408 acre-feet per year as the groundwater available for permitting for the Rustler aquifer.**

**A summary is given by GMA and aquifer zone below:**

**Confined Zone in GMA 3:**

- 3,466 acre-feet per year (50 acre-feet per year reserved for exempt use)

**Confined Zone in GMA 7:**

- 7,042 acre-feet per year (50 acre-feet per year reserved for exempt use)

\*: The District estimates of groundwater availability related to draw down in the Rustler Aquifer are based on the 2-D model. However, as of the date of this Plan, TWDB has not provided the District with the Managed Available Groundwater values for the aquifer in GMAs 3 and 7.

### **Dockum Aquifer**

To assess groundwater availability, the District requested through GMAs-3 and 7 that TWDB perform a series of simulations using the TWDB's Groundwater Availability Model (GAM) for the Dockum aquifer. The series of GAM simulations iteratively applied varying amounts of groundwater pumping from the aquifer over a predictive period. Pumping was varied, until the amount of pumping that could be sustained by the aquifer without exceeding the selected management conditions was identified.

#### a. Desired Future Conditions

The Desired Future Condition describes the maintenance of the water levels expressed as an average draw down value for the aquifer where it occurs in MPGCD over a 50-year horizon (2010-2060) at or above the levels specified below. *The selected management conditions are intended to define sustainable use by establishing management goals for each aquifer.* The average draw-down values are indexed to year 2010 water levels. By maintaining the aquifer water levels the District can provide for the sustainability of the aquifer. The following 50-year criteria (rounded to the nearest foot) were applied to the individual aquifer zones in each county to assess the amounts of sustainable use:

#### **Confined Zone in GMA 3:**

- Approximately 47 feet average draw down across the area of occurrence of the aquifer zone over 50-years

#### **Confined Zone in GMA 7:**

- Draw down is not to exceed approximately 4 feet on average across the area of occurrence of the aquifer zone by year 2060

#### b. Groundwater Availability\*

The estimated total groundwater availability for the Dockum aquifer in MPGCD is 18,000 acre-feet per year which is based on the amounts of groundwater that could be pumped while maintaining the selected management conditions in the aquifer discussed above. In determining the volume of water available for permitting, 100 acre-feet per year is allocated for exempt well users. This leaves **17,900 acre-feet per year as the groundwater available for permitting for the Dockum aquifer.**

#### **A summary is given below:**

#### **GMAs 3 and 7:**

- 18,000 acre-feet per year (100 acre-feet per year reserved for exempt use)

\*: The District estimates of groundwater availability related to draw down in the Dockum Aquifer are based on the revised Base Condition scenario of GAM-Task 10-025, 2010 (presented August 9, 2010). However, as of the date of this Plan, TWDB has not provided the District with the Managed Available Groundwater values for the aquifer in GMA 3 or a specific distribution of pumping between GMAs 3 and 7 as simulated in the above referenced GAM-run scenario.

## **Estimate of the Annual Amount of Groundwater Use in the District**

To estimate the annual amount of groundwater being used in the District, the District has relied on the TWDB Annual Water use Survey Data. In past years responses to the TWDB survey was voluntary. As a result, the TWDB water use survey data is subject to variations in the completeness or accuracy of the data. The estimate of the amount of groundwater being used in the District on an annual basis is 43,378 acre-feet per year. The estimate is from the TWDB Annual Water Use Survey for the Year 2003 which is the most recent data available. TWDB data on estimated groundwater use is available from 1980 to 2003, excepting 1981 to 1983 when no data was collected. Details of the estimate of the total amount of groundwater use are presented in Appendix D.

In addition to presentation of the TWDB Annual Water use Survey Data, MPGCD assisted TWDB in developing estimates of the use of groundwater for agricultural and related irrigation. MPGCD reviewed the TWDB irrigation use estimates and provided corrections or additions to the TWDB estimates based on site-specific data developed by the District. The 2009 estimated total groundwater use for irrigation is approximately 115,650 acre-feet per year. Details of the estimate of the 2009 total irrigation use of groundwater use are presented in Appendix D.

## **Estimate of the Annual Amount of Natural or Artificial Recharge to the Groundwater Resources within the District**

The estimated annual amount of recharge to the groundwater resources of the District is 115,484 acre-feet per year. This estimate is based in part on data from Table 3-1 on page 3-5 of the Region F Regional Water Plan text and gives recharge estimates for the Pecos Valley, Edwards-Trinity (Plateau) and Dockum aquifers in the District. The estimates of annual recharge for the Capitan Reef and Rustler aquifers were developed by the District.

In the TWDB rules concerning groundwater management plans, recharge is defined as "The addition of water from precipitation or runoff by seepage or infiltration to an aquifer from the land surface, streams, or lakes directly into a formation or indirectly by way of leakage from another formation." This definition precludes the inclusion of down-gradient movement of water in an aquifer in the estimate of recharge. Neither the Rustler aquifer nor the Dockum aquifer has an outcrop within the District and cannot receive recharge by infiltration. As of the date of this plan the District has not located an estimate or an estimated rate of inter-formation leakage that recharges these aquifers.

Aquifer	Annual Recharge
Capitan Reef	824
Pecos Valley	14,115
Dockum	0
Edwards-Trinity (Plateau)	140,509
Rustler	0

Table 1, Annual Recharge Estimates for Pecos County in Acre-feet per Year

Estimates of Annual Recharge to the Edwards-Trinity, Pecos Valley and Dockum Aquifers are from TWDB GR08-75. Estimates of Annual Recharge to the Capitan Reef and Rustler Aquifers are from MPGCD calculations.

As of the date of this plan, no published estimates on the annual amount of recharge or estimates of the rate of infiltration for recharge of the Capitan Reef aquifer have been identified. Published estimates on the rate of recharge infiltration for portions of the Edwards-Trinity (Plateau) aquifer near the outcrop of the Capitan Reef aquifer may be applicable. Published estimates recharge rates for the Edwards-Trinity Plateau aquifer are available for Pecos County, Anaya 2002, and Crockett County, Inglehart 1967. The range of these estimates is 4 percent of annual precipitation for Pecos County to 1.6 percent for Crockett County. Because the actual rate of infiltration recharge for the Capitan Reef aquifer is unknown the District has chosen to use a mid-range assumptive rate of 2.8 percent of annual precipitation.

The Capitan Reef aquifer has an estimated area of outcrop within the District of 22,279 acres. The assumed rate of infiltration of 2.8 percent of annual precipitation was applied to the average annual precipitation for this area of the District (16 inches per year). (USDA-NRCS, 1999) The District estimates the annual recharge to the Capitan Reef aquifer to be 824 ac-ft per year. The details of the District calculation of the estimated recharge to the Capitan Reef aquifer are included in Appendix E.

### **How the Natural or Artificial Recharge in the District May be Increased**

The natural or artificial recharge in the District might be increased by the construction of small retention structures on ephemeral streams to impound storm-water run-off.

### **Estimates of the Annual Volume of Water Discharging from Aquifers to Springs and Other Surface Water in the District**

<b>Estimated Annual Discharge of Groundwater to Surface</b>	
<b>Aquifer</b>	<b>Discharge in Acre-Feet per Year</b>
<b>Edwards-Trinity (Plateau)</b>	<b>31,222</b>
<b>Pecos Valley</b>	<b>9,804</b>
<b>Dockum</b>	<b>0</b>

**Table 2, Estimated Discharge of Aquifers to Surface Water Systems in the District**

Note: surface water systems may include springs and any surface water body including lakes, streams and rivers

Source of Estimates: TWDB GAM Run 08-75

## **Estimates of the Annual Volume of Flow Into and Out of the District Within Each Aquifer and Between Aquifers in the District, if a Groundwater Availability Model is Available**

<b>Groundwater Movement</b>	<b>Aquifer</b>	<b>Flow in Acre-Feet per Year</b>
Estimated Annual Flow into the District Within Each Aquifer	Edwards-Trinity (Plateau)	32,993
	Pecos Valley	3,441
	Dockum	554
Estimated Annual Flow out of the District Within Each Aquifer	Edwards-Trinity (Plateau)	74,562
	Pecos Valley	4,538
	Dockum	302
Estimated Net Annual Flow Between Aquifers	Edwards-Trinity to Pecos Valley	8,891
	Overlying Units to Dockum	582

**Table 3, Estimated Flow Into, Out of and Between Aquifers in the District**

Source of Estimates: TWDB GAM Run 08-75

## **Estimate of the Projected Total Water Demand within the District**

Estimates of projected water demand are based on anticipated patterns of population growth and migration that are applied to standardized estimated water use rates for the recognized categories of water use. Estimates of projected annual total water demand represent a need for water that may ultimately be met by a supply of surface water or groundwater. The estimation of projected total water demand is the first step in determining the adequacy of a regional system of water supply. The estimate of projected total water demand within the District in the year 2010 is 85,897 acre-feet.

<b>WUG</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2030</b>	<b>2040</b>	<b>2050</b>	<b>2060</b>
County-Other	702	722	731	730	726	712
Fort Stockton	3,267	3,397	3,461	3,481	3,479	3,411
Irrigation	452	469	478	480	479	470
Livestock	79,681	78,436	77,191	75,945	74,700	73,475
Manufacturing	1,239	1,239	1,239	1,239	1,239	1,239
Mining	2	2	2	2	2	2
Pecos County WCID #1	159	158	158	158	158	158
<b>Projected Demand in acre-feet/year =</b>	<b>85,897</b>	<b>84,826</b>	<b>83,661</b>	<b>82,434</b>	<b>81,178</b>	<b>79,854</b>

Table 4, Estimates of Projected Water Demands in Pecos County

The source of these estimates is Volume 3 of the 2007 State Water Planning Database.

## Estimate of Projected Surface Water Supplies

Estimates of projected surface water supplies represent the estimated capacity of surface water supply systems to deliver water to meet user needs on an annual basis. Generally, estimates of projected water supplies are compared with estimates of projected demand to determine if the existing infrastructure is capable of meeting the expected needs of a water user group. The annual water delivery capacity of different water systems in different areas may not be estimated by the same methods. The estimate of projected surface water supplies in the District for the year 2010 is 6,054 acre-feet.

The projected surface water supplies of a water user group may significantly exceed the amount of water actually used by the user because the user groups have additional or redundant capacity. This is particularly true of municipal water user groups where redundant capacity is built in to the system to insure a constant supply of water.

Pecos County Projected Surface Water Supplies in Acre-Feet per Year							
WUG	Source	2010	2020	2030	2040	2050	2060
Irrigation	Pecos River (run-of-river)	4,444	4,444	4,444	4,444	4,444	4,444
Irrigation	Red Bluff Reservoir	1,558	1,558	1,558	1,558	1,558	1,558
Livestock	Local Supply	52	52	52	52	52	52
Total Surface Water Supplies =		6,054	6,054	6,054	6,054	6,054	6,054

Table 5, Estimates of Projected Surface Water Supplies in Pecos County

The source of these estimates is Volume 3 of the 2007 State Water Planning Database.

## Identified Water Needs of Water User Groups

Estimates of identified water needs for water represent the projected shortages of water for water user groups beyond the existing water supplies of the water user groups. Where water needs are identified for a water user group; a water management strategy must be developed by the Regional Water Planning Group in which the water user group is located that will result in sufficient additional water supplies to meet the identified needs. The estimates of identified water needs are from Volume 3 of the 2007 State Water Planning Database.

Identified Water Surplus or Deficits (Need) – Needs Shown as Negative (-) Values						
WUG	2010	2020	2030	2040	2050	2060
County Other	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fort Stockton	2,646	2,516	2,452	2,432	2,434	2,502
Iraan	115	98	89	87	88	97
Irrigation	2,902	4,147	5,392	6,638	7,883	9,108
Livestock	1	1	1	1	1	1
Manufacturing	1	1	1	1	1	1
Mining	127	128	128	128	128	128
Pecos Co. WCID #1	83	75	77	79	83	91
Total Needs =		0	0	0	0	0

Table 6, Identified Water Needs in Pecos County in Acre-feet per Year

## **Water Management Strategies to Meet Needs of Water User Groups**

Water Management Strategies are the projects recommended by Regional Water Planning Groups that are intended to develop the amount of additional water supplies indicated as necessary to meet the identified water needs (projected shortages) of specific water user groups beyond their existing water supplies. The Water Management Strategies recommended by Regional Water Planning Groups may develop additional supplies of surface water or groundwater. The table presenting the recommended Water Management Strategies for Pecos County is from Volume 3 of the 2007 State Water Planning Database.

<b>Recommended Water Management Strategies for Pecos County Water User Groups</b>								
<b>WUG</b>	<b>Strategy</b>	<b>Source</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2030</b>	<b>2040</b>	<b>2050</b>	<b>2060</b>
Irrigation	Conservation	Conservation	0	6,300	12,600	12,600	12,600	12,600
<b>Total Water Mgt Strategies (ac-ft/year)=</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>6,300</b>	<b>12,600</b>	<b>12,600</b>	<b>12,600</b>	<b>12,600</b>	<b>12,600</b>

Table 7, Water Management Strategies Recommended for Pecos County

### **How the Groundwater Management Plan Considers Water Supply Needs and Water Management Strategies in a Manner Not in Conflict with the State Water Plan**

The 2007 State Water Plan identifies no groundwater-based Water Management Strategies to meet the identified needs of the 8 Water User Groups located within MPGCD. None of the 8 Water User Groups has Identified Water Needs in the 2007 State Water Plan. The only Water Management Strategy recommended in the 2007 State Water Plan for Pecos County Water User Groups is Irrigation Conservation which is projected to provide up to 12,600 acre-feet per year of conservation water savings. There are no Water Management Strategies recommended in the 2007 State Water Plan for Water User Groups supplied from Pecos County.

### **Details on How the District Will Manage Groundwater in the District**

The District will manage the supply of groundwater within the District in order to conserve the resource while seeking to maintain the economic viability of all resource user groups, public and private. The District seeks to manage the groundwater resources of the District as practicably as possible in a sustainable manner through the development of the Desired Future Conditions of Aquifers within the District. The Texas Legislature established that groundwater conservation districts are the preferred method of groundwater management in Section 36.0015 of the Texas Water Code. The District will cooperate with the other Groundwater Conservation Districts in the Groundwater Management Areas which Pecos County is located. In consideration of the economic and cultural activities occurring within the District, the District will identify and engage in such activities and practices, that if implemented may result in the conservation of groundwater in the District. The District will manage groundwater resources through

rules developed and implemented in accordance with Chapter 36 of the Texas Water Code and the provisions of the District Enabling Act recorded in Chapter 1299 of the Acts of the 77<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature (HB 1258). The District will require that any well constructed as an exempt well under activities regulated by the Texas Railroad Commission (TRC) and later converted to another use not regulated by the TRC will be required to seek a permit for the use of groundwater in the District if the converted use of the well is otherwise not exempted from permitting under the Texas Water Code or Rules of the District.

An observation well network may be established and maintained in order to monitor changing storage conditions of groundwater supplies within the District. When a monitoring well network has been established the District will make a regular assessment of water supply and groundwater storage conditions and will report those conditions to the District Board of Directors and to the public. The District may undertake, as necessary, investigations of the groundwater resources within the District and will make the results of investigations available to the public upon adoption by the District Board of Directors. The District will co-operate with investigations of the groundwater resources of the District undertaken by other local political subdivisions or agencies of the State of Texas.

In order to better manage groundwater resources the District may establish management zones for all sources of groundwater within the District. In each management zone the District may:

- a) Establish Desired Future Conditions and authorize the production of groundwater
- b) Determine and implement the proportional reductions of the use of groundwater for all classes of groundwater use that are established by the District in order to maintain the established Desired Future Conditions of the management zone.
- c) Allow for the transfer of the permitted right to use groundwater if a process is established in the District rules

Section 36.116 of the Texas Water Code provides that the District may use the management zones to adopt different rules for each:

- a) Aquifer
- b) Aquifer subdivision
- c) Geologic formation
- d) Geographic area in which any part of a through c above may occur within the District

For the purpose of managing the use of groundwater within the District, the District may address the use of groundwater in the aquifers in the District as a whole or within any management zone established by the District in order that the Desired Future Condition of the aquifer or aquifer subdivision in which the use occurs is not impaired. In furtherance of the District management of groundwater, the District may also establish any other criteria by Rule, as a threshold of use beyond which withdrawals from the aquifer or aquifer subdivision in excess of the threshold may result in a specified undesirable or injurious condition to the aquifer or aquifer subdivision. If the District

determines that the Desired Future Conditions or other criteria established by the District are being or may imminently be impaired with reasonable certainty, the District may take such actions or implement such conservation measures as may be necessary to restore the aquifer or aquifer subdivision to conditions which do not impair the Desired Future Conditions or other criteria established by the District under this section for the aquifer or aquifer subdivision.

The District will use the available estimates of groundwater recharge, movement and Managed Available Groundwater within the District in exercising the statutory responsibility of managing the groundwater in the District. As more information on groundwater conditions in the District becomes available, the District may use that information to refine the specific methodology by which the District will seek to sustainably manage the groundwater in the District.

The annual amount of water used from an aquifer or aquifer subdivision in the District or in a management zone established by the District will be averaged over a period of years specified in the District rules to aid in determining if the Managed Available Groundwater value or the Desired Future Condition has been exceeded. If the Desired Future Condition of an aquifer or aquifer subdivision in the District or a management zone is found to have been exceeded the District may implement proportional reductions in the permitted use of groundwater in the District or management zone to reduce the levels of use in order to maintain the Desired Future Condition. The District will implement proportional reductions in the permitted use of groundwater only to the extent that is required to maintain the Desired Future Condition in an aquifer, aquifer subdivision or a management zone.

The District rules will specify the methodology by which the District will track the usage of groundwater from an aquifer or aquifer subdivision in the District or a management zone to determine whether the sustainable use has been exceeded. The District rules will specify the methodology by which the District will implement any proportional reductions in the permitted use of groundwater in the District. All District actions with regard to proportional reductions of the permitted use of groundwater will be taken in noticed public meetings and in accord with the District rules.

The District has implemented rules establishing a claims process in which the District required existing or historic users of groundwater to obtain historic use permits. The claims process was intended to protect existing use as provided for in Section 36.113(e) of the Texas Water Code. To the extent practicable while remaining consistent with this plan, the District's existing and historic use permit process and period will preserve historic use as provided in Section 36.116(b) of the Texas Water Code.

The District will protect the existing and historical use of groundwater that occurred in the District prior to the effective date of the rules establishing the claims process. To obtain a historic use permit, an existing or historic user had to prove the maximum annual amount of groundwater that the user put towards a beneficial use during an existing and historic use period established in the District rules. The protection extended to historic

use permit holders is achieved by imposing more restrictive permit conditions on new permit applications. In extending this protection to historic use permit holders the District established limitations that:

- a) Apply to all subsequent new applications for the permitted use of groundwater and applications for the increased use of groundwater by holders of historic user permits regardless of the type or location of use
- b) Bear a reasonable relationship to the District's management plan
- c) Are reasonably necessary to protect existing use and maintain established Desired Future Conditions of aquifers, aquifer subdivisions or management established by the District.

The District may adopt rules to regulate groundwater withdrawals by means of spacing and/or production limits. The District may deny a well construction permit or limit groundwater withdrawals in accordance with the guidelines stated in the rules of the District. In making a determination to deny a permit or reduce the amount of groundwater withdrawals authorized in an existing permit, the District will weigh the public benefit in managing the aquifer to be derived from the denial of a groundwater withdrawal permit or the reduction of the amount of authorized groundwater withdrawals against the individual hardship imposed by the permit denial or authorization reduction.

The relevant factors to be considered in making a determination to deny a permit or limit groundwater withdrawals may include:

- a) The rules of the District
- b) The distribution of groundwater resources in the aquifers or aquifer subdivisions of the District or any management zones established by the District
- c) The economic hardship resulting from grant or denial of a permit or the terms prescribed by the permit

In pursuit of the District's mission of protecting the resource, the District may require reduction of groundwater withdrawals. To achieve this purpose, the District may, at the Boards discretion amend or revoke any permits after notice and hearing. The determination to seek the amendment, reduction or revocation of a permit by the District will be based on aquifer conditions observed by the District. The District will, when necessary, enforce the terms and conditions of permits and the rules of the District by enjoining the permit holder in a court of competent jurisdiction as provided for in Texas Water Code Chapter 36.102.

The District will establish rules for the proportional reduction of the permitted use of groundwater in the District that will recognize the following priorities of use:

- 1) Exempt users with particular consideration to livestock and domestic use
- 2) Holders of historic use of groundwater permits
- 3) Holders of non-historic groundwater use permits

The District may employ technical resources at its disposal, as needed, to evaluate the resources available within the District and to determine the effectiveness of regulatory or conservation measures. In consideration of particular individual, localized or District-wide conditions the District may allow the production in a management zone to exceed

the sustainable amount for a period of time considered necessary by the District. The exercise of this discretion by the District shall not be construed as limiting the authority of the District in any other matter. A public or private user may appeal to the Board for discretion in enforcement of the provisions of a reduction in the permitted use of groundwater on grounds of adverse economic hardship or unique local conditions. The exercise of said discretion by the Board shall not be construed as limiting the power of the Board.

### **Actions, Procedures, Performance and Avoidance Necessary to Effectuate the Plan**

The District will implement the provisions of this management plan and will utilize the objectives of the plan as a guide for District actions, operations and decision-making. The District will ensure that planning efforts, activities and operations are consistent with the provisions of this plan.

The District will adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 36 of the Texas Water Code and all rules will be followed and enforced. The development of rules will be based on the scientific information and technical evidence available to the District.

The District will encourage cooperation and coordination in the implementation of this plan. All operations and activities will be performed in a manner that encourages the cooperation of the citizens of the District and with the appropriate water management entities at the state, regional and local level.

### **Methodology for Tracking the District's Progress in Achieving Management Goals**

The General Manager of the District will prepare and submit an annual report (Annual Report) to the District Board of Directors. The Annual Report will include an update on the District's performance in achieving the management goals contained in this plan. The general manager will present the Annual Report to the Board of Directors within one hundred twenty (120) days following the completion of the District's Fiscal Year, currently the District fiscal year ends on September 30 of each calendar year. A copy of the annual audit of District financial records will be included in the Annual Report. The District will maintain a copy of the Annual Report on file for public inspection at the District offices, upon adoption by the Board of Directors.

## **Management Goals**

### **1. Providing for the Most Efficient Use of Groundwater in the District**

**1.1 Objective** – Each year, the District will require all new exempt or permitted wells that are constructed within the boundaries of the District to be registered with the District in accordance with the District rules.

**1.1 Performance Standard** – Each Year the number of exempt and permitted wells registered by the District for the year will be incorporated into the Annual Report submitted to the Board of Directors of the District.

### **2. Controlling and Preventing the Waste of Groundwater in the District**

**2.1 Objective** – Each year, the District will make an evaluation of the District Rules to determine whether any amendments are recommended to decrease the amount of waste of groundwater within the District.

**2.1 Performance Standard** – The District will include a discussion of the annual evaluation of the District Rules and the determination of whether any amendments to the rules are recommended to prevent the waste of groundwater in the Annual Report of the District provided to the Board of Directors.

**2.2 Objective** – Each year, the District will provide information to the public on eliminating and reducing wasteful practices in the use of groundwater either by a page on groundwater waste reduction or a link to information on groundwater waste reduction on the District’s website or by providing an article on eliminating and reducing wasteful practices to a newspaper of general circulation in the District for potential publication.

**2.2 Performance Standard** – Each year, a copy of the information provided on groundwater waste reduction on the District’s website or a copy of the article provided to a newspaper of general circulation in the District will be included in the District’s Annual Report to be given to the District Board of Directors.

### **3. Controlling and Preventing Subsidence**

This Management Goal is not Applicable to the District.

## **4. Conjunctive Surface Water Management Issues**

**4.1 Objective** – Each year, the District will participate in the regional planning process by being represented at the Region F Regional Water Planning Group meetings.

**4.1 Performance Standard** – The attendance of a District representative to at least 50 percent of the Region F Regional Water Planning Group meetings will be noted in the Annual Report presented to the District Board of Directors.

## **5. Natural Resource Issues That Affect the Use and Availability of Groundwater or are Affected by the Use of Groundwater**

**5.1 Objective** – Each year the District will monitor the permitting and integrity testing of salt-water or waste-disposal injection wells permitted by the Texas Railroad Commission within the District.

**5.1a Performance Standard** – Each year, a summary of the salt-water or waste-disposal injection wells permitted by the Texas Railroad Commission within the District will be included in the Annual Report submitted to the District Board of Directors.

**5.1b Performance Standard** – Each year a summary of the results of the integrity tests performed on the salt-water or waste-disposal injection wells permitted by the Texas Railroad Commission to operate within the District will be included in the Annual Report submitted to the District Board of Directors.

**5.2 Objective** – Each year the District will monitor the discharge of Comanche and related springs or acquire the monitoring data on spring discharge developed by others.

**5.2 Performance Standard** – Each year, a summary of the timing of the appearance of the seasonal spring-discharge, an estimate of the annual volume of discharge from Comanche and related springs and a discussion comparing the most recent estimates of spring-discharge to previous estimates will be included in the Annual Report submitted to the District Board of Directors.

**5.3 Objective** – From year 2010, each third year, the District will assess the changes in the quantity of the discharge of Comanche and related springs and recommend to the Board of Directors whether any conservation measures are necessary to maintain the discharge of Comanche and related springs.

**5.3 Performance Standard** – From year 2010, each third year, a summary of the assessment of the changes in the quantity of annual seasonal spring-discharge and any recommendations for conservation measures to be considered for implementation will be included in the Annual Report submitted to the District Board of Directors.

## **6) Addressing Drought Conditions**

**6.1 Objective** – Each month, the District will download available drought information, for the counties in the District, from available websites on the internet..

**6.1 Performance Standard** – Quarterly, the District will make an assessment of the status of drought in the District and prepare a quarterly briefing for the Board of Directors. The downloaded maps, reports and information will be included with copies of the quarterly briefing in the District Annual Report to the Board of Directors.

## **7. Addressing**

### **A. Conservation**

**7A.1 Objective** – The District will submit an article annually, regarding water conservation for publication to at least one newspaper of general circulation in Pecos County.

**7A.1 Performance Standard** – A copy of the article submitted by the District for publication to a newspaper of general circulation in Pecos County regarding water conservation will be included in the Annual Report to the Board of Directors.

### **B. Recharge Enhancement**

This management goal is not applicable to the District.

### **C. Rainwater Harvesting**

**7C.1 Objective** – The District will post an article or a link to an article annually, regarding rainwater harvesting on the District website [www.middlepecosgcd.org](http://www.middlepecosgcd.org)

**7C.1 Performance Standard** – A copy of the article posted on the District website regarding rainwater harvesting will be included in the Annual Report to the Board of Directors.

### **D. Precipitation Enhancement**

This management goal is not applicable to the District.

### **E. Brush Control**

This management goal is not applicable to the District.

## **8. Addressing in a Quantitative Manner the Desired Future Conditions (DFC) of the Groundwater Resources in the District**

**8.1 Objective** – Each year, the District will collect at least 5 water-level measurements from the District monitor wells located in the portion of the District located within GMA-7.

**8.1a Performance Standard** – Each year, the District will post the water-level measurements collected from the portion of the District within GMA-7 and identify the aquifer from which the measurement is taken, in the Annual Report to the Board of Directors.

**8.1b Performance Standard** – Each year, the District will include a discussion of the change in water-levels in each aquifer for which a Desired Future Condition is established by GMA-7, in the Annual Report to the Board of Directors.

**8.1c Performance Standard** – Each five years, the District will include a discussion of the change in water-levels in each aquifer for which a Desired Future Condition is established by GMA-7 comparing the change to the incremental time-appropriate change in water-levels indicated by the established Desired Future Condition of the aquifer, in the Annual Report to the Board of Directors.

**8.2 Objective** – Each year, the District will collect at least 5 water-level measurements from the District monitor wells located in the portion of the District located within GMA-3.

**8.2a Performance Standard** – Each year, the District will post the water-level measurements collected from the portion of the District within GMA-3 and identify the aquifer from which the measurement is taken, in the Annual Report to the Board of Directors.

**8.2b Performance Standard** – Each year, the District will include a discussion of the change in water-levels in each aquifer for which a Desired Future Condition is established by GMA-3, in the Annual Report to the Board of Directors.

**8.3c Performance Standard** – Each five years, the District will include a discussion of the change in water-levels in each aquifer for which a Desired Future Condition is established by GMA-3 comparing the change to the incremental time-appropriate change in water-levels indicated by the established Desired Future Condition of the aquifer, in the Annual Report to the Board of Directors.

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## **Appendix A:**

**District Enabling Act HB 1258 of 77th Texas  
Legislature Validating Creation of the Middle Pecos  
Groundwater Conservation District**

AN ACT

relating to the ratification of the creation of and to the administration, powers, duties, operation, and financing of the Middle Pecos Groundwater Conservation District.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. RATIFICATION OF CREATION. The creation by Chapter 1331, Acts of the 76th Legislature, Regular Session,

(Senate Bill No. 1911), of the Middle Pecos Groundwater Conservation District in Pecos County is ratified as required by Section 15(a) of that Act, subject to approval at a confirmation election under Section 7 of this Act.

SECTION 2. DEFINITION. In this Act, "district" means the Middle Pecos Groundwater Conservation District.

SECTION 3. BOUNDARIES. The boundaries of the district are coextensive with the boundaries of Pecos County, Texas.

1-16 SECTION 4. GENERAL POWERS. (a) The district has all of  
the  
1-17 rights, powers, privileges, authority, functions, and duties  
1-18 provided by the general law of this state, including Chapter 36,  
1-19 Water Code, applicable to groundwater conservation districts  
1-20 created under Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution. This  
1-21 Act prevails over any provision of general law that is in  
conflict  
1-22 or inconsistent with this Act, including any provision of  
Chapter  
1-23 1331, Acts of the 76th Legislature, Regular Session, 1999  
(Senate  
1-24 Bill No. 1911).

(b) Notwithstanding Subsection (a) of this section, the following provisions prevail over a conflicting or inconsistent provision of this Act:

(1) Sections 36.1071-36.108, Water Code;

(2) Sections 36.159-36.161, Water Code; and

(3) Subchapter I, Chapter 36, Water Code.

(c) Section 36.121, Water Code, does not apply to the district.

(d) The rights, powers, privileges, authority, functions, and duties of the district are not subject to the continuing

of supervision of the state through the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission.

(e) In addition to other fees assessed by the district,

district may assess an additional fee on groundwater transferred.

2-15       out of the district not to exceed 10 percent of the amount of  
the  
2-16       fee assessed for the production of water for use within the  
2-17       district.

2-18       (f) The district may not impose any additional rules or  
2-19       regulations on the production of groundwater for use outside of  
the  
2-20       district than imposed upon production for in-district use.

2-21       SECTION 5. BOARD OF DIRECTORS. (a) The district is  
governed  
2-22       by a board of 11 directors.  
2-23       (b) Temporary directors serve until initial directors are  
2-24       elected under Section 7 of this Act.  
2-25       (c) Initial directors serve until permanent directors are  
2-26       elected under Section 8 of this Act.  
2-27       (d) Permanent directors serve staggered four-year terms.  
3-1       (e) Each director must qualify to serve as director in  
the  
3-2       manner provided by Section 36.055, Water Code.  
3-3       (f) A director serves until the director's successor has  
3-4       qualified.  
3-5       (g) If there is a vacancy on the board, the remaining  
3-6       directors shall appoint a director to serve the remainder of the  
3-7       term. If at any time there are fewer than three qualified  
3-8       directors, the Pecos County Commissioners Court shall appoint  
the  
3-9       necessary number of persons to fill all the vacancies on the  
board.  
3-10       (h) A director may not receive a salary or other  
3-11       compensation for service as a director but may be reimbursed for  
3-12       actual expenses of attending meetings at the rate in effect for  
3-13       employees of Pecos County.

3-14       SECTION 6. METHOD OF ELECTING DIRECTORS. (a) The  
directors  
3-15       of the district shall be elected according to the method  
provided  
3-16       by this section.  
3-17       (b) One director shall be elected by the qualified voters  
of  
3-18       the entire district, two directors shall be elected from each  
3-19       county commissioners precinct by the qualified voters of that  
3-20       precinct, one director shall be elected from the city of Iraan  
by  
3-21       the qualified voters of that city, and one director shall be  
3-22       elected from the city of Fort Stockton by the qualified voters  
of

3-23       that city.

3-24       (c) To be qualified to be a candidate for or to serve as

a

3-25       director at large, a person must be a registered voter in the

3-26       district. To be a candidate for or to serve as director from a

3-27       county commissioners precinct or a city, a person must be a

4-1       registered voter of that precinct or city, as applicable.

4-2       (d) A person shall indicate on the application for a

place

4-3       on the ballot:

4-4               (1) the precinct or city that the person seeks to

4-5       represent; or

4-6               (2) that the person seeks to represent the district

at

4-7       large.

4-8       (e) At the first election after the county commissioners

4-9       precincts are redrawn under Section 18, Article V, Texas

4-10       Constitution, eight new directors shall be elected to represent

the

4-11       precincts. The directors elected shall draw lots to determine

4-12       which four directors serve two-year terms and which four

directors

4-13       serve four-year terms.

4-14       SECTION 7. CONFIRMATION AND INITIAL DIRECTORS' ELECTION.

(a)

4-15       The temporary board of directors shall call and hold an election

to

4-16       confirm establishment of the district and to elect initial

4-17       directors.

4-18       (b) At the confirmation and initial directors' election,

the

4-19       temporary board of directors shall have placed on the ballot the

4-20       name of any candidate filing for an initial director's position

and

4-21       blank spaces to write in the names of other persons. A

temporary

4-22       director who is qualified to be a candidate under Sections 5 and

6

4-23       may file for an initial director's position.

4-24       (c) Section 41.001(a), Election Code, does not apply to a

4-25       confirmation and initial directors' election held as provided by

4-26       this section.

4-27       (d) Except as provided by this section, a confirmation

and

5-1       initial directors' election must be conducted as provided by

5-2       Sections 36.017(b)-(h), Water Code, and the Election Code.

5-3                         (e) The elected initial directors shall draw lots to  
5-4 determine their terms. One director from each county  
commissioners

5-5                         precinct and the director from the district at large serve terms  
5-6                         that expire on the date of the first election held under Section  
8  
5-7                         of this Act. The remaining directors serve terms that expire on  
the  
5-8                         date of the second election held under Section 8 of this Act.

5-9                         (f) If the majority of the votes cast at an election held  
5-10                         under this section is against the confirmation of the district,  
the  
5-11                         temporary directors may call another election under this section  
5-12                         not later than August 31, 2003.

5-13                         SECTION 8. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS. On the first Saturday  
in  
5-14                         May of the first even-numbered year after the year in which the  
5-15                         district is authorized to be created at a confirmation election  
and  
5-16                         on the first Saturday in May of each subsequent second year, an  
5-17                         election shall be held in the district to elect the appropriate  
5-18                         number of directors.

5-19                         SECTION 9. FINDINGS RELATED TO PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS.

(a)

5-20                         The proper and legal notice of the intention to introduce this  
Act,  
5-21                         setting forth the general substance of this Act, has been  
published

5-22                         as provided by law, and the notice and a copy of this Act have  
been  
5-23                         furnished to all persons, agencies, officials, or entities to  
which  
5-24                         they are required to be furnished by the constitution and other  
5-25                         laws of this state, including the governor, who has submitted  
the  
5-26                         notice and Act to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation  
5-27                         Commission.

6-1                         (b) The Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission  
has

6-2                         filed its recommendations relating to this Act with the  
governor,

6-3                         lieutenant governor, and speaker of the house of representatives  
6-4                         within the required time.

6-5                         (c) All requirements of the constitution and laws of this  
6-6                         state and the rules and procedures of the legislature with  
respect

6-7 to the notice, introduction, and passage of this Act are  
fulfilled  
6-8 and accomplished.  
6-9 SECTION 10. EFFECTIVE DATE; EXPIRATION DATE. (a) This  
Act  
6-10 takes effect September 1, 2001.  
6-11 (b) If the creation of the district is not confirmed at a  
6-12 confirmation election held under Section 7 of this Act before  
6-13 September 1, 2003, the district is dissolved and this Act  
expires  
6-14 on that date.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1258 was passed by the Senate,  
with amendments, on May 17, 2001, by a viva-voce vote.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_ Secretary of the Senate  
Date \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Governor

## **Appendix B**

**Evidence of the Administrative Processes Required  
for the Approval of the Groundwater Management  
Plan as Administratively Complete**

## **NOTICE OF CANCELLATION**

The **MIDDLE PECOS GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT** is hereby giving public notice that the **PUBLIC HEARINGS** on proposed rules and proposed management plan and the **WORKSHOP** on 2010-11 proposed budget/tax rate scheduled for **AUGUST 17, 2010 at 10:00 AM** have been **CANCELLED**. The regular board meetings scheduled for August 17 and September 21, 2010 have been cancelled.

## **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

A public hearing on a draft **MANAGEMENT PLAN** for the **MIDDLE PECOS GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT** is scheduled for August 24, 2010 at 1:00 PM. The hearing will be held at the Large Community Hall at Rooney Park 205 South Highway 285, Fort Stockton, Texas. This hearing is conducted to receive comments and suggestions from the public. A copy of the draft management plan may be picked up at the Middle Pecos Groundwater Conservation District office. They are also available on our website at [middlepecosgcd.org](http://middlepecosgcd.org). Our office phone number is 432-336-0698 if you would like to call.

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**AGENDA FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED TAX RATE**

**And PUBLIC HEARING ON MANAGEMENT PLAN**

**And CALLED BOARD MEETING**

**August 24, 2010, 1 PM**

**Large Community Hall at Rooney Park  
205 South Highway 285, Fort Stockton, Texas**

During the meeting, the Board reserves the right to go into executive session for any of the purposes authorized under the Texas Open Meetings Act, V.T.C.A., Government Code, Chapter 551, for any item on this agenda or as otherwise authorized by law.

**Public Hearing on Proposed Tax Rate Call to Order at 1:00 PM.**

- I Call to Order.
- II First of two public hearings to receive public input on Proposed Tax Rate for 2010. No formal action will be taken to adopt the rate at today's hearing.
- III Adjourn.

**Public Hearing on the Management Plan Call to Order following adjournment of Public Hearing on Proposed Tax Rate**

- I Call to Order.
- II First of two public hearings to receive public input on proposed Management Plan. No formal action will be taken to adopt the management plan at this hearing.
- III Adjourn.

**Called Board Meeting Call to Order following adjournment of Public Hearing on the Management Plan**

- I Call to Order.
- II Comments from **Public and Media (limit 5 minutes per person)**.
- III Consider and/or approve **Accounts Payable for August 2010**.
- IV Consider and/or act upon **Minutes for July 20 and August 10, 2010**.
- V Consider and/or act upon **Agenda for next meeting**.
- VI **Adjourn.**

This facility is wheelchair and parking accessible. Requests for accommodations must be made 48 hours prior to this meeting by contacting Paul Weatherby, 432-336-0698.

## **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

A public hearing on a draft MANAGEMENT PLAN for the **MIDDLE PECOS GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT** is scheduled for September 7, 2010 at 1:00 PM. The hearing will be held at the Pecos County Courthouse on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor 103 West Callaghan, Fort Stockton, Texas. This hearing is conducted to receive comments and suggestions from the public. A copy of the draft management plan may be picked up at the Middle Pecos Groundwater Conservation District office. They are also available on our website at middlepecosgcd.org. Our office phone number is 432-336-0698 if you would like to call.

## **FILED**

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*8:25AM*

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### **AGENDA FOR BOARD MEETING AND HEARING**

**September 7, 2010**

**Pecos County Courthouse, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**  
**103 West Callaghan, Fort Stockton, Texas**

**TRISH KING**  
County Clerk, Pecos County, Texas  
*ms* Deputy

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#### **Public Hearing on Proposed Tax Rate *Call to Order* at 1:00 PM.**

- I Call to Order.
- II Second of two public hearings to receive public input on Proposed Tax Rate for 2010. No formal action will be taken to adopt the rate at today's hearing.
- III Adjourn.

#### **Public Hearing on the Management Plan *Call to Order* following adjournment of Public Hearing on Proposed Tax Rate**

- I Call to Order.
- II Second of two public hearings to receive public input on proposed Management Plan. No formal action will be taken to adopt the management plan at this hearing.
- III Adjourn.

#### **Public Hearing on Drilling/Production Permits *Call to Order* immediately following adjournment of Public Hearing on Management Plan.**

- I Open for Public Comment (Limit 5 minutes per person)
- II Consider and/or act upon Drilling/Production Permit for Tony Mandujano
- III Consider and/or act upon Production Permit for Fort Stockton Independent School District
- IV **Adjourn.**

This facility is wheelchair and parking accessible. Requests for accommodations must be made 48 hours prior to this meeting by contacting Paul Weatherby, 432-336-0698.

## **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

A public hearing for consideration and adoption of the management plan for the **MIDDLE PECOS GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT** is scheduled for September 16, 2010 at 1:00 PM. The hearing will be held at the Pecos County Courthouse, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 103 W. Callaghan Fort Stockton, Texas. This hearing is conducted to receive comments and suggestions from the public. A copy of the draft management plan may be picked up at the Middle Pecos Groundwater Conservation District office. They are also available on our website at middlepecosgcd.org. Our office phone number is 432-336-0698 if you would like to call.

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**AUG 25 2010**  
**11:30 p.m.**

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**AGENDA**

**September 16, 2010  
Pecos County Courthouse, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
103 West Callaghan, Fort Stockton, Texas**

**TRISH KING**  
County Clerk, Pecos County, Texas  
*ms* Deputy

**11:00 AM REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
1:00 PM SPECIAL CALLED BOARD MEETING TO ADOPT TAX RATE;  
PUBLIC HEARING ON MANAGEMENT PLAN; AND PUBLIC  
HEARING AND MEETING ON RULE AMENDMENTS**

During the meeting, the Board reserves the right to go into executive session for any of the purposes authorized under the Texas Open Meetings Act, V.T.C.A., Government Code, Chapter 551, for any item on this agenda or as otherwise authorized by law.

**Board Meeting Call to Order at 11 AM**

- I Call to Order.
- II Comments from Public and Media (limit 5 minutes per person).
- III Consider and/or act upon Minutes of August 24, 2010, and September 7, 2010.
- IV Consider and/or act upon Accounts Payable and Treasurer's Report for July 31, 2010, and August 31, 2010, and Line Item Transfers
- V Consider and/or act upon Progress Reports: Well Registrations, Production Permits, Drilling Permits, Data Loggers, ongoing Water Quality Analysis, USGS update, Audit update for year ending 09-30-2010.
- VI General Manager's report on incoming Groundwater District-related Correspondence.
- VII Consider and/or act upon Agenda for next meeting.
- VIII Adjourn.

**Public Meeting to Approve Proposed Tax Rate Call to Order at 1:00 PM**

- I Call to Order.
- II Consider and/or act upon Proposed Tax Rate for 2010.
- III Adjourn.

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OCT 4 2010

**AGENDA FOR WORKSHOP and PUBLIC HEARING**

**October 12, 2010  
Small Community Hall**

**110 S. Rooney, Fort Stockton, Texas**

TRISH KING 3:15pm  
County Clerk, Pecos County, Texas  
Deputy

During the meeting, the Board reserves the right to go into executive session for any of the purposes authorized under the Texas Open Meetings Act, V.T.C.A., Government Code, Chapter 551, for any item on this agenda or as otherwise authorized by law.

**Workshop on Proposed Management Plan and Review of Rulemaking  
*Call to Order at 11:00 AM***

- I Call to Order
- II Workshop to review proposed management plan
- III Workshop to review rulemaking required to address permitting, rulemaking, and other district activities implicated by § 36.1071(f) of the Texas Water Code.
- IV Adjourn

**Public Hearing on the Management Plan *Call to Order at 1 PM***

- I Call to Order.
- II Third public hearing to receive public input on proposed draft management plan.
- III Adjourn.

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**OCT 15 2010**

### **AGENDA FOR BOARD MEETING**

**October 19, 2010**

**TRISH KING**  
County Clerk, Pecos County, Texas  
*(Signature)*  
Deputy

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#### **Call to Order at 10:00 AM 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor – Pecos County Courthouse 103 West Callaghan Street, Fort Stockton, Texas**

- I Consider and/or act upon **minutes of September 16, 2010 and October 12, 2010**
- II **Comments from Public and Media (Limit to 5 minutes)**
- III Consider and /or act upon **Accounts Payable and Treasurer's Report for 09-30-2010**
- IV Consider and/or act upon **Adoption of Management Plan and corresponding Resolution**
- V Consider and/or act upon **USGS Payment**
- VI Consider and/or act upon **moving elections to November of even-numbered years**
- VII Consider and/or act upon **interim approval of SandRidge Hydrogeological Presentation and Report**
- VIII Consider and/or act upon **funding a West Texas Regional Groundwater Alliance Legislative Consultant**
- IX Consider and/or act upon **Progress Reports: Well Registrations, Production Permits, Drilling Permits, Data Loggers, ongoing Water Quality Analysis, USGS, Quarterly Drought Report/Palmer Drought Severity Index maps and Texas Drought Preparedness Situation Report**
- X General Manager's report on incoming **Groundwater District-related Correspondence**
- XI Consider and/or act upon **Agenda for next meeting**
- XII **Adjourn**

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Evidence of MPGCD Coordination with Surface Water Entities in the Development of the  
Management Plan After Notice and Hearing

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September 14, 2010

Re: Management Plan

To Whom It May Concern,

Pursuant to the Sec 36.1071 and TCEQ Compliance Directive #3, the Middle Pecos Groundwater Conservation District is considering adopting Management Zones within the District as presented in Draft Form in the Management Plan provided to you July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

Although we have no specific In-District (Pecos County) Surface Water Supply agreements, please provide any comments if desired to Paul Weatherby, General Manager, of the Middle Pecos Groundwater Conservation District.

Thank you,

  
Paul Weatherby

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Texas Commission On Environmental Quality  
Management Plan Noncompliance Review  
Middle Pecos Groundwater Conservation District

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Pecos County WID 3, the Red Bluff Power Control District, the Coyanosa Water System, the Pecos County Fresh Water, the Sheffield Water Supply Corporation (WSC), the Region F Water Planning Group, and the other groundwater conservation districts in Groundwater Management Areas (GMAs) #3 and #7 which include Coke County Underground Water Conservation District (UWCD), Crockett County GCD, Lipan-Kickapoo Water Conservation District (WCD), Real-Edwards Conservation and Reclamation District (CRD), Hill Country UWCD, Glasscock GCD, Irion County WCD, Kimble County GCD, Kinney County GCD, Hickory UWCD, Menard County UWCD, Lone Wolf GCD, Wes-Tex GCD, Santa Rita UWCD, Plateau UWCD, Sterling County UWCD, and Uvalde County UWCD.

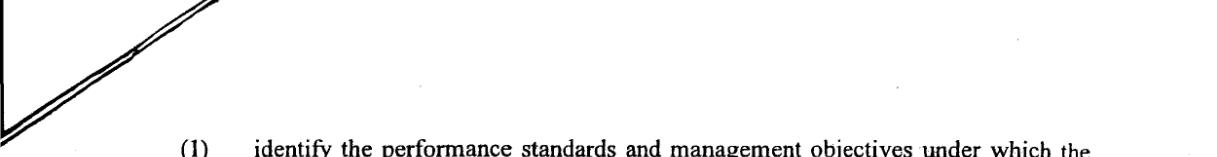
2. By August 17, 2010, the District shall conduct the hearing to consider public comments on the proposed management plan. At the hearing, the District shall schedule a subsequent hearing for consideration and adoption of the management plan. The District shall schedule the subsequent hearing to be conducted on or before September 17, 2010. The District shall provide a copy of the subsequent hearing notice to the TCEQ, the EA/TWDB, the Cities of Fort Stockton and Iraan, the surface water management entities, the Region F Water Planning Group, and the other GCDs in GMAs #3 and 7.
3. By September 14, 2010, the District shall complete required management plan coordination activities with the surface water management entities in the District.
4. By October 12, 2010, the District shall adopt by resolution a groundwater management plan in accordance with the Code and TWDB rules and shall submit the adopted plan to the EA/TWDB for approval consideration.
5. By October 19, 2010, the District shall submit to the TCEQ certified copies of the Board of Director's resolution adopting the management plan and District correspondence indicating transmittal of the plan to the EA/TWDB, the Cities of Fort Stockton and Iraan, the surface water management entities, the Region F Water Planning Group, and the other GCDs in GMAs #3 and 7.
6. By November 2, 2010, the District shall submit to the TCEQ a certified copy of TWDB correspondence received by the District indicating the plan has been properly submitted and is being reviewed for approval.
7. During the term of this CA, the District shall submit to the TCEQ copies of written records documenting all District meeting and hearing notices, all District meeting and hearing minutes, District rules or proposed rules, and all District resolutions or other formal decisions. All notices, records of meeting, records of hearing, and records of District action must be signed and dated in accordance with state law. The District shall also provide to the TCEQ copies of all written correspondence between the District, the EA/TWDB, the Cities of Fort Stockton and Iraan, the surface water management entities, the Region F Water Planning Group, and the other GCDs in GMAs #3 and 7. The District shall provide copies of all such records beginning on the date that the District Board of Directors executes this CA, and ending on the date the

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Added by Acts 1995, 74th Leg., ch. 933, Sec. 2, eff. Sept. 1, 1995. Amended by Acts 1997, 75th Leg., ch. 1010, Sec. 4.28, eff. Sept. 1, 1997.

## **Sec. 36.1071. MANAGEMENT PLAN.**

- (a) Following notice and hearing, the district shall, in coordination with surface water management entities on a regional basis, develop a comprehensive management plan which addresses the following management goals, as applicable:
  - (1) providing the most efficient use of groundwater;
  - (2) controlling and preventing waste of groundwater;
  - (3) controlling and preventing subsidence;
  - (4) addressing conjunctive surface water management issues;
  - (5) addressing natural resource issues;
  - (6) addressing drought conditions;
  - (7) addressing conservation, recharge enhancement, rainwater harvesting, precipitation enhancement, or brush control, where appropriate and cost-effective; and
  - (8) addressing in a quantitative manner the desired future conditions of the groundwater resources.
- (b) A district management plan, or any amendments to a district management plan, shall be developed by the district using the district's best available data and forwarded to the regional water planning group for use in their planning process.
- (c) The commission and the Texas Water Development Board shall provide technical assistance to a district in the development of the management plan required under Subsection (a) which may include, if requested by the district, a preliminary review and comment on the plan prior to final approval by the board. If such review and comment by the commission is requested, the commission shall provide comment not later than 30 days from the date the request is received.
- (d) The commission shall provide technical assistance to a district during its initial operational phase. If requested by a district, the Texas Water Development Board shall train the district on basic data collection methodology and provide technical assistance to districts.
- (e) In the management plan described under Subsection (a), the district shall:

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- (1) identify the performance standards and management objectives under which the district will operate to achieve the management goals identified under Subsection (a);
  - (2) specify, in as much detail as possible, the actions, procedures, performance, and avoidance that are or may be necessary to effect the plan, including specifications and proposed rules;
  - (3) include estimates of the following:
    - (A) managed available groundwater in the district based on the desired future condition established under Section 36.108;
    - (B) the amount of groundwater being used within the district on an annual basis;
    - (C) the annual amount of recharge from precipitation, if any, to the groundwater resources within the district;
    - (D) for each aquifer, the annual volume of water that discharges from the aquifer to springs and any surface water bodies, including lakes, streams, and rivers;
    - (E) the annual volume of flow into and out of the district within each aquifer and between aquifers in the district, if a groundwater availability model is available;
    - (F) the projected surface water supply in the district according to the most recently adopted state water plan; and
    - (G) the projected total demand for water in the district according to the most recently adopted state water plan; and
  - (4) consider the water supply needs and water management strategies included in the adopted state water plan.
- (f) The district shall adopt rules necessary to implement the management plan. Prior to the development of the management plan and its approval under Section 36.1072, the district may not adopt rules other than rules pertaining to the registration and interim permitting of new and existing wells and rules governing spacing and procedure before the district's board; however, the district may not adopt any rules limiting the production of wells, except rules requiring that groundwater produced from a well be put to a nonwasteful, beneficial use. The district may accept applications for permits under Section 36.113, provided the district does not act on any such application until the district's management plan is approved as provided in Section 36.1072.

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- (g) The district shall adopt amendments to the management plan as necessary. Amendments to the management plan shall be adopted after notice and hearing and shall otherwise comply with the requirements of this section.
  - (h) In developing its management plan, the district shall use the groundwater availability modeling information provided by the executive administrator together with any available site-specific information that has been provided by the district to the executive administrator for review and comment before being used in the plan.

Added by Acts 1995, 74th Leg., ch. 933, Sec. 2, eff. Sept. 1, 1995. Redesignated from 36.107(b) and (c) and amended by Acts 1997, 75th Leg., ch. 1010, Sec. 4.28, eff. Sept. 1, 1997. Amended by Acts 2001, 77th Leg., ch. 966, Sec. 2.46, eff. Sept. 1, 2001; Acts 2005, 79th Leg., ch. 970, Sec. 5, eff. Sept. 1, 2005.

**Sec. 36.1072. TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MANAGEMENT PLAN.**

- (a) A district shall, not later than three years after the creation of the district or, if the district required confirmation, after the election confirming the district's creation, submit the management plan required under Section 36.1071 to the executive administrator for review and approval.
- (b) Within 60 days of receipt of a management plan adopted under Section 36.1071, readopted under Subsection (e) or (g) of this section, or amended under Section 36.1073, the executive administrator shall approve a management plan if the plan is administratively complete. A management plan is administratively complete when it contains the information required to be submitted under Section 36.1071 (a) and (e). The executive administrator may determine whether conditions justify waiver of the requirements under Section 36.1071(e)(4).
- (c) Once the executive administrator has approved a management plan:
  - (1) the executive administrator may not revoke but may require revisions to the approved groundwater conservation district management plan as provided by Subsection (g); and
  - (2) the executive administrator may request additional information from the district if the information is necessary to clarify, modify, or supplement previously submitted material, but a request for additional information does not render the management plan unapproved.
- (d) A management plan takes effect on approval by the executive administrator or, if appealed, on approval by the Texas Water Development Board.
- (e) The district may review the plan annually and must review and readopt the plan with or without revisions at least once every five years. The district shall provide the readopted plan to the executive administrator not later than the 60th day after the date on which the plan was readopted. Approval of the preceding management plan remains in effect until:

**RESOLUTION  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MIDDLE PECOS  
GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
HEARING HELD OCTOBER 19, 2010**

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE DISTRICT'S MANAGEMENT PLAN**

**WHEREAS**, the Middle Pecos Groundwater Conservation District (the "District") is a political subdivision of the State of Texas organized and existing under and by virtue of Article XVI, Section 59, of the Texas Constitution, and a groundwater conservation district acting under Chapter 36 of the Texas Water Code and the District's enabling act, Act of May 26, 1999, 76th Leg., R.S., ch. 1331, 1999 Tex. Gen. Laws 4536 (Senate Bill 1911), as amended by Act of May 24, 2001, 77th Leg., R.S., ch. 1299, 2001 Tex. Gen. Laws 3177 (House Bill 1258);

**WHEREAS**, under the direction of the Board of Directors (the "Board"), and in accordance with Section 36.1071, Texas Water Code, and Chapter 356, Title 31, Texas Administrative Code, the District has revised its Management Plan;

**WHEREAS**, the District held properly noticed public hearings to receive public comments on the Management Plan for the District at the Large Community Hall at Rooney Park, located at 205 South Highway 285, Fort Stockton, Texas on August 24, 2010, and at the Pecos County Small Community Hall located at 110 S. Rooney, Fort Stockton, Texas on October 12, 2010;

**WHEREAS**, the District received public comments in both oral and written form on the District's Management Plan and the Board has considered and reviewed all public comments received in preparing the revisions to its Management Plan, and the District continued an additional hearing on September 16, 2010, to allow additional time for the District's consultant to prepare edits to the draft Management Plan in response to feedback and guidance from the District's Board and General Manager, and in light of comments from the public;

**WHEREAS**, the District obtained comments from the Texas Water Development Board ("TWDB") through a preliminary review of the District's Management Plan conducted by TWDB staff, including a review after the October 12<sup>th</sup> hearing, and the District has considered and addressed all such comments in the development of its Management Plan;

**WHEREAS**, the Board received and considered the advice of the District's legal counsel and consultant on the revisions to the District's Management Plan;

**WHEREAS**, the District has developed a revised Management Plan employing a procedure that is consistent with the District's Compliance Agreement with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality ("TCEQ"), and in coordination with TCEQ staff responsible for implementing the agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors finds that the Management Plan meets all of the requirements of Chapter 36, Texas Water Code, and Chapter 356, Title 31, Texas Administrative Code.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

The above recitals are true and correct;

The Management Plan is hereby adopted as the groundwater management plan for the District; and

The District's Board, General Manager, legal counsel and consultant are further authorized to take any and all action necessary to file the adopted Management Plan with the Texas Water Development Board, to coordinate with the Texas Water Development Board and otherwise defend the adopted Management Plan as may be required in furtherance of approval pursuant to the provisions of Section 36.1072 of the Texas Water Code, and to fulfill the terms of the District's compliance agreement with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

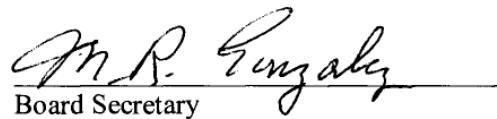
**AND IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Upon motion duly made by Director Janet Groth, and seconded by Director Ronald Cooper, and upon discussion, the Board voted 8 in favor and 2 opposed, 0 abstained, and 1 absent, and the motion thereby PASSED on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2010.

**MIDDLE PECOS GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

By:   
John Dorris  
Board Vice President

ATTEST:

  
M.R. Gonzales  
Board Secretary

## **Appendix C**

### **Rules of the Middle Pecos Groundwater Conservation District**

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# ***MIDDLE PECOS GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT RULES***

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**Procedural Rules Initial Effective Date: January 7, 2004;  
Substantive Rules Initial Effective Date: August 18, 2004**

**Amended September 20, 2004, October 20, 2004, December 15, 2004, January 19, 2005,  
May 18, 2005, October 26, 2005, February 20, 2007, August 18, 2009 and September 16,  
2010**

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***PECOS COUNTY, TEXAS***

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## **INTRODUCTION**

## **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

**Texas faces a difficult challenge to develop water policies that serve county, state, and regional interests. The Texas Constitution authorizes the creation of groundwater conservation districts to plan, develop, and regulate the use of water. A groundwater conservation district is a local unit of government authorized by the Texas Legislature and ratified by local election of the district's constituents to manage and protect groundwater.**

The MIDDLE PECOS GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT (the "District") was created in the 76<sup>th</sup> Legislature, 1999 by Senate Bill 1911, and ratified in the 77<sup>th</sup> Legislature, 2001 by House Bill 1258. The district was confirmed by qualified voters of Pecos County in November of 2001.

The boundaries of the District are coextensive with the boundaries of Pecos County, Texas. Aquifers underlying Pecos County are the Edwards-Trinity, the Pecos Valley Aquifer, the Dockum, the Capitan Reef Complex, and the Rustler.

The District is governed by a board of eleven directors elected as follows:

- (1) One director shall be elected by the qualified voters of the entire district;
- (2) *Two directors shall be elected from each of the four counties commissioner's precincts by the qualified voters of that precinct;*
- (3) One director shall be elected from the city of Iraan by the qualified voters of that city; and
- (4) One director shall be elected from the city of Fort Stockton by the qualified voters of that city.

The District has the rights, powers, privileges, authority, functions, and the duties provided by the general law of the State, Chapter 36 of the Water Code, and the District's enabling legislation, House Bill 1258 and Senate Bill 1911.

The substantive rules of the District were initially adopted by the District's Board of Directors on August 18, 2004, at a duly posted public meeting in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act and following notice and hearing in accordance with Section 36.101 of the Texas Water Code. The District's rules are hereby adopted as the rules of this District in accordance with Section 59 of Article XVI of the Texas Constitution, Chapter 36 of the Texas Water Code, and the District's enabling legislation [Acts 1999, 76<sup>th</sup> Leg., R.S., Ch. 1331 (Senate Bill 1911), and Acts 2001, 77<sup>th</sup> Leg., R.S., Ch. 1299 (House Bill 1258)]. The District initially adopted procedural rules, which took effect on January 7, 2004, and subsequently adopted substantive rules, which initially took effect August 18, 2004. This comprehensive set of procedural and substantive rules was subsequently amended September 20, 2004, October 20, 2004, December 6, 2004, January 19, 2005, April 13, 2005, May 18, 2005, October 26, 2005, February 20, 2007, and August 18, 2009. The effective date of the Historic and Existing Use Rules was originally September 1, 2004, for purposes of establishing the District's Historic and Existing Use permitting program.

The District's rules are and have been adopted to simplify procedures, avoid delays, and facilitate the administration of the water laws of the State of the Texas. These rules are to be construed to attain those objectives. These rules may be used as guides in the exercise of discretion, where discretion is vested. However, these rules shall not be construed as a limitation or restriction upon the exercise of discretion conferred by law, nor shall they be construed to deprive the District or the District's Board of any powers, duties, or jurisdiction provided by law. These rules will not limit or restrict the amount and accuracy of data or information that may be required for the proper administration of the law.

## **PURPOSE OF THE DISTRICT**

Groundwater conservation districts provide to a local board of directors the authority and responsibility to develop and implement comprehensive management plans to conserve, protect, and manage groundwater resources. A district's board will strive to maintain a balance between protecting the rights of landowners and the responsibility of protecting the water resources by directing their efforts toward preventing waste, collecting data, educating people about water conservation, and preventing irreparable harm to the aquifers. The District accomplishes these goals by performing certain duties as described in the general law of the State, Chapter 36 of the Texas Water Code, and the District's enabling legislation.

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

Develop and implement an efficient, economical and environmentally sound groundwater management program to protect and maintain historical aquifer levels and enhance the water resources of the District, and to communicate and administer to the needs and concerns of the citizens of Pecos County.

## **SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS, PURPOSE, AND CONCEPTS OF THE RULES**

### ***RULE 1.1 DEFINITIONS OF TERMS***

In the administration of its duties the District defines terms as set forth in Chapter 36 of the Texas Water Code unless otherwise modified or defined herein as necessary to apply to unique attributes of the District. The specific terms hereinafter defined shall have the following meaning in these rules.

**“Abandoned Well”** means a well that has not been used for a beneficial purpose for at least one year and/or a well not registered with the District. A well is considered to be in use in the following cases:

1. A non-deteriorated well which contains the casing, pump and pump column in good condition; or
2. A non-deteriorated well which has been capped.

**“Aquifer”** means a geologic formation that will yield water to a well in sufficient quantities to make the production of water from this formation feasible for beneficial use. When the term “Aquifer” is used in these rules, it shall also mean the Aquifer’s subdivisions.

**“Beneficial Use”** means “use for a beneficial purpose,” which means use for:

- (A) agricultural, gardening, domestic, stock raising, municipal, mining, manufacturing, industrial, commercial, recreational, or pleasure purposes;
- (B) exploring for, producing, handling, or treating oil, gas, sulphur, or other minerals;

or

- (C) any other purpose that is useful and beneficial to the user.

**“Board”** means the Board of Directors of the District.

**“Capitan Limestone Aquifer”** means the Capitan Reef Complex consists of the Capitan Reef and associated reefs and limestones which were deposited around the perimeter of the Delaware Basin during Permian time. The reef complex is composed of approximately 2,000 feet of massive, vuggy to cavernous limestone and dolomite, bedded limestone, and reef talus. In the study area, (located in the northern part of the Trans-Pecos region of West Texas, which is in the Great Plains physiographic province, and falls within the Rio Grande basin), the reef occurs in a 6 to 10 mile wide, south-southeast trending belt, extending from New Mexico through western Winkler, central Ward, and western Pecos Counties. Depth to the top of the reef ranges from 2,400 to 3,600 feet (Guyton and Associates, 1958). The Capitan Reef Complex yields small to large quantities of moderately to very saline water to wells in the study area that primarily have been used for secondary recovery of oil in Ward and Winkler Counties(Richey and others, 1985).

**“Capping”** means equipping a well with a securely affixed, removable device that will prevent the entrance of surface pollutants into the well in compliance with regulations of the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulations.

**“Casing”** means a tubular structure installed in the excavated or drilled borehole to maintain the well opening.

**“Pecos Valley Aquifer”** – During the Cenozoic Era, a thick sequence of alluvial deposits accumulated in two large slumppage depressions. These depressions are herein referred to as the Monument Draw Trough, which developed along the eastern margin of the Delaware Basin, and the Pecos Trough, which occupies the south-central part of the Basin. The troughs were formed by dissolution and removal of evaporates in the underlying Ochoan Series, which resulted in the collapse of the Rustler Formation and younger rocks into the voids (Maley and Huffington, 1953). Water saturated alluvial fill in these troughs is classified as the Pecos Valley Aquifer.

**“Conservation”** refers to those water saving practices, techniques, and technologies that will reduce the consumption of water, reduce the loss of waste of water, improve the

efficiency in the use of waste, or increase the recycling and reuse of water so that a water supply is made available for future or alternative uses.

**“Desired Future Condition(s)”** means the desired, quantified condition(s) of groundwater resources, including water levels, water quality, spring flows, or volumes, for a specified aquifer within a management area at a specified time or times in the future. Desired Future Conditions are defined by the District in conjunction with other districts within the same groundwater management area as part of the joint planning process required by the Texas Water Development Board.

**“Dewatering Well”** means a well used to remove groundwater from a construction site or excavation, or to relieve hydrostatic uplift on permanent structures.

**“Director”** means an elected or appointed member of the Board of Directors of the District.

**“Discharge”** means the volume of water that passes a given point within a given period of time.

**“District”** means the Middle Pecos Groundwater Conservation District.

**“District Act”** means the District’s enabling legislation, Chapter 1331, Acts of the 76<sup>th</sup> Legislature, Regular Session, 1999 (Senate Bill 1911), and Chapter 1299, Acts of the 77<sup>th</sup> Legislature, Regular Session, 2001 (House Bill 1258) .

**“District Management Plan”** means the plan promulgated and adopted by the District, as may be amended and revised by the Board from time to time, pursuant to Sections 36.1071-36.1073 of the Texas Water Code.

**“Dockum Group Aquifer”** – The Dockum Group of Triassic age consists of upper and lower shaley units and a middle water-bearing sandstone unit often referred to as the “Santa Rosa.” Small to moderate quantities of fresh to moderately saline water are produced from the sandstone in Winkler, Ward, eastern Loving, and eastern Reeves Counties, primarily where the aquifer is relatively shallow. In parts of Pecos, Reeves, Ward, and Winkler Counties, where the sandstone is hydraulically connected to the Pecos Valley Aquifer, the combination has been referred to as the Allurosa aquifer.

**“District Office”** means the main office of the District at such location as may be established by the Board.

**“Domestic Use”** means water used by and connected to a household for personal needs or for household purposes such as drinking, bathing, heating, cooking, sanitation or cleaning, and landscape irrigation. Ancillary use may include watering of domestic animals.

**“Domestic Well”** means a well providing groundwater for domestic use.

**“Drill”** –means drilling, equipping, completing wells, or modifying the size of wells or well pumps/motors (resulting in an increase in pumpage volume) whereby a drilling or service rig must be on location to perform the activity.

**“Edwards-Trinity (Plateau) Aquifer”** – The Edwards-Trinity (Plateau) aquifer underlies the Pecos Valley Aquifer in the study area, (located in the northern part of the Trans-Pecos region of West Texas, which is in the Great Plains physiographic province, and falls within the Rio Grande basin), in the southwest half of Reeves County and a portion of the Coyanosa area in northwest Pecos County. The aquifer is composed of water-bearing lower Cretaceous sands and limestones that are hydraulically connected to the overlying alluvium. Wells completed in the aquifer produce small to moderate quantities of fresh to moderately saline water, which is generally similar to that of the overlying alluvium. The poorest quality water is the aquifer, with dissolved solids in excess of 3,000 milligrams per liter (mg/l), occurs in the southwestern part of Reeves County where the aquifer receives recharge from the sulfate-rich Rustler aquifer. Water from the Edwards-Trinity(Plateau) aquifer is mostly used for irrigation, with a lesser amount used for industrial purposes in western Reeves County.

**“Evidence of Historic or Existing Use”** means evidence that is material and relevant to a determination of the amount of groundwater beneficially used without waste by a permit applicant during the relevant time period set by district rule that regulates groundwater based on historic use. Evidence in the form of oral or written testimony shall be subject to cross-examination. The Texas Rules of Evidence govern the admissibility and introduction of evidence of historic or existing use, except that evidence not admissible under the Texas Rules of Evidence may be admitted if it is of the type commonly relied upon by reasonably prudent persons in the conduct of their affairs.

**“Exempt Well”** means a well that is exempt pursuant to District Rule 11.3.

**“Existing Well”** means any well in the District that was drilled on or before the effective date of these rules.

**“Fees”** means charges imposed by the District pursuant to Rule, Order, or the District Act.

**“Groundwater Reservoir”** means a specific subsurface water-bearing reservoir having ascertainable boundaries and containing groundwater.

**“Historic and Existing Use Period”** means the period September 1, 1989, through the effective date of the rules adopting “Historic and Existing Use” rules, September 1, 2004; provided, however, that this period shall extend an additional consecutive 12-month period dating from September 1 – August 30 (“12-month period” or “year”) for each such year during which the applicant demonstrates continued beneficial use of water in that year and demonstrates continued beneficial use in each and every year between September 1, 1989, and September 1, 2004, up to an additional, consecutive fifteen years extending to September 1, 1974.

**“Hydrogeological Report”** means a report that identifies the availability of groundwater in a particular area and formation, and which also addresses the issues of quantity and quality of that water and the impacts of pumping that water on the surrounding environment including impacts to nearby or adjacent wells.

**“Irrigation Use”** means the application of water, not associated with agricultural irrigation use, to plants or land in order to promote growth of plants, turf, or trees. Irrigation use includes but is not limited to athletic fields, parks, golf courses, and landscape irrigation not tied to domestic use.

**“Irrigation Well”** means a well providing groundwater for irrigation use. (A non-exempt well.)

**“Leachate Well”** means a well used to remove contamination from soil or groundwater.

**“Livestock”** means domesticated horses, cattle, goats, sheep, swine, poultry, ostriches, emus, rheas, deer and antelope, and other similar animals involved in farming or ranching operations on land, recorded and taxed in the County as an agricultural land use. Dogs, cats, birds, fish, reptiles, small mammals, potbellied pigs, and other animals typically

kept as pets are not considered livestock. Livestock-type animals kept as pets or in a pet-like environment are not considered livestock.

**“Managed Available Groundwater”** means the amount of water that may be permitted by the District for beneficial use in accordance with the Desired Future Condition of a particular aquifer.

**“Maximum Historic and Existing Use”** means the quantity of water put to beneficial use during the single 12-month period (September 1 – August 30) of maximum beneficial use during the Historic and Existing Use Period.

**“Modify”** means to alter the physical or mechanical characteristics of a well, its equipment, or production capabilities. This does not include repair of equipment, well houses or enclosures, or replacement with comparable equipment.

**“Monitoring Well”** means a well installed exclusively to measure some property of the groundwater or an aquifer that it penetrates, that does not produce more than 5,000 gallons per year.

**“New Well”** means any well that is not an existing well, or any existing well, which has been modified to increase water production after the effective date of these rules.

**“Permit Amendment”** means a minor or major change in a permit.

**“Permittee”** means a permit holder or a person who is required to obtain a permit from the District.

**“Person”** includes a corporation, individual, organization, cooperative, government or governmental subdivision or agency, business trust, estate, trust, partnership, association, or any other legal entity.

**“Personal Justiciable Interest”** means an interest related to a legal right, duty, privilege, power, or economic interest affected by a permit or permit amendment application. A justiciable interest is an interest beyond that shared by the general public.

**“Plugging”** means the permanent closure of a well in accordance with approved District standards.

**“Pollution”** means the alteration, thermal, chemical, or biological quality of, or the contamination of, any water in the state that renders the water harmful, detrimental, or injurious to humans, animal life, vegetation, or property or to public health, safety, or impairs the usefulness or the public enjoyment of the water for any lawful or reasonable purpose.

**“Retail Water Utility”** means any person, corporation, public utility, water supply or sewer service corporation, municipality, political subdivision or agency operating, maintaining, or controlling in this state, facilities (such as a public water supply well) for providing potable water service for compensation.

**“Rustler Aquifer”** – The Rustler Formation underlies the entire study area, (located in the northern part of the Trans-Pecos region of West Texas, which is in the Great Plains physiographic province, and falls within the Rio Grande basin), and consists of 200 to 500 feet of anhydrite and dolomite with a basal zone of sandstone and shale. Slightly to moderately saline water occurs in the formation in most of Reeves and western Loving, Ward, and Pecos Counties and has mostly been used for irrigation and livestock supply. Elsewhere, the formation produces very saline to brine quality water that is used primarily for secondary oil recovery. Water in the aquifer occurs under artesian conditions, except in the out crop in the Rustler Hills to the west and in collapsed zones in the two troughs.

**“Rules”** means the standards and regulations promulgated by the District, as they may be amended from time to time, and are often referred to in these rules as the District’s rules.

**“Seal”** means the impermeable material, such as cement grout, bentonite, or puddling clay, placed in the annular space between the borehole wall and the casing to prevent the downhole movement of surface water or the vertical mixing of groundwater.

**“Special Provisions”** means the conditions or requirements added to a permit, which may be more or less restrictive than the Rules as a result of circumstances unique to a particular situation.

**“Spring”** means a point(s) of natural discharge from an aquifer.

**“Static Water Level”** means the water level in a well that has not been affected by withdrawal of groundwater.

**“Stratum”** means a layer of rock having a similar composition throughout.

**“Subsidence”** means the lowering in elevation of the land surface caused by withdrawal of groundwater.

**“Surface Completion”** means sealing off access of undesirable water, surface material, or other potential sources of contamination to the wellbore by proper casing and/or cementing procedures.

**“TCEQ”** means the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, and its predecessor and any successor agencies.

**“Transport of Groundwater”** means pumping, transferring or exporting groundwater out of the District. The terms “transfer” or “export” of groundwater are used interchangeably within Chapter 36 and these Rules.

**“User”** means a person who produces, distributes, or uses water from the aquifer(s).

**“Waste”** shall have the meaning provided for in District Rule 14.1.

**“Water Table”** means the upper boundary of the saturated zone in an unconfined aquifer.

**“Water Tight Seal”** means a seal that prohibits the entrance of liquids or solutions, including water, which may enter through the wellhead and potentially, contaminate the well.

**“Water Well”** means any drilled or excavated facility, device, or method used to withdraw groundwater from the groundwater supply.

**“Well”** means any artificial excavation or borehole constructed for the purposes of exploring for or producing groundwater, or for injection, monitoring, or dewatering purposes.

**“Well Registration”** means the creation of a record of the well by use and a well identification number for purposes of registering the well as to its geographic location and for notification to the well owner in cases of spills or accidents, data collection, record keeping and for future planning purposes. (See Section 9 of the District’s Rules).

**“Well system”** means a well or group of wells owned, operated, or held under permit by the same permit holder.

**“Withdraw or Withdrawal”** means the act of extracting groundwater by pumping or any other method other than the discharge of natural springs.

### **RULE 1.2 PURPOSE OF RULES**

The rules of the District are promulgated and adopted under the District's statutory authority to achieve the following purposes and objectives: to provide for conserving, preserving, protecting, and recharging of groundwater or of a groundwater reservoir or its subdivisions, in order to control subsidence, or prevent waste of groundwater. The District's orders rules, regulations, requirements, resolutions, policies, guidelines or similar measures have been implemented to fulfill these objectives.

### **RULE 1.3 USE AND EFFECT OF RULES**

These rules are used by the District as guides in the exercise of the powers conferred by law and in the accomplishment of the purposes of the District Act and Chapter 36 of the Texas Water Code. They shall not be construed as a limitation or restriction on the exercise of any discretion, where it exists, nor shall they be construed to deprive the District or Board of the exercise of any powers, duties or jurisdiction conferred by law; nor shall they be construed to limit or restrict the amount and character of data or information that may be required to be collected for the proper administration of the District Act or Chapter 36.

### **RULE 1.4 AMENDING OF RULES**

The Board may, following notice and hearing, amend or repeal these rules or adopt new rules from time to time, following the procedure set forth in the Rulemaking Section of these rules, and applicable law.

## **RULE 1.5 HEADINGS AND CAPTIONS**

The section and other headings and captions contained in these rules are for reference purposes only and do not affect in any way the meaning or interpretation of these rules.

## **RULE 1.6 CONSTRUCTION**

A reference to a title or chapter without further identification is a reference to a title or chapter of the Texas Water Code, unless the context of usage clearly implies otherwise. A reference to a section or rule without further identification is a reference to a section or rule in these rules, unless the context of usage clearly implies otherwise. Construction of words and phrases is governed by the Code Construction Act, Subchapter B, Chapter 311, Texas Government Code. The singular includes the plural, the plural includes the singular. The words “and” and “or” are interchangeable and shall be interpreted to mean and/or. The masculine includes the feminine, and the feminine includes the masculine.

## **RULE 1.7 SEVERABILITY**

In case any one or more of the provisions contained in these rules shall for any reason be held to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable in any respect, such invalidity, illegality, or unenforceability shall not affect any other rules or provisions hereof, and these rules shall be construed as if such invalid, illegal, or unenforceable rule or provision had never been contained herein.

## **RULE 1.8 SEVERABILITY CLAUSE**

If any section, sentence, paragraph, clause, or part of these rules should be held or declared invalid for any reason by a final judgment of the courts of this state or of the United States, such decision or holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of these rules; and the Board does hereby declare that it would have adopted and

promulgated such remaining portions irrespective or the fact that any other sentence, section, paragraph, clause, or part thereof may be declared invalid.

### **RULE 1.9 COMPLIANCE**

All permittees and registrants of the District shall comply with all applicable rules and regulations of other governmental entities. Where the District's rules and regulations are more stringent than those of other governmental entities, the District's rules and regulations shall control.

### **RULE 1.10 VERB USAGE**

The verbs may, can, might, should, or could are used when an action is optional or may not apply in every case. The verbs will, shall, or must are used when an action is required. The verb cannot is used when an action is not allowed or is not achievable. Unless otherwise expressly provided for in these rules, the past, present, and future tense shall include each other.

## **SECTION 2.        BOARD AND DISTRICT STAFF**

### ***RULE 2.1 MEETINGS***

The Board shall meet at least once each quarter and may meet more frequently as the Board may establish from time to time. At the request of the Board President, or by written request of at least three members, the Board may hold special meetings. All Board meetings will be held and conducted according to the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Government Code. Directors shall not knowingly conspire to meet in numbers less than a quorum for the purpose of secret deliberations.

### ***RULE 2.2 COMMITTEES***

The Board President may establish committees for formulation of policy recommendations to the Board, and appoint the chair and membership of the committees. Committee members serve at the pleasure of the Board President.

### ***RULE 2.3 ASSISTANT SECRETARY***

A Director or member of the District staff may be appointed by the Board as Assistant Secretary to the Board to assist in meeting the responsibilities of the Board Secretary, if desired by the Board.

### ***RULE 2.4 GENERAL MANAGER***

The Board may employ or contract with a person to manage the District, and title this person “General Manager”. The General Manager shall have full authority to manage and operate the affairs of the District, subject only to Board orders. The Board will review the compensation and/or contract of the General Manager each year at the beginning of the third quarter of every fiscal year. The General Manager, with approval

of the Board, may employ all persons necessary for the proper handling of business and operation of the District, and their compensation will be set by the Board.

## **SECTION 3.        BOARD**

### ***RULE 3.1 PURPOSE OF BOARD***

The Board was created to determine policy and regulate the withdrawal of groundwater within the boundaries of the District for conserving, preserving, protecting and recharging the groundwater and aquifers within the District, and to exercise its rights, powers, and duties in a way that will effectively and expeditiously accomplish the purposes of the District Act. The Board's responsibilities include, but are not limited to, the adoption, implementation, and enforcement of the District's rules and orders.

### ***RULE 3.2 BOARD STRUCTURE, OFFICERS***

The Board may elect officers annually, but must elect officers at the first meeting following the May elections of each even-numbered year. Directors and officers serve until their successors are elected or appointed and sworn in accordance with the District Act and these rules, and qualified under applicable State law. If there is a vacancy on the Board, the remaining directors shall appoint a director to serve the remainder of the term. If at any time there are fewer than three qualified directors, the Pecos County Commissioners Court shall appoint the necessary number of persons to fill all the vacancies on the Board. The appointed director's term shall end on qualification of the director elected at that election.

### ***RULE 3.3 EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS***

Directors may not communicate, directly or indirectly, about any issue of fact or law in any contested hearing before the Board, with any agency, person, party or their representatives, except on notice and opportunity for all parties to participate. This rule does not apply to a Director who abstains from voting on any matter in which ex parte communications have occurred or to communications between the Board and the staff, professional, or consultants of the District.

## **SECTION 4. GENERAL PROCEDURAL PROVISIONS**

### **RULE 4.1 DISTRICT ADDRESS**

The District's mailing address is P.O. Box 1644, Fort Stockton, Texas 79735. Any change in the District Office and physical address shall be made official by Board resolution.

### **RULE 4.2 COMPUTING TIME**

In computing any period of time specified by these rules, by a presiding officer, by board orders, or by law, the period shall begin on the day after the act, event, or default in question, and shall conclude on the last day of that designated period, unless the last day is a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday on which the District office is closed, in which case the period runs until the end of the next day which is neither a Saturday, Sunday, nor legal holiday on which the District office is closed.

### **RULE 4.3 FILING OF DOCUMENTS AND TIME LIMIT**

Applications, requests, or other papers or documents shall be filed either by hand delivery, mail, or telephonic document transfer to the District office. The document shall be considered filed as of the date received by the District for a hand delivery; as of the date reflected by the official United States Postal Service postmark if mailed; and, for telephonic document transfers, as of the date on which the telephonic document transfer is complete, except that any transfer occurring after 5:00 p.m. will be deemed complete on the following business day. If a person files a document by facsimile, he or she must file a copy by mail within three (3) calendar days.

### **RULE 4.4 METHODS OF SERVICE UNDER THE RULES**

Except as otherwise provided for in these rules, and notice or document required by these rules to be served or delivered may be delivered to the recipient, or the recipient's

authorized representative, in person, by agent, by courier-receipted delivery, by certified or registered mail sent to recipient's last known address, by e-mail to the recipient's e-mail address on file with the District if written consent is granted by the recipient, or by telephonic document transfer to the recipient's current telecopier number and shall be accomplished by 5:00 o'clock p.m. (as shown by the clock in the recipient's office) of the date on which it is due. Service by mail is complete upon deposit in a post office or other official depository of the United States Postal Service. Service by telephonic document transfer is complete upon transfer, except that any transfer commencing after 5:00 o'clock p.m. (as shown by the clock in the recipient's office) shall be deemed complete the following business day. If service or delivery is by mail, and the recipient has the right to perform some act or is required to perform some act within a prescribed period of time after service, three days will be added to the prescribed period. Where service by other methods has proved unsuccessful, the service shall be complete upon publication of the notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the District, or by such other method as may be approved by the Board. The person or person's attorney shall certify compliance with this rule in writing over signature and on the filed document. A certificate by a person or the person's attorney of record, or the return of an officer, or the affidavit of any person showing service of a document, shall be *prima facie* evidence of the fact of service.

#### **RULE 4.5 USE OF FORMS**

The General Manager will furnish forms and instructions for the preparation of any application, declaration, registration or other document that is required to be filed with the District on a form prepared by the District. The use of such forms is mandatory. Supplements may be attached if there is insufficient space on the form. If supplements are used, the data and information entered therein shall be separated into sections that are numbered to correspond with the numbers of the printed form.

#### **RULE 4.6 MINUTES AND RECORDS OF THE DISTRICT**

All official documents, reports, records, and minutes of the District will be available for public inspection and copying in accordance with the Texas Public Information Act.

## **RULE 4.7 PROCEDURES NOT OTHERWISE PROVIDED FOR**

If, in connection with any hearing, the Board determines that there are no statutes or other applicable rules resolving particular procedural questions then before the Board, the Board will direct the parties to follow procedures consistent with the purpose of these rules, the District Act, and Chapter 36 of the Texas Water Code.

## **RULE 4.8 CONTINUANCE**

The Presiding Officer may continue hearings or other proceedings from time to time and from place to place without the necessity of publishing, serving, mailing, or otherwise issuing a new notice. If a hearing or, other proceeding is continued and a time and place for the hearing or other proceeding to reconvene are not publicly announced at the hearing or other proceeding by the Presiding Office before it is recessed, a notice of any further setting of the hearing or other proceeding will be delivered at a reasonable time to persons who request notice at the initial hearing, and any other person the Presiding Officer deems appropriate, but it is not necessary to post or publish a notice of the new setting. This rule does not apply to permit hearings governed by Rule 11.10.7.

## **RULE 4.9 REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION AND APPEAL**

To appeal a decision of the Board concerning any matter, a request for reconsideration must be filed with the District within 20 calendar days of the date of the Board's decision. Such request for reconsideration must be in writing and must state clear and concise grounds for the request. The Board's decision is final if no request for reconsideration is timely filed, upon the Board's denial of the request for reconsideration, or upon rendering a decision after rehearing the request for reconsideration. If the rehearing request is granted by the Board, the date of the rehearing will be within 45 calendar days thereafter. The failure of the Board to grant or deny the request for reconsideration within 90 calendar days of the date of submission shall constitute a denial of the request. After all administrative remedies are exhausted with the District and the Board's decision is final, suit may be filed in a court of competent jurisdiction to appeal the Board's decision. The deadline for filing this suit is 60 days after the Board's decision is final. A suit is prohibited if a request for reconsideration was not timely filed.

## **SECTION 5. HEARINGS ON OTHER MATTERS**

### ***RULE 5.1 HEARINGS ON OTHER MATTERS***

A public hearing may be held on any matter, beyond rulemaking and permitting, within the jurisdiction of the Board, if the Board deems a hearing to be in the public interest or necessary to effectively carry out the duties and responsibilities of the District. Not less than ten calendar days prior to the date of a public hearing, the Board shall publish notice of the subject matter of the hearing, the time, date, and place of the hearing, in a newspaper of general circulation in the District, in addition to posting the notice in the manner provided by the Texas Open Meetings Act.

## **SECTION 6. RULEMAKING HEARINGS**

### ***RULE 6.1 GENERAL***

A rulemaking hearing involves matters of general applicability that implement, interpret, or prescribe the law or District's policy, or that describe the procedure or practice requirements of the District.

### ***RULE 6.2 NOTICE AND SCHEDULING OF HEARINGS***

- (a) For all rulemaking hearings, the notice shall include a brief explanation of the subject matter of the hearing, the time, date, and place of the hearing, location or Internet site at which a copy of the proposed rules may be reviewed or copied, if the District has a functioning Internet site, and any other information deemed relevant by the General Manager or the Board.
- (b) Not less than twenty calendar days prior to the date of the hearing, and subject to the notice requirements of the Texas Open Meetings Act the General Manager shall:
  - (1) post notice in a place readily accessible to the public at the district office;
  - (2) provide notice to the county clerk of Pecos County;

- (3) publish notice in one or more newspapers of general circulation in the District;
  - (4) provide notice by mail, facsimile, or electronic mail to any person who has requested notice under Subsection (c); and
  - (5) make available a copy of all proposed rules at a place accessible to the public during normal business hours, and post an electronic copy on the District's Internet site, if the District has a functioning Internet site.
- (c) A person may submit to the District a written request for notice of a rulemaking hearing. A request is effective for the remainder of the calendar year in which the request is received by the District. To receive notice of a rulemaking hearing in a later year, a person must submit a new request. An affidavit of an officer or employee of the District establishing attempted service by first class mail, facsimile, or e-mail to the person in accordance with the information provided by the person is proof that notice was provided by the district.
- (d) Failure to provide notice under Subsection (c) does not invalidate an action taken by the District at a rulemaking hearing.
- (e) Any hearing may or may not be scheduled during the District's regular business hours, Monday through Friday of each week, except District holidays. All hearings shall be held at the location set forth in the notice. Any hearing may be continued from time to time and date to date without notice after the initial notice. The District must conduct at least one hearing prior to adopting amendments to the District's rules.

### ***RULE 6.3 RULEMAKING HEARINGS PROCEDURES***

- (a) General Procedures: The Presiding Officer will conduct the rulemaking hearing in the manner the Presiding Officer deems most appropriate to obtain all relevant information pertaining to the subject of the hearing as conveniently, inexpensively, and expeditiously as possible. In conducting a rulemaking hearing, the Presiding Officer may elect to utilize procedures set forth in these Rules for permit hearings to the extent that and in the manner that the Presiding Officer deems most appropriate for the particular rulemaking hearing. The Presiding Officer will prepare and keep a record of the rulemaking hearing in the

form of an audio or video recording or a court reporter transcription at his discretion.

- (b) **Submission of Documents:** Any interested person may submit written statements, protests, or comments, briefs, affidavits, exhibits, technical reports, or other documents relating to the subject of the hearing. Such documents must be submitted no later than the time of the hearing, as stated in the notice of hearing; provided, however, that the Presiding Officer may grant additional time for the submission of documents.
- (c) **Oral Presentations:** Any person desiring to testify on the subject of the hearing must so indicate on the registration form provided at the hearing. The Presiding Officer establishes the order of testimony and may limit the number of times a person may speak, the time period for oral presentations, and the time period for raising questions. In addition, the Presiding Officer may limit or exclude cumulative, irrelevant, or unduly repetitious presentations.
- (d) **Conclusion of the hearings:** At the conclusion of the hearing; the Board may take action on the subject matter of the hearing, take no action, or postpone action until a future meeting or hearing of the Board.
- (e) **Hearing Registration Form:** A person participating in a rulemaking hearing shall complete a hearing registration form stating the person's name, address, and whom the person represents, if applicable.

#### **RULE 6.4 CONDUCT AND DECORUM**

Every person, party, representative, witness, and other participant in a proceeding must conform to ethical standards of conduct and must exhibit courtesy and respect for all other participants. No person may engage in any activity during a proceeding that interferes with the orderly conduct of district business. If in the judgment of the Presiding Officer, a person is acting in violation of this provision, the Presiding Officer will first warn the person to refrain from engaging in such conduct. Upon further violation by the same person, the Presiding Officer may exclude that person from the proceeding for such time and under such conditions as the Presiding Officer deems necessary.

## **SECTION 7.       EMERGENCY RULES**

The Board may adopt an emergency rule without prior notice and/or hearing if the Board finds that a substantial likelihood of imminent peril to the public health, safety, or welfare, or a requirement of state or federal law, requires adoption of a rule on less than twenty days notice. The Board shall prepare a written statement of the reasons for this finding. An emergency rule adopted shall be effective for not more than 90 days after its adoption by the Board. The Board may extend the 90-day period for an additional 90 days if notice of a hearing on the final rule is given not later than the 90<sup>th</sup> day after the date the rules is adopted. An emergency rule adopted without notice and/or a hearing must be adopted at a meeting conducted under Chapter 551, Government Code.

## **SECTION 8.       DISTRICT MANAGEMENT PLAN**

The Board shall adopt a Management Plan that specifies the acts, procedures, performance and avoidance necessary to minimize as far as practicable the drawdown of the water table or the reduction of artesian pressure, to prevent interference between wells, to prevent degradation of water quality, to prevent waste, and to avoid impairment of a Desired Future Condition. The District shall use the District's rules to implement the Management Plan. The Board will review the plan at least every fifth year. If the Board considers a new plan necessary or desirable, based on evidence presented at a hearing, a new plan will be adopted and submitted to the Texas Water Development Board in accordance with Texas Water Development Board rules. The District will take reasonable steps to amend its plan to address Desired Future Conditions after the Texas Water Development Board has adopted Managed Available Groundwater based upon the Desired Future Conditions. A plan, once adopted, remains in effect until amended, or until the adoption of a new plan.

## **SECTION 9. WATER WELL REGISTRATION**

### **RULE 9.1 REGISTRATION**

All water wells, existing and new, exempt and nonexempt, must be registered with the District and are required to comply with the District's registration requirements in these rules.

### **RULE 9.2 GENERAL REGISTRATION POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

- 9.2.1 No person shall drill, equip, modify, complete, operate, change type of use, plug, abandon, or alter the size of a well within the District without first pre-registering, registering, and/or re-registering the well, as applicable, with the District on a form approved by the District, even though the well may be exempt from the requirement of a permit under District Rule 11.3. The District shall make forms available soon after the Effective Date of these rules. The registration form(s) required under this section shall be filed with the District no later than 120 calendar days from the date the forms are available by the District, or June 1, 2005, whichever date is later.
- 9.2.2 Pre-registration: For all proposed new exempt and nonexempt wells, the owner of the proposed new well owner, or the well operator or any other person acting on behalf of the owner of the proposed new well must file a Notice of Intent to Drill a New Well (Notice of Intent) prior to drilling the proposed new well. If it is believed by the person filing the Notice of Intent that the proposed new well will be exempt under District Rule 11.3, then the Notice of Intent must reflect the basis for the exemption, and must be approved by the District prior to drilling the new well. Within 5 (five) days from receipt of a Notice of Intent, the District's General Manager shall (1) determine whether the well is exempt under the District's rules, (2) complete the District Use Only section at the end of the Notice of Intent indicating whether the well is exempt, and (3) return a copy of the completed Notice of Intent by fax or mail to the address(es) and fax number(s) set forth in the Notice of Intent. If the District's determination is that the well is exempt, drilling may begin immediately upon receiving the approved Notice of Intent. The drilling of a new exempt well is subject to the rules of the District. Upon completion of the new exempt well, a registration form must be completed and filed. If the District's determination is that the well is nonexempt, a drilling permit application must be filed and approved by the District before drilling may begin.
- 9.2.3 Registration: All wells must be registered. Existing nonexempt and exempt wells shall be registered immediately. New nonexempt wells shall be registered immediately upon completion pursuant to a drilling permit. New exempt wells shall be registered immediately upon completion pursuant to an approved pre-registration.

- 9.2.4 Re-registration: If the owner or operator of a registered well plans to change the type of use of the groundwater, increase the withdrawal rate, or substantially alter the size of the well or well pump in a manner that does not require a permit, the well must be re-registered on a new registration form.
- 9.2.5 In the event of an emergency during the drilling of a new exempt well or with an existing well, as defined by the well driller or well service operator, as applicable, an exempt well may be reworked prior to re-registration. The registration requirement will be waived for a 48-hour period.
- 9.2.6 Term: A registration certificate is perpetual in nature, subject to cancellation for violation of these Rules.
- 9.2.7 Ownership Transfer: Prior to any ownership transfer of any well(s) covered by a registration, written notice must be given the District by the registration holder, and permit amendment shall be secured, if applicable. Any person who becomes the owner of a previous registration must, within 45 (forty-five) calendar days from the date of the change in ownership, file a request for transfer of the registration.

## **SECTION 10. PRODUCTION LIMITATIONS**

### **RULE 10.1 HISTORIC AND EXISTING USE PERMITS**

The District shall designate the quantity of groundwater produced on an annual basis in each Historic and Existing Use Permit issued by the District, and each permit shall be subject to the conditions of the District Act, Chapter 36 of the Texas Water Code, and these rules, provided, however, that the quantity that may be withdrawn shall not exceed the Maximum Historic and Existing Use demonstrated by the applicant, and determined by the Board.

### **RULE 10.2 PRODUCTION PERMITS**

The District shall designate the quantity of groundwater produced on an annual basis under a Production Permit pursuant to the conditions of the District Act, Chapter 36 of the Texas Water Code, and these rules, provided, however, that the quantity shall not exceed an

amount demonstrated by the applicant and determined by the Board to be necessary for beneficial use during the permit term, except as may be reduced if the District imposes restrictions under this section.

### **RULE 10.3 AQUIFER-BASED PRODUCTION LIMITS**

- 10.3.1 The District may limit the total annual production and maximum annual rate of groundwater withdrawal for any aquifer within the District as the District determines to be necessary based upon the best available hydrogeologic, geographic, and other relevant scientific data, including but not limited to noted changes in the water levels, water quality, groundwater withdrawals, annual recharge, the loss of stored water in the aquifer, or future planning projections developed by or accessible to the District or to achieve Desired Future Conditions. In accordance with the District Management Plan, the total amount of authorized, annual production and the authorized rate of production from each aquifer shall be limited to ensure that groundwater may be used on a sustainable basis from each aquifer. Notwithstanding this “sustainable basis” standard, any limits under these rules for a particular aquifer shall be based upon consideration of the applicable Managed Available Groundwater and Desired Future Conditions at such time as the Managed Available Groundwater and Desired Future Conditions are final and unappealable. The District may also develop, utilize, and/or adopt groundwater availability models in support of the District’s management of the groundwater within its jurisdiction. The District may establish a series of index or monitoring wells to aid in this determination.
- 10.3.2 Using the best available hydrogeologic, geographic, and other relevant scientific information, the District will continue to study and accumulate data on the various aquifers located within the boundaries of the District and their subdivisions, and may amend from time to time the limit on total annual production or the authorized rate of production either throughout the District or for a particular aquifer or its subdivisions, based upon this data and the District’s water resource management goals set forth in the District Management Plan and as necessary to achieve Desired Future Conditions.
- 10.3.3 The Board may set the allowable production of each permitted well. The Board has the right to modify a permit at any time if monitoring wells within the source

aquifer show an unacceptable level of decline in water quality of the aquifer, or as may be necessary to prevent waste and achieve water conservation, minimize as far as practicable the drawdown of the water table or the reduction of artesian pressure, lessen interference between wells, or control and prevent subsidence, or to achieve Desired Future Conditions.

- 10.3.4 As determined by the District, if the total amount of production within an aquifer is less than or equal to the annual sustainable amount available for withdrawal or final and unappealable Managed Available Groundwater or Desired Future Conditions, as applicable for a particular aquifer, production amounts authorized under Historic and Existing Use and Production Permits may remain the same or be increased, as set forth under these rules.
- 10.3.5 As determined by the District, if the total amount of production within an aquifer is greater than the or final and unappealable Desired Future Conditions or Managed Available Groundwater available for withdrawal, production amounts may be decreased proportionally among all permit holders producing from that aquifer, with any necessary reductions being applied first to Production Permits and, subsequently, if production is still greater than availability after reducing Production Permits in their entirety, to Historic and Existing Use Permits, as specifically set forth under Rule 10.4.
- 10.3.6 Upon adoption of Desired Future Conditions and setting of the Managed Available Groundwater numbers for any aquifer in the District, the District shall limit the total amount of authorized, annual production from each such aquifer in the District to ensure that groundwater production does not exceed the Managed Available Groundwater for each aquifer in the District. If the total amount of production within an aquifer is less than the Managed Available Groundwater for the aquifer, production amounts authorized under Historic and Existing Use and Production Permits may remain the same or be increased, as set forth under these rules. As determined by the District, if the total amount of production within an aquifer exceeds the Managed Available Groundwater set for an aquifer, production amounts may be decreased proportionally among all permit holders producing from that aquifer. Any necessary reductions will first be applied to Production Permits, and, subsequently, if production still exceeds the Managed Available Groundwater set for an aquifer after reducing Production Permits in their entirety, to Historic and Existing Use Permits, as set forth under Rule 10.4.

## **RULE 10.4 PROPORTIONAL ADJUSTMENT**

- 10.4.1** The Board, by resolution, may establish proportional adjustment reductions to alter the amount of production allowed if reductions are required under these rules.
- 10.4.2** When establishing proportional adjustment restrictions, the Board shall first set aside an amount of groundwater equal to an estimate of total exempt use.
- 10.4.3** After setting aside an amount of groundwater for exempt use, to the extent of remaining groundwater availability, the Board shall allocate groundwater to Historic and Existing Use Permits according to the permitted Maximum Historic and Existing Use in each. If there is insufficient groundwater availability to allow withdrawal under all Historic and Existing Use Permits, the Board shall allocate the groundwater availability first to the Historic and Existing Permits in an amount up to the Eligible Recharge Credit, on a pro rata basis relative to all other Historic and Existing Permits. The Eligible Recharge Credit shall mean 30% of the permitted Maximum Historic and Existing Use that is designated for and previously put to irrigation use in each Historic and Existing Use Permit. The groundwater authorized for withdrawal pursuant to an Eligible Recharge Credit must be withdrawn from the same aquifer that has been recharged with groundwater allocated under the respective permit or application. The remaining groundwater availability shall then be allocated among the Historic and Existing Use Permits up to an amount authorized under each permit on an equal percentage basis until total authorized production equals groundwater availability for a particular aquifer district-wide or within a Management Zone, if applicable. The Eligible Recharge Credit shall be applied in such a manner that the irrigation user's Existing and Historic Use Permit shall not be proportionally reduced to the extent of the Eligible Recharge Credit. The only basis for proportionately reducing the Eligible Recharge Credit shall be in the event that 100% of the non-recharge credit portion of the Historic and Existing Use Permit allotments has been reduced. If it can be demonstrated and the Board takes official action to determine that the irrigation recharge is more or less than 30%, then the Eligible Recharge Credit shall be adjusted accordingly by Board resolution. No groundwater shall be authorized for production under Production Permits if there is insufficient water

**availability to satisfy all Historic and Existing Use Permits and exempt use, subject to Subsection 10.4.6 of this rule. The Eligible Recharge Credit for irrigation use under a Production Permit shall not be applied where there is equal to or less than enough groundwater to satisfy all Historic and Existing Use Permits and exempt use.**

- 10.4.4 If there is sufficient groundwater to satisfy all Historic and Existing Use Permits and exempt use, the Board shall then allocate remaining water availability first to the existing Production Permit holders in an amount equal to their Eligible Recharge Credit, on a pro rata basis relative to all other Production Permits. The Eligible Recharge Credit shall mean 30% of the groundwater allocated under each Production Permit that is designated for and previously put to irrigation use. The groundwater authorized for withdrawal pursuant to an Eligible Recharge Credit must be withdrawn from the same aquifer that has been recharged with groundwater allocated under the respective Production Permit. The remaining groundwater availability shall then be allocated among the Production Permits up to an amount authorized under each permit on an equal percentage basis until total authorized production equals groundwater availability for a particular aquifer district-wide or within a Management Zone, if applicable. The recharge credit shall be applied in such a manner that the irrigation user's Production Permit shall not be proportionally reduced to the extent of the recharge credit. The only occasion for proportionately reducing the Eligible Recharge Credit shall be in the event that 100% of the non-recharge credit portion of the Production Permit allotments has been reduced, and there is only sufficient groundwater availability to supply exempt use and Historic and Existing Use. If it can be demonstrated and the Board takes official action to determine that the irrigation recharge is more or less than 30%, then the recharge credit shall be adjusted accordingly. No groundwater may be authorized for production under new Production Permits if there is insufficient groundwater availability to satisfy all existing Production Permits, subject to Subsection 10.4.6 of this rule.**
- 10.4.5 If there is sufficient groundwater to satisfy all Historic and Existing Use Permits, exempt use, and existing Production Permits, the Board may then allocate remaining groundwater availability to applications for new or amended Production Permits, subject to Subsection 3.4.6 of this rule.**

10.4.6 When establishing proportional adjustment restrictions that contemplate the reduction of authorized production or a prohibition on authorization for new or increased production, the Board may also choose to proportionately reduce any existing Production Permits on a pro rata basis, excluding the authorized Eligible Recharge Credit, in order to make groundwater available for new applications for Production Permits and may allocate to each surface acre a designated amount of groundwater. In doing so, the Board may elect to allocate more water to surface acreage recognized under existing Production Permits than to surface acreage associated with applications for new Production Permits.

## **RULE 10.5 MANAGEMENT ZONES**

- 10.5.1 Using the best available hydrogeologic, geographic, and other relevant scientific data, including but not limited to noted changes in water levels, water availability, water quality, production, annual recharge, the loss of stored water in an aquifer, or future planning projections developed by or accessible to the District, the Board, by resolution, may create management zones within the District based on hydrogeologic, geographic, and/or aquifer formations. The restrictions imposed within management zones may vary by management zone. Restrictions within a certain management zone designated by the Board will be uniformly applied within that management zone.
- 10.5.2 The Board may designate management zones for certain aquifers within the District. The Board may designate multiple management zones for certain aquifers in the District.
- 10.5.3 The Board, by resolution, may establish proportional adjustment reductions within a management zone to alter the amount of production allowed if the Board determines reductions are required to conform with these rules. The District may determine the availability of groundwater within a management zone by using the best scientific information available, including but not limited to the Texas Water Development Board's Groundwater Availability Model for the area or other such models, annual recharge within a management zone, water levels, total water availability for the applicable aquifer in the District, information from the District's Management Plan, the most recent state or regional water plan, or other data necessary to determine the amount of water available within a particular management zone designated by the Board. In determining the amount of withdrawal available in a management zone, the amount of withdrawal available in a

management zone or among management zones within a certain aquifer shall not exceed the total amount of groundwater available for that aquifer. Upon adoption of Desired Future Conditions and setting of Managed Available Groundwater for an aquifer within the District, the District shall ensure that the groundwater available for production within a management zone or among management zones designated for a certain aquifer does not impair the Desired Future Conditions and is consistent with the Managed Available Groundwater for that aquifer within the District.

- 10.5.4 As determined by the District, if the total amount of production within a management zone is more than the groundwater available for withdrawal, production amounts authorized under Historic and Existing Use and Production Permits may remain the same or be increased within a management zone. As determined by the District, if the total amount of production within a management zone is less than the groundwater available for withdrawal, production amounts may be decreased proportionally among all permit holders producing from that management zone in the manner set forth in Rule 10.3 and Rule 10.4.

#### **RULE 10.6 LIMIT SPECIFIED IN PERMIT**

The maximum annual quantity of groundwater that may be withdrawn under a Historic and Existing Use Permit or Production Permit issued by the District shall be no greater than the amount specified in the permit or the amended permit. Permits may be issued subject to conditions and restrictions placed on the rate and amount of withdrawal pursuant to the District's rules and permit terms necessary to prevent waste and achieve water conservation, minimize as far as practicable the drawdown of the water table or the reduction of artesian pressure, lessen interference between wells, or control and prevent subsidence. The permittee, by accepting the permit, agrees to abide by any and all groundwater withdrawal regulations established by the District that are currently in place, as well as any and all regulations established by the District in the future. Acceptance of the permit by the person to whom it is issued constitutes acknowledgment of and agreement to comply with all of the terms, provisions, conditions, limitations, and restrictions.

In addition to any special provisions or other requirements incorporated into the permit, each permit is subject to the following standard permit provisions:

- a) This permit is granted in accordance with the provisions of the Rules of the District, and acceptance of this permit constitutes an acknowledgment and agreement that the permittee will comply with the Rules of the District.
- b) The permit terms may be modified or amended pursuant to the provisions of the District's rules or to comply with statutory requirements.
- c) To protect the permit holder from the illegal use of a new landowner, within ten (10) calendar days after the date of sale of the well, the permit holder must notify the District in writing of the name of the new owner of a permitted well. Any person who becomes the owner of a currently permitted well must, within 45 calendar days from the date of the change in ownership, file an application for a permit amendment to effect a transfer of the permit.
- d) The operation of the well for the authorized withdrawal must be conducted in a non-wasteful manner.
- e) Withdrawals from all nonexempt wells must be accurately measured either by meter or through a District-approved alternative measuring method, in accordance with the District's Rules and the Board-approved Meter Installation Schedule. All permitted wells must report their pumpage to the District quarterly. If the well is metered, the meter readings must be attached to the quarterly pumpage report provided to the District. Wells that are drilled, completed, or equipped so that they are incapable of producing more than 25,000 gallons per day are not required to have a meter or report quarterly production if used for domestic purposes or for watering livestock or poultry.
- f) The well site must be accessible to District representatives for inspection, and the permittee agrees to cooperate fully in any reasonable inspection of the well and well site by the District representatives.
- g) The application pursuant to which this permit has been issued is incorporated in the permit, and the permit is granted on the basis of, and contingent upon, the accuracy of the information supplied in that application. A finding that false information has been supplied is grounds for immediate revocation of the permit.
- h) Violation of a permit's terms, conditions, requirements, or special provisions is punishable by civil penalties as provided by the District's rules.
- i) The permit may also contain provisions relating to the means and methods of transportation outside the district of groundwater produced within the District.

## **RULE 10.7 METERING AND REPORTING**

- 10.7.1 New wells: A meter must be installed to meet the District's specifications, at the well owner's cost, on each new, permitted well that is capable of producing more than 25,000 gallons per day, at the time of completing the well, and prior to commencing the production of groundwater for beneficial use. Meters are not required to be installed on nonexempt wells that are drilled, completed, or equipped so that they are incapable of producing more than 25,000 gallons per day, as long as an alternative measuring method approved by the District is used to record and report groundwater production from this type of well.
- 10.7.2 Existing wells: A well that must be permitted and that exists as of the initial effective date of these rules requires a meter that meets the District's specifications or must comply with District Rule 10.7.3 and secure authorization for an alternative measuring method. The meter shall be installed in accordance with the Meter Installation Schedule to be adopted by Board resolution. The District may allocate funds for a portion or all of the meters required under this subsection, and may supply the meters. However, installation costs are to be paid by the well owner. The Meter Installation Schedule shall set forth the deadlines by which meters shall be required to be installed on existing wells, and shall be developed by the Board after consideration of relevant factors including but not limited to the District's budget, logistical requirements for installation, and the benefits of measuring groundwater production within the District.
- 10.7.3 Alternative measuring method: The District may authorize the use of an alternative measuring method in lieu of a meter if it can be demonstrated by the well owner that the alternative measuring method is capable of accurate measurement of groundwater withdrawal. The owner of an existing, nonexempt well may apply to the District for approval of an alternative measuring method of determining the amount of groundwater withdrawn. The District General Manager may authorize the alternative measuring method if the applicant well owner demonstrates that the alternative measuring method can accurately measure the groundwater withdrawn. Reporting shall still be required by an owner of a well who is using a District-approved alternative measuring method.
- 10.7.4 Exempt wells: Meters are not required to be installed on exempt wells. An entity holding a permit issued by the Railroad Commission of Texas under Chapter 134, Natural Resources Code, that authorizes the drilling of a water well shall report monthly to the district:

- (a) the total amount of water withdrawn during the month;
- (b) the quantity of water necessary for mining activities; and
- (c) the quantity of water withdrawn for other purposes.

- 10.7.5 The meter shall be read, and the meter reading and actual amount of pumpage recorded and reported each quarter on a form provided by the District or more frequently, if requested by the General Manager. The permit holder subject to this reporting requirement shall keep accurate records of the amount of groundwater withdrawn and the purpose of the withdrawal, and such records shall be available for inspection by the District or its representatives. Where wells are permitted in the aggregate, metering and reporting are required on a well by well basis.
- 10.7.6 Immediate written notice shall be given to the District in the event a withdrawal exceeds the quantity authorized by this permit.
- 10.7.7 Meter accuracy to be tested. The District may require the applicant, at the applicant's expense, to test the accuracy of the meter and submit a certificate of the test results. If the tests reveal that a meter is not registering within an accuracy of 95%-105% of actual flow, or is not properly recording the total flow of groundwater withdrawn from the well or well system, the applicant must take appropriate steps to remedy the problem, and to retest the meter within 90 calendar days from the date the problem is discovered.
- 10.7.8 Violation of Metering and Reporting Requirements: False reporting or logging of meter readings, intentionally tampering with or disabling a meter, or similar actions to avoid accurate reporting of groundwater use and pumpage shall constitute a violation of these rules and shall subject the person performing the action, as well as the well owner, and/or the primary operator who authorizes or allows that action, to such penalties as provided in the District Act and these rules.
- 10.7.9 Recordkeeping Required until Installation of Meter: Beginning on the Effective Date of this Rule, the owner of an existing well required to be metered that is not already metered shall be required to keep an accurate log of dates of operation of each well, the duration of such operation, and the purpose and place of use of the water produced until such time as the well owner installs a meter or secures an alternate measuring method. Such metering log shall be submitted to the District in writing and sworn to within ten (10) calendar days of the installation of the

meter or approval of an alternate measuring method, whichever is earlier. Failure to provide the metering log as required by this rule or the provision of false information therein shall be a violation of these Rules and grounds for permit denial or revocation.

10.7.10 Meter Maintenance: Costs of meter maintenance shall be borne by the well owner or operator, if applicable.

## **SECTION 11. GENERAL PERMITTING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

### ***RULE 11.1 REQUIREMENT FOR PERMIT TO DRILL, OPERATE, OR ALTER THE SIZE OF A WELL OR WELL PUMP; PERMIT AMENDMENT***

11.1.1 Permits Required: No person may drill, operate, equip, complete, or alter the size of a well or well pump without first obtaining a permit or approved pre-registration, as applicable, from the District as provided by statutory law and these rules.

11.1.2 Permit Amendment Required: A permit amendment is required prior to any deviation from the permit terms regarding the maximum amount of groundwater to be produced from a well, ownership of a well or permit, the location of a proposed well, the purpose of use of the groundwater, the location of use of the groundwater, or the drilling and operation of additional wells, even if aggregate withdrawals remain the same. A Historic and Existing Use Permit may not be amended to modify the purpose of use for which the Historic and Existing Use Permit was originally granted, but may be amended to modify the place of use to a place inside or outside the district. The District may authorize a permit holder to lease or otherwise transfer ownership of a Historic and Existing Use Permit or the amount of groundwater production authorized under such a permit, as long as the purpose of use does not change and as long as the withdrawal is made from the same aquifer and within the same management zone, if applicable, if established by the District, and such transfers are subject to the Rule 11.9.1 and Rule 11.10.10.

- 11.1.3 Absent an express reservation of rights in the transferor, the transfer of ownership of the well(s) designated by a permit is presumed to transfer ownership of the permit, and the transfer of the land and well site on which the well is located is presumed to transfer ownership of the well. The ownership of a permit may be transferred separately from the ownership of a well or place of use, subject to these Rules and permit conditions. If a transferor retains any interest in the permit, the District may issue a second permit to the transferee that contains the benefits severed and transferred. The District may thereafter amend the permit of the transferor accordingly, along with any appropriate conditions relevant to the transfer imposed by the District. The District shall limit the amount of production authorized in the transfer of a permit to a different location of use to the amount of water produced and beneficially used by the transferor under the original permit.
- 11.1.4 If the production authorized for two or more wells that have been aggregated to function as part of a well system under Rule 11.2 and one or more wells under the well system will be transferred, the District may allocate a pro rata share of the total authorized production to each well transferred unless the conveyance documents transferring the well(s) clearly provides for a different method of allocation.
- 11.1.5 The District shall schedule a hearing for all activities for which a permit or permit amendment is required.

### ***RULE 11.2 AGGREGATION OF WITHDRAWAL AMONG MULTIPLE WELLS***

A drilling permit application must be filed for each well that requires permitting. However, one application shall be filed for an Historic and Existing Use Permit or Production Permit, or for renewal thereof, which consolidates two or more wells that will function as part of a well system.

### ***RULE 11.3 PERMIT EXCLUSIONS & EXEMPTIONS***

- (a) The District's permit requirements in these rules do not apply to:

- (1) A well used solely for domestic use or for providing water for livestock or poultry on a tract of land larger than 10 (ten) acres that is either drilled, completed, or equipped so that it is incapable of producing more than 25,000 gallons of groundwater a day; provided, however, that this exemption shall also apply after the effective date of this rule to a well to be drilled, completed, or equipped on a tract of land equal to or less than 10 (ten) acres in size only if:
    - (A) the well is to be used solely for domestic use or for providing water for livestock or poultry on the tract;
    - (B) such tract was equal to or less than 10 (ten) acres in size prior to the effective date of this rule; and
    - (C) such tract is not further subdivided into smaller tracts of land after the effective date of this rule and prior to the drilling, completion, or equipping of the well.

A well qualifying for exemption under this subsection must observe a minimum distance of 100 feet from the property line and 100 feet from other wells.
  - (2) A water well used solely to supply water for a rig that is actively engaged in drilling or exploration operations for an oil or gas well permitted by the Railroad Commission of Texas provided that the person holding the permit is responsible for drilling and operating the water well and the well is located on the same lease or field associated with the drilling rig.
  - (3) A water well authorized under a permit issued by the Railroad Commission of Texas under Chapter 134, Natural Resources Code, or for production from such a well to the extent the withdrawals are required for mining activities regardless of any subsequent use of the water.
  - (4) An injection water source well permitted by the Railroad Commission for secondary or enhanced oil or gas recovery.
- (b) A well exempted under Subsections (a)(2), (3), and (4) above must be permitted and comply with all the District's rules if:

- (1) the purpose of a well exempted under Subsection (a)(2) is no longer solely to supply water for a rig that is actively engaged in drilling or exploration operations for an oil or gas well permitted by the Railroad Commission of Texas;
  - (2) the withdrawals from a well exempted under Subsection (a)(3) are no longer necessary for mining activities or are greater than the amount necessary for mining activities specified in the permit issued by the Railroad Commission of Texas under Chapter 134, Natural Resources Code; or
  - (3) the purpose of a well exempted under Subsection (a)(4) is no longer solely to supply water for secondary or enhanced oil recovery pursuant to the terms of the permit issued by the Railroad Commission of Texas.
- (c) An entity holding a permit issued by the Railroad Commission of Texas under Chapter 134, Natural Resources Code, that authorized the drilling of a water well shall report monthly to the District:
- (1) the total amount of water withdrawn during the month;
  - (2) the quantity of water necessary for mining activities; and
  - (3) the quantity of water withdrawn for other purposes.
- (d) A water well exempted under section (a) above shall:
- (1) be pre-registered and registered in accordance with rules promulgated by the District; and
  - (2) be equipped and maintained so as to conform to the District's rules requiring installation of casing, pipe, and fittings to prevent the escape of groundwater from a groundwater reservoir to any reservoir not containing groundwater and to prevent the pollution of harmful alteration of the character of the water in any groundwater reservoir.
- (e) Monitoring wells
- (f) Leachate wells
- (g) Dewatering wells

- (h) Registered wells observe exemptions that were in place at the time of filing the registration.
- (i) A well exempt under this section will lose its exempt status if the well is subsequently used for a purpose or in a manner that is not exempt.

#### **RULE 11.4 HISTORIC AND EXISTING USE PERMITS**

The District recognizes the validity of Historic and Existing Use Permits granted under the District's rules and will continue to recognize the rules and procedures applicable to a Historic and Existing Use permit existing at the time the permit was granted. The District no longer accepts applications for Historic and Existing Use Permits because the deadline for filing Historic and Existing Use Permits was August 1, 2005, and the application procedures and the Historic and Existing Use Permit permitting process are now obsolete. Historic and Existing Use Permits are subject to the transfer, renewal, and permit amendment provisions set forth in these rules.

#### **RULE 11.5 PERMITS REQUIRED TO DRILL A NEW WELL**

- 11.5.1 Every person who drills a water well after the effective date of these rules, other than an exempt well as defined in Rule 11.3, must file a permit application on a form approved by the District.
- 11.5.2 Drilling Permit Requirement: The well owner, well operator, or any other person acting on behalf of the well owner must obtain a drilling permit from the District prior to drilling a new water well, perforating an existing well or increasing the size of a well pump therein so that the well could reasonably be expected to produce 25,000 gallons per day or more, unless the well is an exempt well under District Rule 11.3.

#### **RULE 11.6 PERMITS REQUIRED TO OPERATE A NEW WELL OR FOR INCREASED WITHDRAWAL AND BENEFICIAL USE FROM AN EXISTING WELL**

Prior to and no later than 21 (twenty-one) calendar days after completion of a new water well, or reworking or re-equipping an existing water well, the well owner or well operator must file a completed Production Permit application on a form approved by the District. A Production Permit may only be issued if the well from which water is proposed to be withdrawn has been drilled or if the Production Permit is subject to the well being drilled in accordance with the terms of a Drilling Permit. If the Drilling Permit expires without a well being drilled, any associated Production Permit shall expire at the same time the Drilling Permit expires.

## **RULE 11.7 PERMIT TERM**

- 11.7.1 Drilling Permit Term: Unless specified otherwise by the Board or these rules, drilling permits are effective for a term ending 120 (one hundred twenty) calendar days after the date the permit is issued by the District, which may be extended by the General Manager with good cause shown.
- 11.7.2 Historic and Existing Use Permit and Production Permit Terms: Unless specified otherwise by the Board or these rules, an Historic and Existing Use Permit and Production Permit are effective until the end of the calendar year in which they are issued. If renewed, such permits shall thereafter be effective for one-year terms from the initial expiration date unless specified otherwise by the Board. The permit term will be shown on the permit.

## **RULE 11.8 PERMIT RENEWAL**

- 11.8.1 Permit Renewal: Renewal applications shall be provided by the District prior to expiration of the permit term, and shall be filed with the District no later than January 15<sup>th</sup> of the new year for which the permit renewal is requested. Production Permits will not be renewed unless the well has been drilled at the time of the renewal application. The General Manager may rule on any renewal application that seeks renewal with the identical permit conditions in the existing permit without notice, hearing, or further action by the Board, or with such notice and hearing as the General Manager deems practical and necessary under the

circumstances. System water loss shall be reported to the District once annually, at the time of submitting documentation in support of annual permit renewal.

Any permit holder seeking renewal may appeal the General Manager's ruling by filing, within ten calendar days of notice of the General Manager's ruling, a written request for a hearing before the Board. The Board will hear the applicant's appeal at the next available regular Board meeting. The General Manager shall inform the Board of any renewal applications granted or denied. On the motion of any Board member, and a majority concurrence in the motion, the Board may overrule the action of the General Manager. The General Manager may authorize an applicant for a permit renewal to continue operating under the conditions of the prior permit, subject to any changes necessary under proportional adjustment regulations or these rules, for any period in which the renewal application is the subject of a hearing.

Permitted wells that are drilled, completed, or equipped so that they are incapable of producing more than 25,000 gallons per day may be renewed by the General Manager, subject to any changes necessary under proportional adjustment regulations, these rules, or the District's Management Plan.

- 11.8.2 Basis for Renewal: While there is no automatic right of renewal, an application for renewal will be approved if the General Manager or Board finds that the applicant's continued use of groundwater will remain in compliance with the terms, provisions, and requirements of the applicant's current permit and the District Act and rules, subject to adjustment by the General Manager or Board for any new production limits or proportional adjustment requirements that may be applicable to the renewed permit.
- 11.8.3 Basis for Denial: The General Manager or Board may deny a renewal application only on grounds that the applicant is in violation of the District's rules, the District Act, or Chapter 36, Water Code, or that the applicant has a previous violation on record with the District, which has become a final order of the District's Board and is no longer subject to a motion for reconsideration before the District, that has not been corrected or overturned by a court, including, but not limited to, being current on payment of all fees to the District. The District has the burden of proof regarding establishment of any such violation. This subsection shall not be interpreted in a manner that creates a standard in connection with the renewal of a permit that would preclude the District from

lawfully revoking a permit for violation of the permit terms, the District's Rules or Act, or Chapter 36, Water Code.

11.8.4 Renewal Application Requirements: The District will timely provide a form for an application for renewal prior to expiration of the permit term. The renewal application will be a streamlined application and will not include all of the elements required for an original application.

## **RULE 11.9 PERMIT APPLICATIONS**

### **11.9.1 Requirements for All Permit Applications:**

- (a) Application forms and payment of applicable fees: Each original application for a water well drilling permit, Production permit, and permit amendment requires the filing of a separate application, and payment of the applicable fees, if any. Application forms will be provided by the District and furnished to the applicant upon request. All applications for a permit shall be in writing and sworn to, and shall include the following:
- (1) the name and mailing address of the applicant and the owner of the land on which the well will be located;
  - (2) if the applicant is other than the owner of the property, documentation establishing the applicable authority to construct and operate a well for the proposed use;
  - (3) the location of each well and the estimated rate at which water will be withdrawn;
  - (4) the date the permit is to expire if the well(s) is/are not drilled or if the existing well(s) is/are not properly completed to meet all statutory and regulatory requirements for the intended purpose of use;
  - (5) a statement of the nature and purpose of the proposed use and the amount of water to be used for each purpose, and documentation evidencing the amount and purpose of water to be used during the permit term;
  - (6) a requirement that the water withdrawn under the permit be put to beneficial use at all times;
  - (7) the location of the use of the water from the well;
  - (8) the conditions and restrictions, if any, placed on the rate and amount of withdrawal;
  - (9) a declaration that the applicant will comply with the District's Rules and all groundwater use permits and plans promulgated pursuant to the District's Rules;
  - (10) a declaration that the applicant will comply with the district's management plan;

- (11) a drought contingency plan;
  - (12) a declaration that the applicant will comply with all District well plugging and capping guidelines and report closure to the commission;
  - (13) the duration the permit is proposed to be in effect, if greater than one year; and
  - (14) if groundwater is proposed to be transferred out of the District, the applicant shall describe the following issues and provide documents relevant to these issues:
    - (i) the availability of water in the District and in the proposed receiving area during the period for which the water supply is requested;
    - (ii) the projected effect of the proposed transfer on aquifer conditions, depletion, subsidence, or effects on existing permit holders or other groundwater users within the District; and
    - (iii) how the proposed transfer is consistent with the approved regional water plan and certified district management plan.
- (b) The applicant must provide the District with the information contained in Rule 11.9.1(a) and 11.9.2 for the District to declare that the application is administratively complete.

**11.9.2 Drilling and Production Permit Applications:** In addition to the requirements in Rule 11.9.1, all Drilling and Production Permit Applications and applications for amendment of Production Permits shall include the following:

- (a) A location map of all existing wells within a half (1/2) mile radius of the proposed well or the existing well to be modified;
- (b) A map or other document from the Pecos County Tax Appraisal District indicating the ownership and location of the subject property;
- (c) A document indicating the location of the proposed well or the existing well to be modified, the subject property, and adjacent owners' physical and mailing addresses;

- (d) Notice of any application to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to obtain or modify a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity to provide water or wastewater service with water obtained pursuant to the requested permit;
- (e) A statement of the nature and purpose of the proposed use and the amount of water to be used for each purpose; and
- (f) **A hydrogeological report shall be attached to applications meeting the following conditions:**
  - (1) **Requests to operate a nonexempt well with an annual maximum permitted use of at least 1,000 acre feet; and**
  - (2) **Requests to amend and increase by at least 250 acre feet the annual maximum permitted use of a Production Permit.**
- (g) An applicant subject to subsection (f) of this section shall agree to conduct a pumping test for each well for which a production permit is being requested, and to submit the results of the pumping test to the District within 30 days of the well coming on-line and beginning to produce groundwater for beneficial use.
- (h) Hydrogeological reports required under Rule 11.9.2(f) shall address the area of influence of the well for which a permit is being requested, include an assessment of the geology at the site of the well for which a permit is being requested and a description of the aquifer that will supply water to the well, and be complete in a manner that complies with the requirements adopted in Rule 11.9.3.

### 11.9.3 Hydrogeological Report Requirements

- (a) The planning and implementation of investigations in furtherance of developing a hydrogeological report should be coordinated with the District to ensure acceptability. The District may exercise discretion in the application of the guidelines on an individual and site specific basis in order to allow a practicable application of the guidelines while insuring a result yielding the information needed by the District to manage groundwater resources.
- (b) For applications for the permitted use of groundwater where the groundwater may be produced from more than one well (aggregated permits), the applicant may request the District to consider evidence that otherwise complies with the guidelines requirements regarding pumping tests or analysis of test results for any of the proposed system wells. On consideration of the evidence from the applicant, the District may authorize the applicant to use the presented evidence in the projection of the effects of the proposed use of groundwater required by the guidelines and avoid re-testing of certain wells. The exercise of any discretion by the District in the application of these requirements shall not be construed as limiting the authority of the District in any other matter. The District should be notified at least 48 hours in advance of the anticipated conduct of a pumping test conducted as part of the hydrogeologic investigation performed to meet the requirements of these requirements.
- (c) Required Content of Hydrogeologic Reports: The hydrogeologic report content requirements are intended to provide information on the hydrogeologic parameters of the aquifer at the test location, the effect of the projected pumping of groundwater from the intended aquifer on nearby users, the general geologic setting of the test location, the construction of the test and monitor wells, and potential water quality changes that may occur as a result of the projected pumping.
  - (1) Hydrogeologic parameters of the aquifer at the test location: The report shall:
    - (A) Identify the aquifer being tested and give the aquifer hydrogeologic parameters of the aquifer calculated from

the results of a multiple well pumping test of the well for which a permit is being sought (or of each well of multiple-well system) that includes the well for which a permit is being sought (test well(s)) and other wells (monitor wells) that are documented as being completed in the same water bearing zone as the test well and used to measure the effects of pumping the test well (or each well of a multiple well system).

- (i) The calculated aquifer parameters must include the transmissivity, hydraulic conductivity and storage coefficient (storativity) values for each test and each monitor well.
- (ii) Aquifer parameters may be calculated using analytical software but the report shall include a discussion of all assumptions used such as the ratio of vertical to horizontal hydraulic conductivity, anisotropy and the solution method employed.
- (iii) The report shall include a discussion providing assurance that the solution parameter values of the chosen solution method did not exceed the range of validity of the parameter for the particular solution method employed.
- (iv) The pumping test(s) shall consist of a monitoring phase where the static water levels of the test and monitor wells are periodically measured on a regular basis for 24 hours prior to the test, a pumping phase of not less than 24 hours and a recovery phase of a period sufficient for a 90% recovery of beginning water levels at the test and monitor well locations or at least a 24 hour period, unless an alternative procedure is found acceptable by MPGCD.
- (v) Existing private wells within  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile of the test location(s) and acceptable to MPGCD or existing wells otherwise acceptable to MPGCD may be used as monitor wells for the pumping test. Existing wells proposed for use as monitor wells must

otherwise comply with a MPGCD monitor well requirements and may not be in use during the time period of the test(s).

- (vi) For pumping test results to be acceptable to MPGCD, the monitor well employed for the pumping test must exhibit a significant amount of draw down attributable to the effects of the pumping test. Significant draw down is generally considered to be at least 2 feet but the minimum draw down acceptable to MPGCD may vary (greater or less than 2 feet) according to the circumstances of the aquifer and test.
- (vii) If pumping test results, the conduct of a pumping test or the analysis of the test results are found to be not acceptable to MPGCD, MPGCD may require the test or analysis be repeated in an acceptable manner before the permit application may be considered.

- (B) Include a table giving the static water-level, water-level draw down and recovery data from each of the test and monitor wells.
- (C) Include a figure giving the water level recovery curves from which the aquifer parameters were calculated for each test and monitor well.
- (D) Include evidence that an outline of the proposed test methodology including the proposed monitor well location(s) was submitted to MPGCD and found acceptable prior to the conduct of the test.
- (E) Include a discussion of the conduct of each pumping test giving details of the significant events of the test, any equipment failures and any contingency measures that may have been employed.
- (F) Include a discussion of the conclusions drawn from the analytical results of the calculation of the aquifer parameters of the test and monitor wells at each test location including the effects of any boundary conditions identified during the test.

- (G) Include a map giving the location and elevation above mean sea level of each test well or wells, any existing or newly constructed monitor wells and all surrounding wells that exist within a 5 mile radius of each test well. The map shall include streets, roads and the bounds of land tracts sufficient to determine the location of each test well, monitor well or surrounding well within the tract of land on which it is located.
- (2) General Geologic Setting: The report shall include a discussion of the surface and subsurface geology of the tract of land on which each test well is located noting:
- (A) the occurrence of any significant groundwater recharge features such as caves, sinkholes, faults or other geologic features;
  - (B) any effects which the geologic setting may have on groundwater availability;
  - (C) the occurrence of hydrologic features such as streams, springs or seeps within a 5 mile radius of the property bounds; and
  - (D) the occurrence within the property bounds of each tract, any features that may affect the water quality of the groundwater produced by the test well(s) located on the tract such as potential sources of contamination.
- (3) Well Construction: The report shall include:
- (A) a schematic diagram of the construction of each test well(s) and the known details of the monitor wells used in the test(s);
  - (B) the State of Texas Water Well Report (Drillers Log) giving details of the construction of each test well and Drillers Log for the monitor well(s) used in each test as available; and
  - (C) a plan view diagram of the tract(s) of land on which each test and monitor well is located showing the location of recharge features, geologic features, the current or proposed location system features such as storage tanks and

additional water wells, and potential sources of contamination.

(4) Effect of the Projected Pumping on Aquifer Users: The report shall include:

- (A) a map showing land surface elevation and the static water-levels measured in a number of wells agreeable to MPGCD and completed to produce water from the same source of groundwater to be tested and that are located within a 5 mile radius of the test well prior to the date of the aquifer test; the specific number of wells to be monitored may be dependent on the number of wells completed to produce water from the same source of groundwater as the test well that may exist within the ½ miles radius and the granting of access to the wells by the well owners;
- (B) a table identifying the test wells, monitor wells and surrounding wells giving the land surface elevation, static water-levels the date measured prior to the aquifer pumping test;
- (C) a projection of the draw down contoured in feet (with a contour interval not greater than 20-feet) at each test well location and the radius of influence that would result from the anticipated daily rate of pumping from each test well after one month (30 days) and after one year (365 days); the radius of influence for this purpose is defined as the distance at which the draw down from the projected pumping is estimated to be equal to or greater than 1 foot. The projection will also include:
  - (i) a discussion of the specific projection methodology, if analytical software was used, the assumptions or and solution method employed;
  - (ii) a figure illustrating the projected cone of depression projected to result from the anticipated operation of the complete well (system) after one month and one year;
  - (iii) a map showing the location of each test well and all wells with a 5 mile radius of each test well and the

- projected radius of influence after one month and one year of the anticipated operation of the complete well system;
- (iv) a discussion of the potential effect of the projected use of the test well(s) on other users of the aquifer within a 5 mile radius stating whether other users will be affected by the projected use of the well(s) or well system operation; and
  - (v) a discussion of the amount or degree of inference that each system well may exert on other system wells.

(5) Water Quality Changes Resulting from Use: The report shall include:

- (A) a table of specific conductance, temperature and pH measurements taken at regular intervals during the pumping phase of each test giving the measured value and time of the measurement. Indicate whether the meter used for specific conductance measurements was temperature compensating;
- (B) the laboratory analysis of a water sample taken at the end of the pumping phase of each aquifer test; and
- (C) a discussion of the water quality analysis from each test well stating whether the sample was of a quality to meet Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Primary Drinking Water Standards and stating whether any changes in water quality may be anticipated from use of each test well.

## **RULE 11.10 PERMIT HEARINGS**

11.10.1 All hearings shall be held before a quorum of the Board.

**11.10.2 *Notice and Scheduling of Hearing: Once the District has received an administratively complete application for a water well drilling permit, Production Permit, permit for Historic and Existing Use or a permit amendment and associated fees, the general manager will issue written notice on the application in accordance with these rules.***

- (a) Notices of all hearings of the District shall be prepared by the General Manager and shall, at a minimum, state the following information:
  - (1) the name and address of the applicant;
  - (2) the name or names of the owner or owners of the land if different from the applicant;
  - (3) the time, date, and location of the hearing;
  - (4) the address or approximate proposed location of the well, if different than the address of the applicant;
  - (5) **a brief explanation of the proposed permit or permit amendment, including any requested amount of groundwater, the purpose of the proposed use, and any change in use; and**
  - (6) any other information the Board or General Manager deems appropriate to include in the notice.
- (b) Not less than 10 calendar days prior to the date of the hearing, notice shall be:
  - (1) posted by the General Manager at a place readily accessible to the public in the District Office;

- (2) provided by the General Manager to the County Clerk of Pecos County, whereupon the County Clerk shall post the notice on a bulletin board at a place convenient to the public in the county courthouse; and
- (3) provided to the applicant by regular mail.

Not less than 10 calendar days prior to the date of the hearing, notice may be provided by regular mail to landowners who, in the discretion of the General Manager, may be affected by the application.

- (c) **A person may request notice from the district of a hearing on a permit or a permit amendment application. The request shall be memorialized in writing and is effective for the remainder of the calendar year in which the request is received by the district. To receive notice of a hearing in a later year, a person must submit a new request. An affidavit of an officer or employee of the district establishing attempted service by first class mail, facsimile, or e-mail to the person in accordance with the information provided by the person is proof that notice was provided by the district.**
- (d) **Failure to provide notice under Subsection (c) does not invalidate an action taken by the district at the hearing.**
- (e) **The Board shall conduct a permit hearing on a permit or permit amendment application if a party appears to protest that application or if the General Manager proposes to deny that application in whole or in part. If no one appears at the hearing and the General Manager proposes to grant the application, the permit or permit amendment application is considered uncontested, and the General Manager may act on the permit application without conducting a permit hearing on the application. The General Manager may take any uncontested permit or permit amendment application for which the District did not receive a timely filed notice of protest to the Board for a permit hearing, in the General Manager's discretion.**
- (f) **Any hearing may or may not be scheduled during the District's regular business hours, Monday through**

**Friday of each week, except District holidays. All hearings shall be held at the location set forth in the notice.**

- (g) The General Manager shall set a permit hearing date within 60 calendar days after the date the administratively complete application is submitted. The permit hearing shall be held within 35 calendar days after the setting of the date. Within this same time frame, the General Manager shall post notice and set a hearing on the application before the District Board. The General Manager may schedule as many applications at one hearing as the General Manager deems necessary.

11.10.3 Authority of Presiding Officer: The Presiding Officer may conduct the hearing or other proceeding in the manner the Presiding Officer deems most appropriate for the particular hearing. The Presiding Officer has the authority to:

- (a) set hearing dates, other than the initial hearing date for permit matters;
- (b) convene the hearing at the time and place specified in the notice for public hearing;
- (c) rule on motions;
- (d) permit the receipt of and rule on the admissibility of evidence consistent with Subchapter D, Chapter 2001, Government Code;
- (e) establish the order for presentation of evidence;
- (f) administer oaths to all persons presenting testimony;
- (g) examine and allow cross-examination of witnesses;
- (h) ensure that information and testimony are introduced as conveniently and expeditiously as possible, without prejudicing the rights of any party to the proceeding;
- (i) conduct public hearings in an orderly manner in accordance with these rules;
- (j) recess any hearing from time to time and place to place;
- (k) issue subpoenas , require depositions, or order other discovery consistent with Subchapter D, Chapter 2001, Government Code; and

- (I) exercise any other appropriate powers necessary or convenient to effectively carry out the responsibilities of Presiding Officer.

#### **11.10.4 Appearance; Presentation; Time for Presentation; Ability to Supplement; Conduct and Decorum; Written Testimony**

- (a) Appearance: Protestants and non-protestant interested persons may present evidence, exhibits, or testimony, or make an oral presentation as allowed by the Presiding Officer. A person appearing in a representative capacity may be required to prove proper authority. Each person attending and participating in a hearing of the District must submit on a form provided by the District, prior to or at the commencement of the hearing, the following information: the person's name and address, who the person represents if other than himself, whether the person wishes to testify, whether the person is protesting the application, and any other information relevant to the hearing.
  - (1) Protestants: To protest an application for a permit or permit amendment, a potential party must attend the permit hearing prepared to articulate his or her justiciable interest related to a legal right, duty, privilege, power or economic interest that is within the district's regulatory authority and how that justiciable interest would be adversely affected by the permit proposed by the application. This potential party must attend the hearing and be prepared to address and respond to inquiry and possible cross-examination regarding their alleged justiciable interest. A justiciable interest does not include persons who have only an interest common to members of the general public. It is recommended that a person desiring to protest an application for a permit or permit amendment file with the District a notice of protest setting forth the protestant's justiciable interest related to a legal right, duty, privilege, power or economic interest that is within the district's regulatory authority and how that justiciable interest would be adversely affected by the permit proposed by the application. It is recommended that the notice of protest be submitted so that it is received by the District at least two business days before the permit hearing. The Board may take testimony and shall deliberate and take official action at the hearing to determine whether the protestant has sufficiently demonstrated their justiciable interest and how that justiciable interest would be adversely affected by the permit proposed by the application. If

the Board finds that a protestant does not adequately establish that its justiciable interest is affected by the proposed permit, then the protestant shall not be allowed to participate in the hearing.

- (2) Non-protestant interested persons: A person may appear at a hearing in person or by representative provided the representative is fully authorized, in writing, to speak and act for the principal. Any person appearing and offering any evidence pursuant to this subsection shall be subject to cross-examination.
- (b) After the Presiding Officer calls a hearing to order, the Presiding Officer shall announce the subject matter of the hearing and the order and procedure for presentations.
- (c) The Presiding Officer may prescribe reasonable time limits for the presentation of evidence and oral argument.
- (d) If requested with good cause shown and if allowed in the sole discretion of the Presiding Officer, any person who appears at a hearing and makes a presentation before the Board may supplement that presentation by filing additional written evidence with the Board within 10 calendar days after the date of conclusion of the hearing. Cumulative, repetitive, and unduly burdensome evidence filed under this subsection will not be considered by the Board. A person who files additional written material with the presiding officer under this subsection must also provide the material, not later than the 10th day after the date of the hearing, to any person who provided comments on an uncontested application or any party to a contested hearing. A person who receives additional written material under this subsection may file a response to the material with the presiding officer not later than the 10th day after the date the material was received.
- (e) Every person, party, representative, witness, and other participant in a proceeding must conform to ethical standards of conduct and must exhibit courtesy and respect for all other participants. No person may engage in any activity during a proceeding that interferes with the orderly conduct of District business. If in the judgment of the Presiding Officer, a person is

acting in violation of this provision, the Presiding Officer will first warn the person to refrain from engaging in such conduct. Upon further violation by the same person, the Presiding Officer may exclude that person from the proceeding for such time and under such conditions as the Presiding Officer deems necessary.

- (f) Written testimony: When the Presiding Officer determines that a proceeding will be expedited and the interest of the parties will not be prejudiced substantially, the Presiding Officer may allow testimony to be received in written form, which testimony shall be subject to cross-examination. If the Presiding Officer allows written testimony, the written testimony of a witness, either in narrative or question and answer form, may be admitted into evidence upon the witness being sworn and identifying the testimony as a true and accurate record of what the testimony would be if given orally.

#### **11.10.5 Recording**

- (a) Contested Hearings: Contested Hearings: A record of the hearing in the form of an audio or video recording or a court reporter transcription shall be kept in a contested hearing. The Presiding Officer shall have the hearing transcribed by a court reporter upon a request by a party to a contested hearing. Court reporter transcription costs may be assessed against the party requesting the transcription or among the parties to the hearing. In assessing reporting and transcription costs, the Presiding Officer must consider the following factors:
- (1) **the party who requested the transcript;**
  - (2) **the financial ability of the requesting party to pay the costs;**
  - (3) **the extent to which the requesting party participated in the hearing;**
  - (4) **the relative benefits to the various parties of having a transcript;**
  - (5) **the budgetary constraints of a governmental entity participating in the proceeding; and**
  - (6) **any other factor that is relevant to a just and reasonable assessment of costs.**

- (b) Uncontested Hearings: In an uncontested hearing, the Presiding Officer may substitute meeting minutes or the report required under Rule 8.10.7 for a method of recording the hearing.**

**11.10.6 Evidence; Broadening the Issues**

- (a) The Presiding Officer shall admit evidence if it is relevant to an issue at the hearing.
- (b) The Presiding Officer may exclude evidence that is irrelevant, immaterial, or unduly repetitious.
- (c) No person will be allowed to appear in any hearing whose appearance, in the opinion of the Presiding Officer, is for the sole purpose of unduly broadening the issues to be considered in the hearing.

**11.10.7 Continuance: The Presiding Officer may continue hearings or other proceedings from time to time and from place to place without the necessity of publishing, serving, mailing, or otherwise issuing a new notice. If a hearing or other proceeding is continued and a time and place for the hearing or other proceeding to reconvene are not publicly announced at the hearing or other proceeding by the Presiding Officer before it is recessed, a notice of any further setting of the hearing or other proceeding which shall include the date, hour, place and subject of the meeting will be provided by regular mail at a reasonable time to the parties and any other person the Presiding Officer deems appropriate, but it is not necessary to post or publish a notice of the new setting, except as required by the Texas Open Meetings Act. This rule applies only to permit hearings.**

**11.10.8 Uncontested Hearings: If no persons timely protest the application and the General Manager proposes to grant the application, the application shall be considered uncontested and the General Manager may act on the application without subjecting the application to a permit hearing before the Board. If, during a contested case hearing, all interested persons contesting the application withdraw their protests or are found by the Board not to have a justiciable interest affected by the application, or the parties reach a negotiated or agreed settlement which, in the judgment of**

**the Board, settles the facts or issues in controversy, the proceeding will be considered an uncontested hearing.**

**11.10.9 Hearing Report:** If the hearing was conducted by a quorum of the Board and if the Presiding Officer prepared a record of the hearing as provided by Rule 11.10.5(a), the Presiding Officer shall determine whether to prepare and submit a report to the Board under this rule. If a report is required, the Presiding Officer shall submit a report to the Board within 30 days after the date the hearing is finally concluded. The report must include a summary of the subject matter of the hearing, the evidence or public comments received, and the Presiding Officer's recommendations for Board action on the subject matter of the hearing. A copy of the report shall be provided to the applicant, each designated party, and each person who provided a comment. Any person who receives a copy of the report may submit to the Board written exceptions to the hearing report. The Presiding Officer may direct the General Manager or another District representative to prepare the hearing report and recommendations required by this Rule.

**11.10.10 Board Action:** Either on the final hearing date and no later than 60 calendar days after the final hearing date is concluded, the Board must take action on the subject matter of the hearing. In deciding whether or not to issue or amend a drilling permit, Production permit, or a Historic and Existing Use permit, and in setting the permitted volume and other terms of a permit, the Board must consider whether:

- (a) the application contains accurate information and conforms to the requirements prescribed by Chapter 36, Texas Water Code;
- (b) the water well(s) complies with spacing and production limitations identified in these rules;
- (c) the proposed use of water does or does not unreasonably affect existing groundwater and surface water resources or existing permit holders;
- (d) the proposed use of water is dedicated to a beneficial use;
- (e) the proposed use of water is consistent with the District's water management plan;
- (f) the applicant agrees to avoid waste and achieve water conservation; and

- (g) the applicant has agreed that reasonable diligence will be used to protect groundwater quality and that the applicant will follow well plugging guidelines at the time of well closure.

**The Board shall consider the relevant criteria and observe the relevant restrictions and may exercise the authority set forth in Sections 36.113, 36.1131, and 36.122 of the Texas Water Code.**

**The District may not impose any restrictions on the production of groundwater for use outside of the District other than imposed upon production for in-district use, and shall be fair, impartial, and nondiscriminatory. The district may periodically review the amount of water that may be transferred out of District and may limit the amount.**

**11.10.11 Request for Rehearing and Appeal:**

- (a) An applicant in a contested or uncontested hearing on an application or a party to a contested hearing may administratively appeal a decision of the Board on a permit or permit amendment application by requesting written findings and conclusions or a rehearing before the Board not later than the 20th day after the date of the Board's decision.
- (b) On receipt of a timely written request, the Board shall make written findings and conclusions regarding a decision of the board on a permit or permit amendment application. The Board shall provide certified copies of the findings and conclusions to the person who requested them, and to each person who provided comments or each designated party, not later than the 35th day after the date the Board receives the request. A person who receives a certified copy of the findings and conclusions from the board may request a rehearing before the Board not later than the 20th day after the date the Board issues the findings and conclusions.
- (c) A request for rehearing must be filed in the district office and must state clear and concise grounds for the request. If the original hearing was a contested hearing, the person requesting a rehearing must provide copies of the request to all parties to the hearing.

- (d) If the Board grants a request for rehearing, the Board shall, after proper notice, schedule the rehearing not later than the 45th day after the date the request is granted.
- (e) The failure of the Board to grant or deny a request for rehearing before the 91st day after the date the request is submitted is a denial of the request.
- (f) A decision by the board on a permit or permit amendment application is final:
  - (1) if a request for rehearing is not filed on time, on the expiration of the period for filing a request for rehearing; or
  - (2) if a request for rehearing is filed on time, on the date:
    - (A) the board denies the request for rehearing; or
    - (B) the board renders a written decision after rehearing.
- (g) The applicant or party to a contested case hearing must exhaust all administrative remedies with the District prior to seeking judicial relief from a District decision on a permit or permit amendment application. An applicant or a party to a contested case hearing dissatisfied with the District's decision must file a written request for a rehearing or for written findings and conclusions within 20 days of the Board's decision in order to seek reconsideration of the District's decision. If an applicant or a party timely files a request for written findings and conclusions, the applicant or party must thereafter file a request for a rehearing within 20 days of the District's issuance of the written findings and conclusions. Once all administrative remedies are exhausted with the District, an applicant or a party to a contested case hearing must file suit in a court of competent jurisdiction to appeal the District's decision on a permit or permit amendment application within 60 days after the date the District's decision is final. An applicant or party to a contested case hearing is prohibited from filing suit to appeal a District's permitting decision if a request for rehearing was not timely filed.

## **SECTION 12 REWORKING AND REPLACING A WELL**

### ***RULE 12.1 REWORKING AND REPLACING A WELL***

- (a) An existing well may be reworked or re-equipped in a manner that will not change the existing well status.
- (b) A permit must be applied for and granted by the board if a party wishes to replace an existing well with a replacement well.
- (c) A replacement well, in order to be considered such, must be drilled within a reasonable distance of the existing well as long as it meets the District's spacing requirements.
- (d) In the event the application meets spacing and production requirements, the General Manager may grant such application without further notice.

## **SECTION 13. WELL LOCATION AND COMPLETION**

### ***RULE 13.1 RESPONSIBILITY***

After an application for a well permit has been granted, the well, if drilled, must be drilled within a reasonable distance of the location specified in the drilling permit, and not elsewhere, provided, however, that spacing restrictions be met. If the well should be commenced or drilled at a different location, the drilling or operation of such well may be enjoined by the Board pursuant to Chapter 36, Texas Water Code. As described in the Texas Water Well Drillers' Rules, all well drillers and persons having a well drilled, deepened, or otherwise altered shall adhere to the provisions of the rule prescribing the location of wells and proper completion. Each and every well shall be completed in accordance with all statutory and regulatory requirements applicable to the type of well required for the purpose of use authorized under the permit.

## **RULE 13.2 LOCATION OF DOMESTIC, INDUSTRIAL, INJECTION, IRRIGATION WELLS**

Location of wells should be as specified in *16 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 76.1000.*

## **RULE 13.3 STANDARDS OF COMPLETION FOR DOMESTIC, INDUSTRIAL, INJECTION, AND IRRIGATION WELLS**

Standards of completion shall be as specified in *16 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 76.1000.*

## **RULE 13.4 RE-COMPLETIONS**

Standards shall be as specified in *16 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 76.1003.*

## **RULE 13.5 SPACING REQUIREMENTS**

13.5.1 Spacing and Location of Existing Wells: Wells drilled prior to the Effective Date of these rules are not subject to spacing requirements of this rule except that these existing wells shall have been drilled in accordance with state law in effect, if any, on the date such drilling commenced.

13.5.2 Spacing and Location of New Wells: All new permitted wells must comply with the spacing and location requirements set forth under the Texas Water Well Drillers and Pump Installers Administrative Rules, Title 16, Part 4, Chapter 76, Texas Administrative Code, except that wells shall not be located within 100 (one hundred) feet from a property line. Water well drillers shall indicate the method of completion performed on the Well Report (Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation Form #001 WWD, Section 10, Surface Completion). The District does not impose any additional requirements, but shall consider evidence submitted at the hearing on the permit application that demonstrates that the proposed new well(s) adversely impact and interfere with neighboring wells.

### **13.5.3 Exceptions to Spacing Requirements:**

- (a) The Board may grant exceptions to the spacing requirements of the District.**
- (b)** If an exception to the spacing requirements of the District is desired, a person shall submit an application to the Board. In the application, the applicant must explain the circumstances justifying an exception to the spacing requirements of the District. The application must include a plat or sketch, drawn to scale, one inch equaling 200 feet. The application and plat must be certified by some person actually acquainted with the facts who shall state that the facts contained in the application and plat are true and correct.
- (c)** An exception may be granted by the Board after written notice has been given to the applicant and all owners of property or existing or permitted wells located within the minimum required distance from the proposed permitted well site, after a public hearing at which all interested parties may appear and be heard, and after the Board has decided that an exception should be granted. Provided, however, if all such owners execute a waiver in writing, stating that they do not object to the granting of the exception, the Board may proceed, upon notice to the applicant only and without hearing, and determine the outcome of the application. The applicant may waive notice or hearing or both.
- (d)** If the applicant presents waivers signed by all landowners and well owners whose property or permitted wells would be located within the applicable minimum distance established under these Rules from the proposed well site stating that they have no objection to the proposed location of the well site, the Board, upon the General Manager's recommendation, may waive certain spacing requirements for the proposed well location.

## **SECTION 14. WASTE AND BENEFICIAL USE**

## **RULE 14.1 DEFINITION OF WASTE**

“Waste” means any one or more of the following:

- (a) withdrawal of groundwater from a groundwater reservoir at a rate and in an amount that causes or threatens to cause intrusion into the reservoir of water unsuitable for municipal, industrial, agricultural, gardening, domestic, or stock raising purposes;
- (b) the flowing or producing of wells from a groundwater reservoir if the water produced is not used for a beneficial purpose, or is not used for such purposes with a reasonable degree of efficiency. Includes line losses in excess of those determined to be unavoidable.
- (c) escape of groundwater from a groundwater reservoir to any other reservoir or geologic strata that does not contain groundwater;
- (d) pollution or harmful alteration of groundwater in a groundwater reservoir by saltwater or by other deleterious matter admitted from another stratum or from the surface of the ground;
- (e) willfully or negligently causing, suffering, or allowing groundwater to escape into any river, creek, natural watercourse, depression, lake, reservoir, drain, sewer, street, highway, road, or road ditch, or onto any land other than that of the owner of the well other than the natural flow of natural springs unless such discharge is authorized by permit, rule, or order issued by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (“TCEQ”) under Chapter 26 of the Texas Water Code, *Water Quality Control*;
- (f) groundwater pumped for irrigation that escapes as irrigation tailwater onto land other than that of the owner of the well unless permission has been granted by the occupant of the land receiving the discharge;
- (g) groundwater used for heating or cooling that is allowed to drain on the land surface as tailwater and not re-circulated back to the aquifer;
- (h) the loss of groundwater in the distribution system and/or storage facilities of the water supply system which should not exceed acceptable “system water losses” as defined by the American Water Works Association standard; or
- (i) Pursuant to Section 11.205 of the Texas Water Code, unless the water from an artesian well is used for a purpose and in a manner in which it may be lawfully used on the owner’s land, it is waste and unlawful to willfully cause or knowingly

permit the water to run off the owner's land or to percolate through the stratum above which the water is found.

### **RULE 14.2 WASTEFUL USE OR PRODUCTION**

- 14.2.1 No person shall intentionally or negligently commit waste.
- 14.2.2 Underground water shall not be produced within, or used within or without the District in such a manner as to constitute waste.
- 14.2.3 Any person producing or using groundwater shall use every possible precaution, in accordance with the most approved methods, to stop and prevent waste of water.

### **RULE 14.3 POLLUTION OF GROUNDWATER**

- 14.3.1 No person shall pollute or harmfully alter the character of the underground water of the District by means of salt water or other deleterious matter admitted from another stratum or strata or from the surface of the ground, or from the operation of a well.
- 14.3.2 No person shall pollute or harmfully alter the character of the underground water of the District by activities on the surface of the ground which cause or allow pollutants to enter the groundwater through recharge features, whether natural or manmade.

### **RULE 14.4 ORDERS TO PREVENT WASTE/POLLUTION**

After providing 15 day's notice to affected parties and opportunity for a hearing, the Board may adopt orders to prohibit or prevent waste or pollution. If the factual basis for the order is disputed, the Board shall direct that an evidentiary hearing be conducted prior to consideration and decision on the entry of such an order. If the Board President or his or her designee determines that an emergency exists requiring the immediate entry of an order to prohibit waste or pollution and protect the public health, safety, and welfare, he

or she may enter a temporary order without notice and hearing provided, however, the temporary order shall continue in effect for the lesser of fifteen (15) calendar days or until a hearing can be conducted. In such an emergency, the Board President or his or her designee is also authorized, without notice or hearing to pursue a temporary restraining order, injunctive, and other appropriate relief in a court of competent jurisdiction. .

#### **RULE 14.5 REQUIRED EQUIPMENT ON WELLS FOR THE PROTECTION OF GROUNDWATER QUALITY**

14.5.1 EQUIPMENT REQUIRED. The following equipment must be installed on all wells having a chemical injection, chemigation or foreign substance unit in the water delivery system: an in-line, automatic quick-closing check valve capable of preventing pollution or harmful alteration of the groundwater. Such equipment must be installed on all new wells at the time of completion. Such equipment shall be installed on all existing wells the next time the wells are serviced.

14.5.2 CHECK VALVES. The type of check valve installed shall meet the following specifications:

- (a) Check valves must be equipped with a TCEQ-approved hazardous materials backflow device, and installed in a manner approved by Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (“TDLR”).
- (b) A vacuum-relief device shall be installed between the pump discharge and the check valve in such a position and in such a manner that insects, animals, floodwater, or other pollutants cannot enter the well through the vacuum-relief device. The vacuum-relief device may be mounted on the inspection port as long as it does not interfere with the inspection of other anti-pollution devices.

### **SECTION 15. INVESTIGATIONS AND ENFORCEMENT**

#### **RULE 15.1 NOTICE AND ACCESS TO PROPERTY**

Board Members and District agents and employees are entitled to access to all property within the District to carry out technical and other investigations necessary to the

implementation of the District's rules. Prior to entering upon property for the purpose of conducting an investigation, the person seeking access must give notice in writing or in person or by telephone to the owner, lessee, or operator, agent, or employee of the well owner or lessee, as determined by information contained in the application or other information on file with the District. Notice is not required if prior permission is granted to enter without notice. Inhibiting or prohibiting access to any Board Member or District agents or employees who are attempting to conduct an investigation under the District's rules constitutes a violation and subjects the person who is inhibiting or prohibiting access, as well as any other person who authorizes or allows such action, to the penalties set forth in Texas Water Code Chapter 36.

## **RULE 15.2 CONDUCT OF INVESTIGATION**

Investigations or inspections that require entrance upon property must be conducted at reasonable times, and must be consistent with the establishment's rules and regulations concerning safety, internal security, and fire protection. The persons conducting such investigations must identify themselves and present credentials upon request of the owner, lessee, operator, or person in charge of the well.

## **RULE 15.3 RULE ENFORCEMENT**

- 15.3.1 If it appears that a person has violated, or is violating any provision of the District's rules, the Board of Directors may assess a civil penalty in an amount no more than \$10,000 per violation, or both injunctive relief and a civil penalty. In assessing civil penalties, the Board may determine that each day that a violation continues shall be considered a separate violation.
- 15.3.2 In determining the amount of a civil penalty, the Board of Directors shall consider the following factors:
  - (a) compliance history;
  - (b) efforts to correct the violation and whether the violator makes a good faith effort to cooperate with the District;
  - (c) the penalty amount necessary to ensure future compliance and deter future noncompliance;

- (d) any enforcement costs related to the violation; and
  - (e) any other matters deemed necessary by the Board.
- 15.3.3 The District shall collect all past due fees and civil penalties accrued that the District is entitled to collect under the District's rules. The District shall provide written notice by certified mail, return receipt requested, of a violation of the District's rules and the civil penalties assessed against the person or entity in violation of the District's rules. Any person or entity in violation of these rules is subject to all past due fees and civil penalties along with all fees and penalties occurring as a result of any violations that ensue after the District provides written notice of a violation. Failure to pay required fees will result in a violation of the District's rules and such failure is subject to civil penalties. The Board delegates to the General Manager authority to implement this section 15.3.3, and delegates to the General Manager the authority to assess a civil penalty of up to \$50 per violation per day, and to cure a violation through coordination and negotiation with the party in violation of the District's rules.
- 15.3.4 The District may afford an opportunity to cure a violation through coordination and negotiation with the District. Upon written notification and after fifteen (15) calendar days have passed since the date of the certified mailing of the notice of violation without a response or effort to correct a violation and cooperate with the District, the District may bring suit for injunctive relief to stop the violation and for fees and civil penalties owed to the District. The District may seek the full civil penalty of \$10,000 per violation per day provided by statutory law if suit is filed by the District. Any suit shall be filed in a court of competent jurisdiction in Pecos County. If the District prevails in a suit brought under this Section, the District may seek and the court shall grant, in the same action, recovery of attorney's fees, costs for expert witnesses, and other costs incurred by the District before the court.

#### **RULE 15.4 SEALING OF WELLS**

Following notice to the well owner and operator and upon resolution by the Board, the District may seal wells that are prohibited from withdrawing groundwater within the District to ensure that such wells are not operated in violation of the District's rules. A well may be sealed when: (1) no application has been made for a permit to drill a new

water well which is not excluded or exempted; or (2) no application has been made for an Production permit to withdraw groundwater from an existing well that is not excluded or exempted from the requirement that a permit be obtained in order to lawfully withdraw groundwater; or (3) the Board has denied, canceled or revoked a drilling permit or an Production permit.

The well may be sealed by physical means, and tagged to indicate that the well has been sealed by the District, and other appropriate action may be taken as necessary to preclude operation of the well or to identify unauthorized operation of the well.

Tampering with, altering, damaging, or removing the seal of a sealed well, or in any other way violating the integrity of the seal, or pumping of groundwater from a well that has been sealed constitutes a violation of these rules and subjects the person performing that action, as well as any well owner or primary operator who authorizes or allows that action, to such penalties as provided by the District's rules.

## **RULE 15.5 CAPPING AND PLUGGING OF WELLS**

- 15.5.1 The District may require a well to be capped to prevent waste, prevent pollution, or prevent further deterioration of a well casing. The well must remain capped until such time as the conditions that led to the capping requirement are eliminated. If well pump equipment is removed from a well and the well will be re-equipped at a later date, the well must be capped, provided however that the casing is not in a deteriorated condition that would permit co-mingling of water strata, in which case the well must be plugged. The cap must be capable of sustaining a weight of at least four hundred (400) pounds and must be constructed with a water tight seal to prevent entrance of surface pollutants into the well itself, either through the well bore or well casing.
- 15.5.2 A deteriorated or abandoned well must be plugged in accordance with the Texas Department of License and Regulation, Water Well Drillers and Pump Installers Rules (16 TAC Chapter 76). It is the responsibility of the landowner to see that such a well is plugged to prevent pollution of the underground water and to prevent injury to persons and animals. Registration of the well is required prior to, or in conjunction with, well plugging.

Any person that plugs a well in the District must submit a copy of the plugging report to the District and the Texas Department of License and Regulation within thirty (30) calendar days of plugging completion.

- 15.5.3 If the owner or lessee fails or refuses to plug or cap the well in compliance with this rule and District standards within thirty (30) calendar days after being requested to do so in writing by an officer, agent, or employee of the District, then, upon Board approval, any person, firm, or corporation employed by the District may go on the land and plug or cap the well safely and securely, pursuant to TWC Chapter 36.118.

Reasonable expenses incurred by the District in plugging or capping a well constitutes a lien on the land on which the well is located.

The District shall perfect the lien by filing in the deed records an affidavit, executed by any person conversant with the facts, stating the following:

- (a) the existence of the well;
- (b) the legal description of the property on which the well is located;
- (c) the approximate location of the well on the property;
- (d) the failure or refusal of the owner or lessee, after notification, to close the well within thirty (30) calendar days after the notification;
- (e) the closing of the well by the District, or by an authorized agent, representative, or employee of the District; and
- (f) the expense incurred by the District in closing the well.

## **SECTION 16. FEES**

### ***RULE 16.1 PERMIT APPLICATION FEE AND OTHER FEES***

The Board, by resolution, may establish a schedule of fees for administrative acts of the District, including but not limited to the cost of reviewing and processing permit applications, renewal applications, and the cost of permit hearings, and such administrative fees shall not unreasonably exceed the cost to the District for performing such administrative acts. Applications shall not be accepted for filing or processing or

hearings scheduled until receipt by the District of all applicable fees established by Board resolution.

### ***RULE 16.2 GROUNDWATER TRANSPORT FEE***

16.2.1 The District may impose a reasonable fee or surcharge, established by Board resolution, for transportation of groundwater out of the District using one of the following methods:

- (a) a fee negotiated between the District and the transporter; or
- (b) a rate not to exceed the equivalent of the district's tax rate per hundred dollars of valuation for each thousand gallons of water transferred out of the district or 2.5 cents per thousand gallons of water, if the district assesses a tax rate of less than 2.5 cents per hundred dollars of valuation.

If a production fee is assessed, this transport fee shall not exceed 10 percent of the amount of the fee assessed for the production of water for use within the district.

16.2.2 Payment of the Groundwater Transport Fee shall be made at a time negotiated under 16.2.1(a) or no later than the payment deadline established by the General Manager.

### ***RULE 16.3 RETURNED CHECK FEE***

The Board, by resolution, may establish a fee for checks returned to the District for insufficient funds, account closed, signature missing, or any other reason causing a check to be returned by the District's depository.

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## Appendix D

### TWDB Groundwater Use Estimates for Pecos County

## Estimated Annual Groundwater use in Pecos County in Acre-Feet

### Texas Water Development Board Water Uses Survey Data

All Values in: Acre-feet per Year

Source: TWDB Water Use Database

Year	Aquifer	Municipal	Manufacturing	Steam Electric	Irrigation	Mining	Livestock	Total
1980	CENOZOIC PECOS ALLUVIUM	87	0	0	50,000	0	282	50,369
	EDWARDS-TRINITY PLATEAU	4,177	6	2,087	53,134	3,070	1,100	63,574
	OTHER	1	0	0	0	7	5	13
	RUSTLER	0	0	0	10	0	5	15
	<b>Total</b>	<b>4,265</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2,087</b>	<b>103,144</b>	<b>3,077</b>	<b>1,392</b>	<b>113,971</b>
1984	CENOZOIC PECOS ALLUVIUM	336	3	0	20,000	5,090	225	25,654
	EDWARDS-TRINITY PLATEAU	4,440	10	2,391	70,000	5,176	760	82,777
	OTHER	5	0	0	0	106	5	116
	RUSTLER	0	0	0	22	63	5	90
	<b>Total</b>	<b>4,781</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>2,391</b>	<b>90,022</b>	<b>10,435</b>	<b>995</b>	<b>108,637</b>
1985	CENOZOIC PECOS ALLUVIUM	326	3	0	17,718	58	240	18,345
	EDWARDS-TRINITY PLATEAU	4,334	9	2,169	62,013	341	809	69,675
	OTHER	5	0	0	0	9	5	19
	RUSTLER	0	0	0	20	0	5	25
	<b>Total</b>	<b>4,665</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>2,169</b>	<b>79,751</b>	<b>408</b>	<b>1,059</b>	<b>88,064</b>
1986	CENOZOIC PECOS ALLUVIUM	308	1	0	14,700	64	87	15,160
	EDWARDS-TRINITY PLATEAU	4,199	9	2,184	51,450	207	291	58,340
	OTHER	4	0	0	0	5	2	11
	RUSTLER	0	0	0	17	0	2	19
	<b>Total</b>	<b>4,511</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2,184</b>	<b>66,167</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>382</b>	<b>73,530</b>
1987	CENOZOIC PECOS ALLUVIUM	304	0	0	13,450	53	173	13,980
	EDWARDS-TRINITY PLATEAU	3,467	9	1,989	47,076	191	584	53,316
	OTHER	4	0	0	0	4	4	12
	RUSTLER	0	0	0	15	0	4	19
	<b>Total</b>	<b>3,775</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1,989</b>	<b>60,541</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>765</b>	<b>67,327</b>
1988	CENOZOIC PECOS ALLUVIUM	319	0	0	13,065	36	146	13,566
	EDWARDS-TRINITY PLATEAU	4,166	8	1,969	45,727	204	495	52,569
	OTHER	4	0	0	0	6	3	13
	RUSTLER	0	0	0	15	0	3	18
	<b>Total</b>	<b>4,489</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1,969</b>	<b>58,807</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>647</b>	<b>66,166</b>

Year	Aquifer	Municipal	Manufacturing	Steam Electric	Irrigation	Mining	Livestock	Total
1989	CENOZOIC PECOS ALLUVIUM	257	0	0	14,648	48	164	15,117
	EDWARDS-TRINITY PLATEAU	3,971	8	1,312	51,268	188	642	57,389
	OTHER	4	0	0	0	7	4	15
	RUSTLER	0	0	0	17	0	4	21
<b>Total</b>		<b>4,232</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1,312</b>	<b>65,933</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>814</b>	<b>72,542</b>
1990	CENOZOIC PECOS ALLUVIUM	260	0	0	14,028	37	170	14,495
	EDWARDS-TRINITY PLATEAU	3,543	6	1,509	49,098	197	667	55,020
	OTHER	1	0	0	0	10	4	15
	RUSTLER	0	0	0	16	0	4	20
<b>Total</b>		<b>3,804</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1,509</b>	<b>63,142</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>845</b>	<b>69,550</b>
1991	CENOZOIC PECOS ALLUVIUM	293	0	0	13,490	29	176	13,988
	EDWARDS-TRINITY PLATEAU	2,957	5	1,577	47,215	129	691	52,574
	OTHER	1	0	0	0	8	4	13
	RUSTLER	0	0	0	15	0	4	19
<b>Total</b>		<b>3,251</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1,577</b>	<b>60,720</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>875</b>	<b>66,594</b>
1992	CENOZOIC PECOS ALLUVIUM	244	0	0	13,284	31	215	13,774
	EDWARDS-TRINITY PLATEAU	2,807	5	1,610	46,496	149	845	51,912
	OTHER	1	0	0	0	9	5	15
	RUSTLER	0	0	0	15	0	5	20
<b>Total</b>		<b>3,052</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1,610</b>	<b>59,795</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>1,070</b>	<b>65,721</b>
1993	CENOZOIC PECOS ALLUVIUM	317	0	0	16,355	42	193	16,907
	EDWARDS-TRINITY PLATEAU	3,537	4	1,588	57,245	154	757	63,285
	OTHER	1	0	0	0	1	4	6
	RUSTLER	0	0	0	18	0	4	22
<b>Total</b>		<b>3,855</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1,588</b>	<b>73,618</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>958</b>	<b>80,220</b>
1994	CENOZOIC PECOS ALLUVIUM	377	0	0	25,436	26	216	26,055
	EDWARDS-TRINITY PLATEAU	3,719	4	1,319	44,227	171	849	50,289
	OTHER	1	0	0	0	0	4	5
	RUSTLER	0	0	0	1,283	0	4	1,287
<b>Total</b>		<b>4,097</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1,319</b>	<b>70,946</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>1,073</b>	<b>77,636</b>

Year	Aquifer	Municipal	Manufacturing	Steam Electric	Irrigation	Mining	Livestock	Total
1995	CENOZOIC PECOS ALLUVIUM	431	0	0	29,403	37	201	30,072
	EDWARDS-TRINITY PLATEAU	3,697	4	1,493	51,125	215	791	57,325
	OTHER	1	0	0	0	0	4	5
	RUSTLER	0	0	0	1,483	0	4	1,487
	<b>Total</b>	<b>4,129</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1,493</b>	<b>82,011</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>88,889</b>
1996	CENOZOIC PECOS ALLUVIUM	439	0	0	26,912	15	219	27,585
	EDWARDS-TRINITY PLATEAU	4,149	4	1,267	46,794	249	861	53,324
	OTHER	1	0	0	0	0	4	5
	RUSTLER	0	0	0	1,357	0	4	1,361
	<b>Total</b>	<b>4,589</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1,267</b>	<b>75,063</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>1,088</b>	<b>82,275</b>
1997	CENOZOIC PECOS ALLUVIUM	395	0	0	27,677	17	214	28,303
	EDWARDS-TRINITY PLATEAU	3,953	4	979	48,125	236	840	54,137
	OTHER	1	0	0	0	0	4	5
	RUSTLER	0	0	0	1,396	0	4	1,400
	<b>Total</b>	<b>4,349</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>979</b>	<b>77,198</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>1,062</b>	<b>83,845</b>
1998	CENOZOIC PECOS ALLUVIUM	335	0	0	28,349	5	177	28,866
	EDWARDS-TRINITY PLATEAU	3,348	1	0	49,293	71	693	53,406
	OTHER	1	0	0	0	0	3	4
	RUSTLER	0	0	0	1,430	0	3	1,433
	<b>Total</b>	<b>3,684</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>79,072</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>876</b>	<b>83,709</b>
1999	CENOZOIC PECOS ALLUVIUM	317	0	0	27,853	17	208	28,395
	EDWARDS-TRINITY PLATEAU	3,171	1	979	48,431	236	816	53,634
	OTHER	1	0	0	0	0	4	5
	RUSTLER	0	0	0	1,404	0	4	1,408
	<b>Total</b>	<b>3,489</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>979</b>	<b>77,688</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>1,032</b>	<b>83,442</b>
2000	CENOZOIC PECOS ALLUVIUM	343	0	0	25,961	11	188	26,503
	EDWARDS-TRINITY PLATEAU	3,429	2	0	45,141	152	737	49,461
	OTHER	1	0	0	0	0	4	5
	RUSTLER	0	0	0	1,309	0	4	1,313
	<b>Total</b>	<b>3,773</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>72,411</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>933</b>	<b>77,282</b>

Year	Aquifer	Municipal	Manufacturing	Steam Electric	Irrigation	Mining	Livestock	Total
2001	CENOZOIC PECOS ALLUVIUM	373	0	0	23,037	11	198	23,619
	EDWARDS-TRINITY PLATEAU	3,852	2	907	40,056	152	777	45,746
	OTHER	0	0	0	0	0	4	4
	RUSTLER	0	0	0	1,162	0	4	1,166
<b>Total</b>		<b>4,225</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>907</b>	<b>64,255</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>983</b>	<b>70,535</b>
2002	CENOZOIC PECOS ALLUVIUM	351	0	0	21,961	16	175	22,503
	EDWARDS-TRINITY PLATEAU	3,718	2	907	38,186	216	686	43,715
	OTHER	0	0	0	0	0	3	3
	RUSTLER	0	0	0	1,108	0	3	1,111
<b>Total</b>		<b>4,069</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>907</b>	<b>61,255</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>867</b>	<b>67,332</b>
2003	CENOZOIC PECOS ALLUVIUM	320	0	0	13,496	15	150	13,981
	EDWARDS-TRINITY PLATEAU	3,790	2	647	23,467	214	590	28,710
	OTHER	0	0	0	0	0	3	3
	RUSTLER	0	0	0	681	0	3	684
<b>Total</b>		<b>4,110</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>647</b>	<b>37,644</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>746</b>	<b>43,378</b>

**Estimated 2009 Groundwater use for Irrigation in Pecos County  
Texas Water Development Board Water Conservation Data + MPGCD  
Site-Specific Information**

<b>2009 Crop Type</b>	<b>2009 Acreage in Production</b>	<b>2009 Application Rate (inches of water per year)</b>	<b>2009 Estimated Groundwater Use (acre-feet per year)</b>
Cotton <sub>1</sub>	3,658	35*	10,669
Sorghum <sub>1</sub>	240	22*	441
Corn <sub>1</sub>	176	27*	396
Rice <sub>1</sub>	0	0*	0
Wheat <sub>2</sub>	1,543	37*	4,541
Other Grain <sub>1</sub>	338	19*	534
Forage/Hay/Pasture <sub>1</sub>	14,604	36*	43,812
Peanuts <sub>1</sub>	0	0*	0
Soy Oil <sub>1</sub>	106	27*	239
Vineyard <sub>2</sub>	1,200	29*	2,758
Orchard <sub>2</sub>	3,000	66	16,500
Alfalfa <sub>1</sub>	4,933	66	27,132
Sugar Cane <sub>1</sub>	0	0*	0
Vegetables <sub>2</sub>	3,000	22*	5,965
Other <sub>1</sub>	4,344	6*	2,172
Golf Courses <sub>3</sub>	1	n/a	350
Failed Crops <sub>1</sub>	423	4*	141
<b>Total</b>	<b>37,566</b>	<b>n/a</b>	<b>115,650</b>

Notes:

1 – TWDB Estimate

2 – MPGCD Estimate

3 – MPGCD Estimate based on reported total annual use

\* – TWDB Irrigation Application Rate Estimate

## Appendix E

Details on the Development of the Estimate of  
Annual Recharge to the Capitan Reef Aquifer in  
Pecos County

## **Discussion**

As mentioned in the plan text, as of the date of the plan no publish estimates on the amount or rates of annual recharge to the Capitan Reef aquifer have been identified. In order to meet the TWDB requirement that groundwater management plans include an estimate of the annual recharge rates used by other researchers for the Edwards-Trinity (Plateau) aquifer near the outcrop area of the Capitan reef aquifer in Pecos County may be applicable. The preliminary rate of recharge used in the development of the TWDB Edwards-Trinity (Plateau) aquifer groundwater availability model (GAM) is 4 percent of annual precipitation. (Anaya 2002) The Edwards-Trinity (Plateau) aquifer GAM includes the area of Pecos County adjacent to the Capitan Reef aquifer outcrop area. A rate of 1.6 percent of annual precipitation was estimated for the Edwards-Trinity (Plateau) aquifer for Crockett County. (Inglehart 1967) In order to develop a preliminary estimate of the annual recharge to the Capitan Reef aquifer in Pecos County the District used a median value of 2.8 percent of annual precipitation as an assumptive recharge rate to meet TWDB groundwater management plan requirements.

The area of the outcrop of the Capitan Limestone was estimated using a GIS to calculate the area from a scanned image of the Fort Stockton Sheet of the Geologic Atlas of Texas. (BEG, 1994) The 1961-1990 annual average precipitation for the portion of Pecos County where the Capitan Limestone outcrops is given as 16-18 inches in the USDA-NRCS map of Texas Annual Precipitation. (USDA-NRCS 1999) The District used the lower value of 16 inches per year to develop the estimate of annual recharge. The estimate of annual recharge to the Capitan Reef aquifer was calculated in the following manner:

$$2.8 \text{ percent of } 16 \text{ inches annual precipitation} = 0.448 \text{ inches per year}$$

$$0.448 \text{ inches per year} / 12 \text{ inches (1 foot)} = 0.037333 \text{ feet per year}$$

$$0.037333 \text{ feet per year rounded to } 0.037 \text{ feet per year}$$

$$\text{Estimated Area of the Capitan Limestone in Pecos County} = 22,279 \text{ acres}$$

$$0.037 \text{ feet per year} \times 22,279 \text{ acres} = 824.323 \text{ ac-ft per year}$$

Rounded to **824 ac-ft per year**

## Appendix F

Details on the Development of the Estimates of  
Annual Groundwater Availability in the Capitan Reef  
and Rustler Aquifers in Pecos County

## **Calculation Methodology for Capitan and Rustler Aquifers**

Assumptions: aquifer has both unconfined and confined zones

$$Q(t) = R(t) - D(t) + dS/dt$$

Where:

**Q(t)** = the total rate of groundwater withdrawal (ac-ft/yr)

**R(t)** = the total rate of groundwater recharge to the basin (aquifer) (ac-ft/yr)

**D(t)** = the total rate of groundwater discharge from the basin (aquifer) (ac-ft/yr)

**dS/dt** = change in aquifer storage of groundwater over time (draw down in feet)  
(Freeze and Cherry, 1979)

If annual pumping is approximately equal to annual recharge; the factors for recharge and discharge in the aquifer will cancel each other and the relationship may be simplified to:

$$Q(t) = dS/dt$$

If it is assumed that the annual amount of recharge to the aquifer is approximately equal to groundwater use from the aquifer in where it occurs in MPGCD; the step-by-step description of the process to project the effects of use in each county is as follows:

1. The total area occupied by the aquifer in each county is subdivided by aquifer zone (unconfined, confined).
2. The area of each aquifer zone is divided by the total area occupied by the aquifer in the County to give the percentage of the total aquifer area in the County represented by each zone.
3. The estimate of annual recharge (assumed to be equal to the estimate annual aquifer pumping) is divided by the percentage value of the total aquifer area in the County represented by each aquifer sub-zone in the County to give an estimate of recharge to each aquifer sub-zone (in acre-feet per year).
4. The area (in acres) of each aquifer sub-zone is multiplied by an estimated amount of aquifer draw-down (in feet) <sub>1</sub> and then multiplied by the storage coefficient of the aquifer zone (expressed as a decimal fraction) <sub>2</sub> to give an estimate of the amount of water (in acre-feet) that could be removed from the aquifer if the estimated amount of aquifer draw-down occurred.
5. The estimated volume of water that could be produced from each aquifer zone with the specified estimate of aquifer draw-down is divided by 50 (years) to estimate the amount of water that could be produced each year from the aquifer zone over a 50-year period to result in the estimated amount of aquifer draw-down at the end to the 50-year time period.
6. The estimated annual amount of water that could be produced from each aquifer zone (in acre-feet per year) is added to the estimate of annual recharge for the zone (in acre-feet per year) to give the estimated availability value for the aquifer zone (in acre-feet per year).

7. The estimated availability values (in acre-feet per year) of the several aquifer zones are summed to give a total estimated availability value for the aquifer.

Notes:

1. The estimated average aquifer draw-down values were kept constant for the two sub-zones of the confined zone and for the unconfined zone of the aquifer.
2. The storage coefficient values for the confined and unconfined zones were kept constant in the aquifer zone in all sub-zones.

County	Aquifer	Aquifer zone	Sub-division Area (acres)	Total Aquifer Area in County (acres)	Sub-division Percent of Total Area	Estimated Total County Pumping (ac-ft per year)	Assigned Annual Recharge Volume (ac-ft)	Estimated Average Aquifer Draw-down (ft)	Storage Co-efficient (dimensionless)	Total Withdrawal Volume (ac-ft)	Annual Withdrawal Volume (ac-ft)	MAG Estimate (ac-ft)
Pecos	Rustler	Confined GMA 3	241,707	741,398	33%	10,063	3321	300	0.0001	7251	145	3466
Pecos	Rustler	Confined GMA 7	499,691	741,398	67%	10,063	6742	300	0.0001	14991	300	7042
<b>Totals</b>			<b>741,398</b>			<b>10,063</b>				<b>22,242</b>	<b>445</b>	<b>10,508</b>

Table F-1, Groundwater Availability Estimates for the Rustler Aquifer in MPGCD

County	Aquifer	Aquifer zone	Sub-division Area (acres)	Total Aquifer Area in County (acres)	Sub-division Percent of Total Area	Estimated Total County Pumping (ac-ft per year)	Assigned Annual Recharge Volume (ac-ft)	Estimated Average Aquifer Draw-down (ft)	Storage Co-efficient (dimensionless)	Total Withdrawal Volume (ac-ft)	Annual Withdrawal Volume (ac-ft)	MAG Estimate (ac-ft)
Pecos	Capitan	Recharge un-confined	22,279	369,708	6%	10,315	619	15	0.1	33419	668	1287
Pecos	Capitan	Confined GMA 7	298,622	369,708	81%	10,315	8355	200	0.0001	5972	119	8474
Pecos	Capitan	Confined GMA 3	48,807	369,708	13%	10,315	1341	200	0.0001	976	20	1361
<b>Totals</b>			<b>369,708</b>			<b>10,315</b>				<b>40,367</b>	<b>807</b>	<b>11,122</b>

Table F-2, Groundwater Availability Estimates for the Capitan Reef aquifer in MPGCD

## Appendix G

Identification of Edwards-Trinity (Plateau) / Pecos Valley Aquifer GAM Grid Cells Defining Groundwater Management Zones in MPGCD

## Management Zone 1 – Cell Identification

ROW	COL	CELL_ID	CentroidX	CentroidY
190	123	1190123	4034257.100000000000	19604086.000000000000
190	124	1190124	4038180.99999999000	19600553.000000000000
190	125	1190125	4042104.85000000000	19597020.000000000000
190	126	1190126	4046028.60000000000	19593487.000000000000
190	127	1190127	4049952.35000000000	19589954.000000000000
190	128	1190128	4053876.20000000000	19586421.000000000000
190	129	1190129	4057800.10000000000	19582888.000000000000
190	130	1190130	4061723.85000000000	19579355.000000000000
191	122	1191122	4026800.35000000000	19603695.000000000000
191	123	1191123	4030724.10000000000	19600162.000000000000
191	124	1191124	4034647.99999999000	19596629.000000000000
191	125	1191125	4038571.85000000000	19593096.000000000000
191	126	1191126	4042495.60000000000	19589563.000000000000
191	127	1191127	4046419.35000000000	19586030.000000000000
191	128	1191128	4050343.20000000000	19582497.000000000000
191	129	1191129	4054267.10000000000	19578964.000000000000
191	130	1191130	4058190.85000000000	19575431.000000000000
192	120	1192120	4015419.83258082000	19606837.66580000000
192	121	1192121	4019343.61742362000	19603304.33420000000
192	122	1192122	4023267.33258082000	19599771.66580000000
192	123	1192123	4027191.11742362000	19596238.33420000000
192	124	1192124	4031114.98256748000	19592705.66580000000
192	125	1192125	4035038.86741917000	19589172.33420000000
192	126	1192126	4038962.58257637000	19585639.66580000000
192	127	1192127	4042886.36741917000	19582106.33420000000
192	128	1192128	4046810.14915191000	19578573.66750000000
192	129	1192129	4050734.05084808000	19575040.33250000000
192	130	1192130	4054657.83258082000	19571507.66580000000
193	118	1193118	4004039.10000000000	19609980.000000000000
193	119	1193119	4007962.94986338000	19606447.00260000000
193	120	1193120	4011886.75013735000	19602913.99740000000
193	121	1193121	4015810.60000000000	19599381.000000000000
193	122	1193122	4019734.35000000000	19595848.000000000000
193	123	1193123	4023658.10000000000	19592315.000000000000
193	124	1193124	4027581.99999999000	19588782.00000000000
193	125	1193125	4031505.85000000000	19585249.000000000000
193	126	1193126	4035429.60000000000	19581716.000000000000
193	127	1193127	4039353.35000000000	19578183.000000000000
193	128	1193128	4043277.10000000000	19574650.000000000000
193	129	1193129	4047200.99999999000	19571117.000000000000
193	130	1193130	4051124.85000000000	19567584.000000000000
194	117	1194117	3996582.35000000000	19609589.000000000000
194	118	1194118	4000506.10000000000	19606056.000000000000
194	119	1194119	4004429.85000000000	19602523.000000000000
194	120	1194120	4008353.70000000000	19598990.000000000000
194	121	1194121	4012277.60000000000	19595457.000000000000

## Management Zone 1 – Cell Identification Continued

ROW	COL	CELL_ID	CentroidX	CentroidY
194	122	1194122	4016201.350000000000	19591924.000000000000
194	123	1194123	4020125.100000000000	19588391.000000000000
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194	125	1194125	4027972.850000000000	19581325.000000000000
194	126	1194126	4031896.600000000000	19577792.000000000000
194	127	1194127	4035820.350000000000	19574259.000000000000
194	128	1194128	4039744.100000000000	19570726.000000000000
194	129	1194129	4043667.99999999000	19567193.000000000000
194	130	1194130	4047591.850000000000	19563660.000000000000
196	116	1196116	3985592.51743251000	19605274.33420000000
196	117	1196117	3989516.33258082000	19601741.66580000000
196	118	1196118	3993440.11742362000	19598208.33420000000
196	119	1196119	3997363.83258082000	19594675.66580000000
196	120	1196120	4001287.71743252000	19591142.33420000000
196	121	1196121	4005211.600000000000	19587609.000000000000
196	122	1196122	4009135.350000000000	19584076.000000000000
196	123	1196123	4013059.100000000000	19580543.000000000000
196	124	1196124	4016982.850000000000	19577010.000000000000
196	125	1196125	4020906.700000000000	19573477.000000000000
196	126	1196126	4024830.600000000000	19569944.000000000000
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196	128	1196128	4032678.100000000000	19562878.000000000000
196	129	1196129	4036601.99999999000	19559345.000000000000
196	130	1196130	4040525.850000000000	19555812.000000000000
209	110	1209110	3916120.600000000000	19575463.000000000000
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209	112	1209112	3923968.100000000000	19568397.000000000000
209	113	1209113	3927891.99999999000	19564864.000000000000
209	114	1209114	3931815.850000000000	19561331.000000000000
209	115	1209115	3935739.600000000000	19557798.000000000000
209	116	1209116	3939663.350000000000	19554265.000000000000
209	117	1209117	3943587.100000000000	19550732.000000000000
209	118	1209118	3947510.99999999000	19547199.000000000000
209	119	1209119	3951434.850000000000	19543666.000000000000
209	120	1209120	3955358.600000000000	19540133.000000000000
209	121	1209121	3959282.350000000000	19536600.000000000000
209	122	1209122	3963206.16657556000	19533067.00170000000
195	116	1195116	3989125.53342492000	19609197.99830000000
195	117	1195117	3993049.350000000000	19605665.000000000000
195	118	1195118	3996973.100000000000	19602132.000000000000
195	119	1195119	4000896.850000000000	19598599.000000000000
195	120	1195120	4004820.700000000000	19595066.000000000000
195	121	1195121	4008744.600000000000	19591533.000000000000
195	122	1195122	4012668.350000000000	19588000.000000000000
195	123	1195123	4016592.100000000000	19584467.000000000000
195	124	1195124	4020515.94986264000	19580934.00260000000

## Management Zone 1 – Cell Identification Continued

ROW	COL	CELL_ID	CentroidX	CentroidY
195	125	1195125	4024439.75013661000	19577400.99740000000
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195	127	1195127	4032287.35000000000	19570335.00000000000
195	128	1195128	4036211.10000000000	19566802.00000000000
195	129	1195129	4040134.99999999000	19563269.00000000000
195	130	1195130	4044058.85000000000	19559736.00000000000
197	116	1197116	3982059.49999999000	19601351.00000000000
197	117	1197117	3985983.35000000000	19597818.00000000000
197	118	1197118	3989907.10000000000	19594285.00000000000
197	119	1197119	3993830.85000000000	19590752.00000000000
197	120	1197120	3997754.70000000000	19587219.00000000000
197	121	1197121	4001678.58257637000	19583685.66580000000
197	122	1197122	4005602.36741917000	19580152.33420000000
197	123	1197123	4009526.08257637000	19576619.66580000000
197	124	1197124	4013449.86741917000	19573086.33420000000
197	125	1197125	4017373.68256748000	19569553.66580000000
197	126	1197126	4021297.61742362000	19566020.33420000000
197	127	1197127	4025221.33258082000	19562487.66580000000
197	128	1197128	4029145.11742362000	19558954.33420000000
197	129	1197129	4033068.98256748000	19555421.66580000000
197	130	1197130	4036992.86741917000	19551888.33420000000
198	116	1198116	3978526.49999999000	19597427.00000000000
198	117	1198117	3982450.35000000000	19593894.00000000000
198	118	1198118	3986374.10000000000	19590361.00000000000
198	119	1198119	3990297.85000000000	19586828.00000000000
198	120	1198120	3994221.66657556000	19583295.00170000000
198	121	1198121	3998145.53342492000	19579761.99830000000
198	122	1198122	4002069.35000000000	19576229.00000000000
198	123	1198123	4005993.10000000000	19572696.00000000000
198	124	1198124	4009916.85000000000	19569163.00000000000
198	125	1198125	4013840.70000000000	19565630.00000000000
198	126	1198126	4017764.60000000000	19562097.00000000000
198	127	1198127	4021688.35000000000	19558564.00000000000
198	128	1198128	4025612.10000000000	19555031.00000000000
198	129	1198129	4029535.94986264000	19551498.00260000000
198	130	1198130	4033459.75013661000	19547964.99740000000
199	116	1199116	3974993.49999999000	19593503.00000000000
199	117	1199117	3978917.35000000000	19589970.00000000000
199	118	1199118	3982841.10000000000	19586437.00000000000
199	119	1199119	3986764.85000000000	19582904.00000000000
199	120	1199120	3990688.60000000000	19579371.00000000000
199	121	1199121	3994612.49999999000	19575838.00000000000
199	122	1199122	3998536.35000000000	19572305.00000000000
199	123	1199123	4002460.10000000000	19568772.00000000000
199	124	1199124	4006383.85000000000	19565239.00000000000
199	125	1199125	4010307.70000000000	19561706.00000000000

## Management Zone 1 – Cell Identification Continued

ROW	COL	CELL_ID	CentroidX	CentroidY
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199	129	1199129	4026002.850000000000	19547574.000000000000
199	130	1199130	4029926.700000000000	19544041.000000000000
200	106	1200106	3932222.350000000000	19624909.000000000000
200	107	1200107	3936146.200000000000	19621376.000000000000
200	108	1200108	3940070.100000000000	19617843.000000000000
200	109	1200109	3943993.850000000000	19614310.000000000000
200	110	1200110	3947917.600000000000	19610777.000000000000
200	111	1200111	3951841.350000000000	19607244.000000000000
200	112	1200112	3955765.200000000000	19603711.000000000000
200	113	1200113	3959689.100000000000	19600178.000000000000
200	114	1200114	3963612.850000000000	19596645.000000000000
200	115	1200115	3967536.600000000000	19593112.000000000000
200	116	1200116	3971460.49999999000	19589579.000000000000
200	117	1200117	3975384.350000000000	19586046.000000000000
200	118	1200118	3979308.100000000000	19582513.000000000000
200	119	1200119	3983231.850000000000	19578980.000000000000
200	120	1200120	3987155.600000000000	19575447.000000000000
200	121	1200121	3991079.49999999000	19571914.000000000000
200	122	1200122	3995003.350000000000	19568381.000000000000
200	123	1200123	3998927.100000000000	19564848.000000000000
200	124	1200124	4002850.850000000000	19561315.000000000000
200	125	1200125	4006774.66657507000	19557782.00170000000
200	126	1200126	4010698.53342443000	19554248.99830000000
200	127	1200127	4014622.350000000000	19550716.000000000000
200	128	1200128	4018546.100000000000	19547183.000000000000
200	129	1200129	4022469.850000000000	19543650.000000000000
200	130	1200130	4026393.700000000000	19540117.000000000000
201	106	1201106	3928689.33258082000	19620985.665800000000
201	107	1201107	3932613.18399916000	19617452.336000000000
201	108	1201108	3936537.01600083000	19613919.664000000000
201	109	1201109	3940460.86741917000	19610386.334200000000
201	110	1201110	3944384.58257637000	19606853.665800000000
201	111	1201111	3948308.36741917000	19603320.334200000000
201	112	1201112	3952232.18256748000	19599787.665800000000
201	113	1201113	3956156.11742362000	19596254.334200000000
201	114	1201114	3960079.83258082000	19592721.665800000000
201	115	1201115	3964003.61742362000	19589188.334200000000
201	116	1201116	3967927.43244416000	19585655.668400000000
201	117	1201117	3971851.26755583000	19582122.331600000000
201	118	1201118	3975775.08257637000	19578589.665800000000
201	119	1201119	3979698.86741917000	19575056.334200000000
201	120	1201120	3983622.58257637000	19571523.665800000000
201	121	1201121	3987546.51743251000	19567990.334200000000

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ROW	COL	CELL_ID	CentroidX	CentroidY
201	122	1201122	3991470.350000000000	19564457.000000000000
201	123	1201123	3995394.100000000000	19560924.000000000000
201	124	1201124	3999317.850000000000	19557391.000000000000
201	125	1201125	4003241.600000000000	19553858.000000000000
201	126	1201126	4007165.499999990000	19550325.000000000000
201	127	1201127	4011089.350000000000	19546792.000000000000
201	128	1201128	4015013.100000000000	19543259.000000000000
201	129	1201129	4018936.850000000000	19539726.000000000000
201	130	1201130	4022860.700000000000	19536193.000000000000
202	106	1202106	3925156.350000000000	19617062.000000000000
202	107	1202107	3929080.100000000000	19613529.000000000000
202	108	1202108	3933003.999999990000	19609996.000000000000
202	109	1202109	3936927.850000000000	19606463.000000000000
202	110	1202110	3940851.600000000000	19602930.000000000000
202	111	1202111	3944775.350000000000	19599397.000000000000
202	112	1202112	3948699.200000000000	19595864.000000000000
202	113	1202113	3952623.100000000000	19592331.000000000000
202	114	1202114	3956546.850000000000	19588798.000000000000
202	115	1202115	3960470.600000000000	19585265.000000000000
202	116	1202116	3964394.350000000000	19581732.000000000000
202	117	1202117	3968318.200000000000	19578199.000000000000
202	118	1202118	3972242.100000000000	19574666.000000000000
202	119	1202119	3976165.850000000000	19571133.000000000000
202	120	1202120	3980089.600000000000	19567600.000000000000
202	121	1202121	3984013.499999990000	19564067.000000000000
202	122	1202122	3987937.33258082000	19560533.665800000000
202	123	1202123	3991861.11742362000	19557000.334200000000
202	124	1202124	3995784.83258082000	19553467.665800000000
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202	126	1202126	4003632.48256748000	19546401.665800000000
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203	108	1203108	3929470.999999990000	19606072.000000000000
203	109	1203109	3933394.850000000000	19602539.000000000000
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203	112	1203112	3945166.200000000000	19591940.000000000000
203	113	1203113	3949090.100000000000	19588407.000000000000
203	114	1203114	3953013.850000000000	19584874.000000000000
203	115	1203115	3956937.600000000000	19581341.000000000000
203	116	1203116	3960861.350000000000	19577808.000000000000
203	117	1203117	3964785.200000000000	19574275.000000000000
203	118	1203118	3968709.100000000000	19570742.000000000000
203	119	1203119	3972632.850000000000	19567209.000000000000

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ROW	COL	CELL_ID	CentroidX	CentroidY
203	120	1203120	3976556.600000000000	19563676.000000000000
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203	123	1203123	3988328.100000000000	19553077.000000000000
203	124	1203124	3992251.850000000000	19549544.000000000000
203	125	1203125	3996175.600000000000	19546011.000000000000
203	126	1203126	4000099.499999990000	19542478.000000000000
203	127	1203127	4004023.350000000000	19538945.000000000000
203	128	1203128	4007947.100000000000	19535412.000000000000
204	106	1204106	3918090.350000000000	19609214.000000000000
204	107	1204107	3922014.100000000000	19605681.000000000000
204	108	1204108	3925937.999999990000	19602148.000000000000
204	109	1204109	3929861.850000000000	19598615.000000000000
204	110	1204110	3933785.600000000000	19595082.000000000000
204	111	1204111	3937709.350000000000	19591549.000000000000
204	112	1204112	3941633.16657507000	19588016.00170000000
204	113	1204113	3945557.03342443000	19584482.99830000000
204	114	1204114	3949480.850000000000	19580950.000000000000
204	115	1204115	3953404.600000000000	19577417.000000000000
204	116	1204116	3957328.350000000000	19573884.000000000000
204	117	1204117	3961252.200000000000	19570351.000000000000
204	118	1204118	3965176.100000000000	19566818.000000000000
204	119	1204119	3969099.850000000000	19563285.000000000000
204	120	1204120	3973023.600000000000	19559752.000000000000
204	121	1204121	3976947.44986338000	19556219.00260000000
204	122	1204122	3980871.25013735000	19552685.99740000000
204	123	1204123	3984795.100000000000	19549153.000000000000
204	124	1204124	3988718.850000000000	19545620.000000000000
204	125	1204125	3992642.600000000000	19542087.000000000000
204	126	1204126	3996566.499999990000	19538554.000000000000
204	127	1204127	4000490.350000000000	19535021.000000000000
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205	107	1205107	3918481.100000000000	19601757.000000000000
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205	112	1205112	3938100.100000000000	19584092.000000000000
205	113	1205113	3942023.999999990000	19580559.000000000000
205	114	1205114	3945947.850000000000	19577026.000000000000
205	115	1205115	3949871.600000000000	19573493.000000000000
205	116	1205116	3953795.350000000000	19569960.000000000000
205	117	1205117	3957719.200000000000	19566427.000000000000
205	118	1205118	3961643.100000000000	19562894.000000000000
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ROW	COL	CELL_ID	CentroidX	CentroidY
205	120	1205120	3969490.600000000000	19555828.000000000000
205	121	1205121	3973414.350000000000	19552295.000000000000
205	122	1205122	3977338.200000000000	19548762.000000000000
205	123	1205123	3981262.100000000000	19545229.000000000000
205	124	1205124	3985185.850000000000	19541696.000000000000
205	125	1205125	3989109.600000000000	19538163.000000000000
205	126	1205126	3993033.499999990000	19534630.000000000000
205	127	1205127	3996957.350000000000	19531097.000000000000
205	128	1205128	4000881.100000000000	19527564.000000000000
206	106	1206106	3911024.36741917000	19601366.33420000000
206	107	1206107	3914948.08257637000	19597833.66580000000
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206	109	1206109	3922795.83258082000	19590767.66580000000
206	110	1206110	3926719.61742362000	19587234.33420000000
206	111	1206111	3930643.33258082000	19583701.66580000000
206	112	1206112	3934567.11742362000	19580168.33420000000
206	113	1206113	3938490.98256748000	19576635.66580000000
206	114	1206114	3942414.86741917000	19573102.33420000000
206	115	1206115	3946338.58257637000	19569569.66580000000
206	116	1206116	3950262.36741917000	19566036.33420000000
206	117	1206117	3954186.14915191000	19562503.66750000000
206	118	1206118	3958110.05084808000	19558970.33250000000
206	119	1206119	3962033.83258082000	19555437.66580000000
206	120	1206120	3965957.61742362000	19551904.33420000000
206	121	1206121	3969881.350000000000	19548371.000000000000
206	122	1206122	3973805.200000000000	19544838.000000000000
206	123	1206123	3977729.100000000000	19541305.000000000000
206	124	1206124	3981652.850000000000	19537772.000000000000
206	125	1206125	3985576.600000000000	19534239.000000000000
206	126	1206126	3989500.44986264000	19530706.00260000000
206	127	1206127	3993424.25013661000	19527172.99740000000
206	128	1206128	3997348.100000000000	19523640.000000000000
207	106	1207106	3907491.350000000000	19597443.000000000000
207	107	1207107	3911415.100000000000	19593910.000000000000
207	108	1207108	3915338.94986338000	19590377.00260000000
207	109	1207109	3919262.75013735000	19586843.99740000000
207	110	1207110	3923186.600000000000	19583311.000000000000
207	111	1207111	3927110.350000000000	19579778.000000000000
207	112	1207112	3931034.100000000000	19576245.000000000000
207	113	1207113	3934957.99999999000	19572712.000000000000
207	114	1207114	3938881.850000000000	19569179.000000000000
207	115	1207115	3942805.600000000000	19565646.000000000000
207	116	1207116	3946729.350000000000	19562113.000000000000
207	117	1207117	3950653.100000000000	19558580.000000000000
207	118	1207118	3954576.99999999000	19555047.000000000000
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ROW	COL	CELL_ID	CentroidX	CentroidY
207	120	1207120	3962424.600000000000	19547981.000000000000
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207	123	1207123	3974196.08257637000	19537381.66580000000
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207	126	1207126	3985967.36741917000	19526782.33420000000
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207	128	1207128	3993815.11742362000	19519716.33420000000
208	106	1208106	3903958.350000000000	19593519.000000000000
208	107	1208107	3907882.100000000000	19589986.000000000000
208	108	1208108	3911805.850000000000	19586453.000000000000
208	109	1208109	3915729.700000000000	19582920.000000000000
208	110	1208110	3919653.600000000000	19579387.000000000000
208	111	1208111	3923577.350000000000	19575854.000000000000
208	112	1208112	3927501.100000000000	19572321.000000000000
208	113	1208113	3931424.99999999000	19568788.000000000000
208	114	1208114	3935348.850000000000	19565255.000000000000
208	115	1208115	3939272.600000000000	19561722.000000000000
208	116	1208116	3943196.350000000000	19558189.000000000000
208	117	1208117	3947120.100000000000	19554656.000000000000
208	118	1208118	3951043.99999999000	19551123.000000000000
208	119	1208119	3954967.850000000000	19547590.000000000000
208	120	1208120	3958891.600000000000	19544057.000000000000
208	121	1208121	3962815.350000000000	19540524.000000000000
208	122	1208122	3966739.200000000000	19536991.000000000000
208	123	1208123	3970663.100000000000	19533458.000000000000
208	124	1208124	3974586.850000000000	19529925.000000000000
208	125	1208125	3978510.600000000000	19526392.000000000000
208	126	1208126	3982434.350000000000	19522859.000000000000
208	127	1208127	3986358.200000000000	19519326.000000000000
208	128	1208128	3990282.100000000000	19515793.000000000000
209	123	1209123	3967130.03342492000	19529533.99830000000
209	124	1209124	3971053.850000000000	19526001.000000000000
209	125	1209125	3974977.600000000000	19522468.000000000000
209	126	1209126	3978901.350000000000	19518935.000000000000
209	127	1209127	3982825.200000000000	19515402.000000000000
209	128	1209128	3986749.100000000000	19511869.000000000000
210	120	1210120	3951825.600000000000	19536209.000000000000
210	121	1210121	3955749.350000000000	19532676.000000000000
210	122	1210122	3959673.100000000000	19529143.000000000000
210	123	1210123	3963596.99999999000	19525610.000000000000
210	124	1210124	3967520.850000000000	19522077.000000000000
210	125	1210125	3971444.600000000000	19518544.000000000000
210	126	1210126	3975368.350000000000	19515011.000000000000
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ROW	COL	CELL_ID	CentroidX	CentroidY
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211	122	1211122	3956140.100000000000	19525219.000000000000
211	123	1211123	3960063.999999990000	19521686.000000000000
211	124	1211124	3963987.850000000000	19518153.000000000000
211	125	1211125	3967911.600000000000	19514620.000000000000
211	126	1211126	3971835.350000000000	19511087.000000000000
211	127	1211127	3975759.16657507000	19507554.00170000000
211	128	1211128	3979683.03342443000	19504020.99830000000
212	120	1212120	3944759.58257637000	19528361.66580000000
212	121	1212121	3948683.36741917000	19524828.33420000000
212	122	1212122	3952607.08257637000	19521295.66580000000
212	123	1212123	3956531.01743251000	19517762.33420000000
212	124	1212124	3960454.83258082000	19514229.66580000000
212	125	1212125	3964378.61742362000	19510696.33420000000
212	126	1212126	3968302.33258082000	19507163.66580000000
212	127	1212127	3972226.11742362000	19503630.33420000000
212	128	1212128	3976149.98256748000	19500097.66580000000
213	120	1213120	3941226.60000000000	19524438.00000000000
213	121	1213121	3945150.35000000000	19520905.00000000000
213	122	1213122	3949074.10000000000	19517372.00000000000
213	123	1213123	3952997.99999999000	19513839.00000000000
213	124	1213124	3956921.85000000000	19510306.00000000000
213	125	1213125	3960845.60000000000	19506773.00000000000
213	126	1213126	3964769.35000000000	19503240.00000000000
213	127	1213127	3968693.10000000000	19499707.00000000000
213	128	1213128	3972616.99999999000	19496174.00000000000
214	120	1214120	3937693.60000000000	19520514.00000000000
214	121	1214121	3941617.35000000000	19516981.00000000000
214	122	1214122	3945541.10000000000	19513448.00000000000
214	123	1214123	3949464.99999999000	19509915.00000000000
214	124	1214124	3953388.85000000000	19506382.00000000000
214	125	1214125	3957312.60000000000	19502849.00000000000
214	126	1214126	3961236.35000000000	19499316.00000000000
214	127	1214127	3965160.10000000000	19495783.00000000000
214	128	1214128	3969083.99999999000	19492250.00000000000
215	120	1215120	3934160.60000000000	19516590.00000000000
215	121	1215121	3938084.35000000000	19513057.00000000000
215	122	1215122	3942008.10000000000	19509524.00000000000
215	123	1215123	3945931.94986338000	19505991.00260000000
215	124	1215124	3949855.75013735000	19502457.99740000000
215	125	1215125	3953779.60000000000	19498925.00000000000
215	126	1215126	3957703.35000000000	19495392.00000000000
215	127	1215127	3961627.10000000000	19491859.00000000000
215	128	1215128	3965550.99999999000	19488326.00000000000

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ROW	COL	CELL_ID	CentroidX	CentroidY
164	147	1164147	4220286.74999999000	19621313.00000000000
164	148	1164148	4224210.49999999000	19617780.00000000000
164	149	1164149	4228134.49999999000	19614247.00000000000
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164	151	1164151	4235981.99999999000	19607181.00000000000
164	152	1164152	4239905.74999999000	19603648.00000000000
164	153	1164153	4243829.49999999000	19600115.00000000000
164	154	1164154	4247753.49999999000	19596582.00000000000
165	146	1165146	4212829.99999999000	19620922.00000000000
165	147	1165147	4216753.74999999000	19617389.00000000000
165	148	1165148	4220677.49999999000	19613856.00000000000
165	149	1165149	4224601.49999999000	19610323.00000000000
165	150	1165150	4228525.24999999000	19606790.00000000000
165	151	1165151	4232448.99999999000	19603257.00000000000
165	152	1165152	4236372.74999999000	19599724.00000000000
165	153	1165153	4240296.49999999000	19596191.00000000000
165	154	1165154	4244220.49999999000	19592658.00000000000
165	155	1165155	4248144.24999999000	19589125.00000000000
165	156	1165156	4252067.99999999000	19585592.00000000000
166	146	1166146	4209296.99999999000	19616998.00000000000
166	147	1166147	4213220.74999999000	19613465.00000000000
166	148	1166148	4217144.49999999000	19609932.00000000000
166	149	1166149	4221068.49999999000	19606399.00000000000
166	150	1166150	4224992.24999999000	19602866.00000000000
166	151	1166151	4228915.99999999000	19599333.00000000000
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166	154	1166154	4240687.49999999000	19588734.00000000000
166	155	1166155	4244611.24999999000	19585201.00000000000
166	156	1166156	4248534.99999999000	19581668.00000000000
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167	145	1167145	4201840.24999999000	19616607.00000000000
167	146	1167146	4205763.99999999000	19613074.00000000000
167	147	1167147	4209687.74999999000	19609541.00000000000
167	148	1167148	4213611.49999999000	19606008.00000000000
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167	152	1167152	4229306.74999999000	19591876.00000000000
167	153	1167153	4233230.49999999000	19588343.00000000000
167	154	1167154	4237154.49999999000	19584810.00000000000
167	155	1167155	4241078.24999999000	19581277.00000000000
167	156	1167156	4245001.99999999000	19577744.00000000000
168	140	1168140	4178688.10000000000	19630349.00000000000
168	141	1168141	4182611.83258082000	19626815.66580000000

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ROW	COL	CELL_ID	CentroidX	CentroidY
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168	148	1168148	4210078.51743251000	19602084.33420000000
168	149	1168149	4214002.48256748000	19598551.66580000000
168	150	1168150	4217926.26741028000	19595018.33420000000
168	151	1168151	4221849.98256748000	19591485.66580000000
168	152	1168152	4225773.76741028000	19587952.33420000000
168	153	1168153	4229697.48256748000	19584419.66580000000
168	154	1168154	4233621.51743251000	19580886.33420000000
168	155	1168155	4237545.23258971000	19577353.66580000000
168	156	1168156	4241469.01743251000	19573820.33420000000
169	140	1169140	4175155.10000000000	19626425.00000000000
169	141	1169141	4179078.85000000000	19622892.00000000000
169	142	1169142	4183002.66657556000	19619359.00170000000
169	143	1169143	4186926.53342492000	19615825.99830000000
169	144	1169144	4190850.28342441000	19612292.99830000000
169	145	1169145	4194774.06657502000	19608760.00170000000
169	146	1169146	4198697.99999999000	19605227.00000000000
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169	151	1169151	4218316.99999999000	19587562.00000000000
169	152	1169152	4222240.74999999000	19584029.00000000000
169	153	1169153	4226164.49999999000	19580496.00000000000
169	154	1169154	4230088.49999999000	19576963.00000000000
169	155	1169155	4234012.24999999000	19573430.00000000000
169	156	1169156	4237935.99999999000	19569897.00000000000
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170	141	1170141	4175545.85000000000	19618968.00000000000
170	142	1170142	4179469.60000000000	19615435.00000000000
170	143	1170143	4183393.49999999000	19611902.00000000000
170	144	1170144	4187317.35000000000	19608369.00000000000
170	145	1170145	4191241.10000000000	19604836.00000000000
170	146	1170146	4195164.99999999000	19601303.00000000000
170	147	1170147	4199088.74999999000	19597770.00000000000
170	148	1170148	4203012.49999999000	19594237.00000000000
170	149	1170149	4206936.41643786000	19590704.00440000000
170	150	1170150	4210860.08356091000	19587170.99570000000
170	151	1170151	4214783.99999999000	19583638.00000000000
170	152	1170152	4218707.74999999000	19580105.00000000000
170	153	1170153	4222631.49999999000	19576572.00000000000

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ROW	COL	CELL_ID	CentroidX	CentroidY
170	154	1170154	4226555.49999999000	19573039.00000000000
170	155	1170155	4230479.24999999000	19569506.00000000000
171	141	1171141	4172012.85000000000	19615044.00000000000
171	142	1171142	4175936.60000000000	19611511.00000000000
171	143	1171143	4179860.49999999000	19607978.00000000000
171	144	1171144	4183784.35000000000	19604445.00000000000
171	145	1171145	4187708.10000000000	19600912.00000000000
171	146	1171146	4191631.94986338000	19597379.00260000000
171	147	1171147	4195555.65013728000	19593845.99740000000
171	148	1171148	4199479.49999999000	19590313.00000000000
171	149	1171149	4203403.24999999000	19586780.00000000000
171	150	1171150	4207326.99999999000	19583247.00000000000
171	151	1171151	4211250.99999999000	19579714.00000000000
171	152	1171152	4215174.74999999000	19576181.00000000000
171	153	1171153	4219098.49999999000	19572648.00000000000
171	154	1171154	4223022.49999999000	19569115.00000000000
171	155	1171155	4226946.24999999000	19565582.00000000000
172	144	1172144	4180251.35000000000	19600521.00000000000
172	145	1172145	4184175.10000000000	19596988.00000000000
172	146	1172146	4188098.85000000000	19593455.00000000000
172	147	1172147	4192022.60000000000	19589922.00000000000
172	148	1172148	4195946.49999999000	19586389.00000000000
172	149	1172149	4199870.24999999000	19582856.00000000000
172	150	1172150	4203793.99999999000	19579323.00000000000
172	151	1172151	4207717.99999999000	19575790.00000000000
172	152	1172152	4211641.74999999000	19572257.00000000000
172	153	1172153	4215565.49999999000	19568724.00000000000
172	154	1172154	4219489.49999999000	19565191.00000000000
173	146	1173146	4184565.83258082000	19589531.66580000000
173	147	1173147	4188489.61742362000	19585998.33420000000
173	148	1173148	4192413.48256748000	19582465.66580000000
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173	150	1173150	4200260.98256748000	19575399.66580000000
173	151	1173151	4204185.01743251000	19571866.33420000000
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173	153	1173153	4212032.51743251000	19564800.33420000000
173	154	1173154	4215956.39902873000	19561267.67010000000
174	147	1174147	4184956.60000000000	19582075.00000000000
174	148	1174148	4188880.49999999000	19578542.00000000000
174	149	1174149	4192804.28342441000	19575008.99830000000
174	150	1174150	4196728.06657502000	19571476.00170000000
174	151	1174151	4200651.99999999000	19567943.00000000000
174	152	1174152	4204575.74999999000	19564410.00000000000
174	153	1174153	4208499.49999999000	19560877.00000000000
174	154	1174154	4212423.24999999000	19557344.00000000000
175	147	1175147	4181423.60000000000	19578151.00000000000

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ROW	COL	CELL_ID	CentroidX	CentroidY
175	148	1175148	4185347.49999999000	19574618.00000000000
175	149	1175149	4189271.35000000000	19571085.00000000000
175	150	1175150	4193195.10000000000	19567552.00000000000
175	151	1175151	4197118.99999999000	19564019.00000000000
175	152	1175152	4201042.74999999000	19560486.00000000000
175	153	1175153	4204966.49999999000	19556953.00000000000
176	147	1176147	4177890.60000000000	19574227.00000000000
176	148	1176148	4181814.49999999000	19570694.00000000000
176	149	1176149	4185738.35000000000	19567161.00000000000
176	150	1176150	4189662.10000000000	19563628.00000000000
176	151	1176151	4193585.94986338000	19560095.00260000000
176	152	1176152	4197509.65013728000	19556561.99740000000
177	147	1177147	4174357.60000000000	19570303.00000000000
177	148	1177148	4178281.44986264000	19566770.00260000000
177	149	1177149	4182205.25013661000	19563236.99740000000
177	150	1177150	4186129.10000000000	19559704.00000000000
177	151	1177151	4190052.85000000000	19556171.00000000000
177	152	1177152	4193976.60000000000	19552638.00000000000
178	147	1178147	4170824.58257637000	19566379.66580000000
178	148	1178148	4174748.36741917000	19562846.33420000000
178	149	1178149	4178672.18256748000	19559313.66580000000
178	150	1178150	4182596.11742362000	19555780.33420000000
178	151	1178151	4186519.83258082000	19552247.66580000000
178	152	1178152	4190443.61742362000	19548714.33420000000

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ROW	COL	CELL_ID	CentroidX	CentroidY
186	100	1186100	3958141.700000000000	19701041.000000000000
186	101	1186101	3962065.58257637000	19697507.66580000000
186	102	1186102	3965989.36741917000	19693974.33420000000
186	103	1186103	3969913.08257637000	19690441.66580000000
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186	106	1186106	3981684.61742362000	19679842.33420000000
192	101	1192101	3940867.49999999000	19673965.000000000000
192	102	1192102	3944791.35000000000	19670432.000000000000
192	103	1192103	3948715.10000000000	19666899.000000000000
192	104	1192104	3952638.85000000000	19663366.000000000000
192	105	1192105	3956562.60000000000	19659833.000000000000
192	106	1192106	3960486.49999999000	19656300.000000000000
192	107	1192107	3964410.35000000000	19652767.000000000000
192	108	1192108	3968334.10000000000	19649234.000000000000
192	109	1192109	3972257.85000000000	19645701.000000000000
179	100	1179100	3982872.85000000000	19728507.000000000000
180	99	1180099	3975416.01743251000	19728116.33420000000
180	100	1180100	3979339.83258082000	19724583.66580000000
180	101	1180101	3983263.61742362000	19721050.33420000000
181	99	1181099	3971882.99999999000	19724193.000000000000
181	100	1181100	3975806.85000000000	19720660.000000000000
181	101	1181101	3979730.60000000000	19717127.000000000000
182	99	1182099	3968349.99999999000	19720269.000000000000
182	100	1182100	3972273.85000000000	19716736.000000000000
182	101	1182101	3976197.60000000000	19713203.000000000000
182	102	1182102	3980121.35000000000	19709670.000000000000
183	99	1183099	3964816.94986338000	19716345.00260000000
183	100	1183100	3968740.75013735000	19712811.99740000000
183	101	1183101	3972664.60000000000	19709279.000000000000
183	102	1183102	3976588.35000000000	19705746.000000000000
183	103	1183103	3980512.10000000000	19702213.000000000000
183	104	1183104	3984435.99999999000	19698680.000000000000
183	105	1183105	3988359.85000000000	19695147.000000000000
184	99	1184099	3961283.85000000000	19712421.000000000000
184	100	1184100	3965207.70000000000	19708888.000000000000
184	101	1184101	3969131.60000000000	19705355.000000000000
184	102	1184102	3973055.35000000000	19701822.000000000000
184	103	1184103	3976979.10000000000	19698289.000000000000
184	104	1184104	3980902.99999999000	19694756.000000000000
184	105	1184105	3984826.85000000000	19691223.000000000000
184	106	1184106	3988750.60000000000	19687690.000000000000
185	100	1185100	3961674.71743252000	19704964.33420000000
185	101	1185101	3965598.60000000000	19701431.000000000000
185	102	1185102	3969522.35000000000	19697898.000000000000
185	103	1185103	3973446.10000000000	19694365.000000000000

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ROW	COL	CELL_ID	CentroidX	CentroidY
185	104	1185104	3977369.94986264000	19690832.00260000000
185	105	1185105	3981293.75013661000	19687298.99740000000
185	106	1185106	3985217.60000000000	19683766.00000000000
187	100	1187100	3954608.70000000000	19697117.00000000000
187	101	1187101	3958532.60000000000	19693584.00000000000
187	102	1187102	3962456.35000000000	19690051.00000000000
187	103	1187103	3966380.10000000000	19686518.00000000000
187	104	1187104	3970303.85000000000	19682985.00000000000
187	105	1187105	3974227.70000000000	19679452.00000000000
187	106	1187106	3978151.60000000000	19675919.00000000000
187	107	1187107	3982075.35000000000	19672386.00000000000
187	108	1187108	3985999.10000000000	19668853.00000000000
187	109	1187109	3989922.99999999900	19665320.00000000000
188	100	1188100	3951075.66657556000	19693193.00170000000
188	101	1188101	3954999.53342492000	19689659.99830000000
188	102	1188102	3958923.35000000000	19686127.00000000000
188	103	1188103	3962847.10000000000	19682594.00000000000
188	104	1188104	3966770.85000000000	19679061.00000000000
188	105	1188105	3970694.70000000000	19675528.00000000000
188	106	1188106	3974618.60000000000	19671995.00000000000
188	107	1188107	3978542.35000000000	19668462.00000000000
188	108	1188108	3982466.10000000000	19664929.00000000000
188	109	1188109	3986389.94986264000	19661396.00260000000
189	101	1189101	3951466.49999999900	19685736.00000000000
189	102	1189102	3955390.35000000000	19682203.00000000000
189	103	1189103	3959314.10000000000	19678670.00000000000
189	104	1189104	3963237.85000000000	19675137.00000000000
189	105	1189105	3967161.70000000000	19671604.00000000000
189	106	1189106	3971085.60000000000	19668071.00000000000
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189	109	1189109	3982856.85000000000	19657472.00000000000
189	110	1189110	3986780.70000000000	19653939.00000000000
190	101	1190101	3947933.49999999900	19681812.00000000000
190	102	1190102	3951857.35000000000	19678279.00000000000
190	103	1190103	3955781.10000000000	19674746.00000000000
190	104	1190104	3959704.85000000000	19671213.00000000000
190	105	1190105	3963628.66657507000	19667680.00170000000
190	106	1190106	3967552.53342443000	19664146.99830000000
190	107	1190107	3971476.35000000000	19660614.00000000000
190	108	1190108	3975400.10000000000	19657081.00000000000
190	109	1190109	3979323.85000000000	19653548.00000000000
190	110	1190110	3983247.70000000000	19650015.00000000000
190	111	1190111	3987171.60000000000	19646482.00000000000
191	101	1191101	3944400.51743251000	19677888.33420000000
191	102	1191102	3948324.33258082000	19674355.66580000000

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ROW	COL	CELL_ID	CentroidX	CentroidY
191	103	1191103	3952248.11742362000	19670822.33420000000
191	104	1191104	3956171.83258082000	19667289.66580000000
191	105	1191105	3960095.61742362000	19663756.33420000000
191	106	1191106	3964019.48256748000	19660223.66580000000
191	107	1191107	3967943.36741917000	19656690.33420000000
191	108	1191108	3971867.08257637000	19653157.66580000000
191	109	1191109	3975790.86741917000	19649624.33420000000
191	110	1191110	3979714.68256748000	19646091.66580000000
191	111	1191111	3983638.61742362000	19642558.33420000000
191	112	1191112	3987562.33258082000	19639025.66580000000
193	102	1193102	3941258.35000000000	19666508.00000000000
193	103	1193103	3945182.10000000000	19662975.00000000000
193	104	1193104	3949105.85000000000	19659442.00000000000
193	105	1193105	3953029.60000000000	19655909.00000000000
193	106	1193106	3956953.49999999000	19652376.00000000000
193	107	1193107	3960877.35000000000	19648843.00000000000
193	108	1193108	3964801.10000000000	19645310.00000000000
194	102	1194102	3937725.25013735000	19662583.99740000000
194	103	1194103	3941649.10000000000	19659051.00000000000
194	104	1194104	3945572.85000000000	19655518.00000000000
194	105	1194105	3949496.60000000000	19651985.00000000000
194	106	1194106	3953420.49999999000	19648452.00000000000
194	107	1194107	3957344.35000000000	19644919.00000000000
196	102	1196102	3930659.21743252000	19654736.33420000000
196	103	1196103	3934583.08257637000	19651203.66580000000
196	104	1196104	3938506.86741917000	19647670.33420000000
196	105	1196105	3942430.58257637000	19644137.66580000000
195	102	1195102	3934192.20000000000	19658660.00000000000
195	103	1195103	3938116.10000000000	19655127.00000000000
195	104	1195104	3942039.85000000000	19651594.00000000000
195	105	1195105	3945963.60000000000	19648061.00000000000
195	106	1195106	3949887.49999999000	19644528.00000000000

