

New GCD requirements and TWDB update

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New Management Plan Requirements

- The most recently approved desired future conditions (DFCs) are included in the plan.
- A district shall amend a management plan before the second anniversary of the adoption of DFCs.
 - Note this was already a requirement under a TCEQ inquiry
- In the event of a DFC petition, a statement of the status of the petition challenging the reasonableness of a DFCs.

SB 1583

New Management Plan Requirements

- Provide a ***plain language*** explanation of how the district is currently monitoring and tracking progress toward the DFCs.
- Provide a ***plain language*** explanation of how the district has performed in achieving the DFCs during the preceding five-year joint planning period.

HB 2078

New GMA Meeting Requirements

The representatives shall:

- Review groundwater management plans at least once every 5 years
- How **each district** is achieving the DFCs
 - Management plan
 - Rules

HB 2078

New GMA DFC Requirements

The representatives shall:

- Adopt DFCs for each 50-year planning period identified by the executive administrator for state and regional water plans.
 - **2026 GMA Joint Planning = 2032 SWP 2030-2080**
 - **2031 GMA Joint Planning = 2037 SWP 2040-2090**
- Identify interim values for DFCs in ≤ 10 -year increments to assist districts monitor progress toward 50-year planning goals

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New Explanatory Report Requirements

The representatives shall:

- Explain in **plain language** why a DFC was changed from the previous five-year planning period.
- Include a summary of each district's progress toward achieving DFCs.

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Plain Language?

- Texas Administrative Code §2001.023(d) relating to state rules
 - “A summary is written in **plain language** if it uses language the general public, including individuals with limited English proficiency, can readily understand because the language is concise and well-organized.”
- [Using Plain Language Webinar](#)

Management Plan Recap

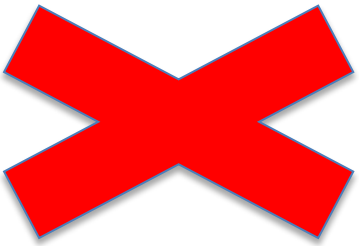
- Include current DFCs
- Amend plan before within 2 years of DFC adoption
- Explain how the district monitors and tracks DFC progress
 - “Forward looking”
- Explain how the district performed in meeting DFCs over the past five years.
 - “Past looking”

GMA Recap

- Review management plans at least every 5 years
- Review how GCDs are achieving DFCs – rules & plans
- Adopt 50-year DFCs for 2030-2080
- Interim DFCs ≤ 10 -year increments to GCD tracking of DFCs
- Explanation of changes from previous DFCs
- Summary of GCD's progress achieving DFCs

GCD Grant Funding

- HB 1400
 - Groundwater Science, Research, and Innovation Fund
 - Contingency rider to allocate funding
 - Did not pass (no committee hearing in Texas Senate)
- SB 1 Appropriations Act Article IX
 - GCD grant funding
 - \$7.5M for groundwater research and planning
 - 2 full time staff
 - Benefit local groundwater management and planning
 - Groundwater research, science, and data collection



Other items

- New management plan checklist to be released
- 2023 Water Use Estimates now available
- Stay tuned for rule updates

Groundwater Contacts

- groundwaterdata@twdb.texas.gov
 - General groundwater questions
 - Groundwater data requests
 - Groundwater availability certification report submission
- gwmplans@twdb.texas.gov
 - GCD management plan submission and questions
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Thank You!

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