

Water for Texas

How to Submit Desired Future Conditions to the Texas Water Development Board

Texas Water Code § 36.108 requires groundwater conservation districts to submit desired future conditions of the groundwater resources in their groundwater management area to the executive administrator of the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB). The desired future conditions have to be physically possible. For example, a desired future condition limiting water level declines up to 100 feet in an unconfined (water table) aquifer with only 50 feet of water would be physically impossible. In addition, if there are multiple desired future conditions in the same aquifer in a groundwater management area, they need to be compatible. For example, it would be difficult to estimate managed available groundwater if one area with a desired future condition of maintaining springflow was located next to another area with a desired future condition to drain the aquifer.

The TWDB expects to receive the following in a submission packet (31 Texas Administrative Code § 356.34):

1. The desired future conditions of each aquifer in the groundwater management area, along with a narrative of the methods and references used to determine the desired future conditions and any other information that may be required.
2. The groundwater management area meeting posting and minutes, with the complete voting record by member, from the groundwater management area public meeting in which the desired future conditions were adopted.
3. A resolution signed by the groundwater management area member districts adopting the desired future conditions.
4. The name of a member from the groundwater management area for TWDB staff to contact if necessary.

The TWDB expects to receive desired future conditions for the entirety of each aquifer in the groundwater management area in the submission packet. A completed packet needs to be sent by certified mail (or other traceable method) to the TWDB at the following address:

Executive Administrator
Texas Water Development Board
P.O. Box 13231
Austin, Texas 78711-3231

If sending by private carrier, please send to this address:

Executive Administrator
Texas Water Development Board
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Austin, Texas 78701
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