



Public Notice of Hearing on Proposed Desired Future Conditions
North Plains Groundwater Conservation District
April 14, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

The Board of Directors of the North Plains Groundwater Conservation District will hold a public hearing and accept public comment on the proposed Desired Future Conditions (DFCs) for the relevant aquifers within the GMA 1 Joint Planning Area. This hearing will be conducted in accordance with Section 36.108(d-2) of the Texas Water Code, and held on April 14, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. at the North Plains Water Conservation Center 6045 West Road E., Dumas TX, 79029. The purpose of the hearing is to provide interested members of the public the opportunity to appear and provide comments to NPGCD related to the proposed DFCs.

Four groundwater conservation districts located are located wholly or partially within Groundwater Management Area 1 (GMA 1), as designated by the Texas Water Development Board; the GMA 1 Districts include the Hemphill County Underground Water Conservation District, the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District, the North Plains Groundwater Conservation District, and the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District. At the last GMA 1 joint planning meeting on February 24, 2026, the district representatives voted to approve the proposed Desired Future Conditions (DFCs). These proposed DFCs were mailed to each of the districts in GMA 1 on February 24, 2026 triggering a 90-day public comment period to close at 11:59 p.m. on May 25, 2026. Public comments may be submitted in writing to NPGCD at any time during this period, or may be made orally at this hearing.

The following proposed DFCs approved by the district representatives of GMA 1 are described in terms of acceptable drawdown levels for each subdivision of the Ogallala Aquifer (Inclusive of the Rita Blanca Aquifer) and the Dockum Aquifer:

Ogallala (Inclusive of Rita Blanca) Aquifer:

- At least 40 percent of volume in storage remaining after the 60-year period between 2020 and 2080 in Dallam, Hartley, Moore, and Sherman counties.
- At least 50 percent of volume in storage remaining after the 60-year period between 2020 and 2080 in Hansford, Hutchinson, Lipscomb, Ochiltree, Carson, Donley, Gray, Roberts, Wheeler, and Oldham Counties; and within the Panhandle District portions of Armstrong and Potter Counties;
- At least 80 percent of volume in storage remaining after the 60-year period between 2020 and 2080 in Hemphill County;
- Approximately 20 feet of total average drawdown after the 50-year period between 2020 and 2070 in Randall County and within High Plains District in Armstrong and in Potter Counties, with less than 23 feet of total average drawdown by 2080 at the end of the planning period.

Dockum Aquifer:

- At least 35 percent of the average available drawdown remaining after the 60-

year period between 2020 and 2080 for Dallam, Hartley, Moore, and Sherman counties.

- No more than 30 feet average decline in water levels after the 60-year period between 2020 and 2080 in Oldham and Carson counties and the Panhandle District portions of Potter and Armstrong counties; and
- Approximately 40 feet average decline in water levels after the 50-year period between 2020 and 2070 in Randall County and within High Plains District in Armstrong and Potter counties, with less than 43 feet of average decline by 2080 at the end of the planning period.

Any person who desires to appear at the hearing and present comment or other information on the proposed DFCs may do so in person, by counsel, or both. Comments may be presented verbally or in written form. Limits may be placed on the amount of time that each person is allowed to present verbal comments at the hearing. The hearing described in this notice may be recessed from day to day or continued where appropriate.

Copies of the proposed DFCs may be requested by email at info@northplainsgcd.org; are available at the www.northplainsgcd.org and www.PanhandleWater.org; and may be reviewed or copied at the North Plains Groundwater Conservation District office 603 E. 1st Street, Dumas, TX, 79029. Any person who wishes to receive more detailed information on this notice or the proposed DFCs should contact Janet Guthrie, General Manager, 806-935-6401.