

Summary of Comments of Aqua WSC
October 30, 2008 GMA 12 Meeting

I. Aqua WSC has been negatively impacted by permitting decisions made by GCDs in GMA 12.

- On September 17, AWSC was granted only 3 of the 7 well permit applications it had submitted to Lost Pines GCD for wells in Bastrop County.
- LPGCD specifically referenced the existing groundwater pumpage in the Porter's Branch Well Field within the Post Oak-Savannah GCD boundaries when LPGCD made its decision to not grant AWSC's 4 permit applications.
- LPGCD was fearful if it granted all 7 of Aqua WSC's well permit applications the proposed Aqua WSC groundwater pumpage and the existing Porter's Branch Well Field pumpage would create a drawdown in excess of the maximum possible drawdown levels for the Simsboro formation established in the Post Oak-Savannah GCD Management Plan.

II. Post Oak-Savannah GCD is considering permit applications which would authorize an additional 40,000 acre-feet of pumpage within the boundaries of the District.

- POSGCD is scheduled to hold permit hearings on December 9 on applications submitted by BlueWater for an additional 40,000 acre-feet of pumpage within Milam and Burleson Counties.
- Aqua WSC is concerned with the impacts the additional pumpage in Burleson and Milam Counties will have on the groundwater resources it relies on in Bastrop and Lee Counties.

III. GMA 12 needs to fully understand the impacts of its Desired Future Conditions determinations on groundwater production in all of the GCDs in the GMA.

- GMA 12 should study closely the affects of groundwater pumpage within the GMA on all of the areas and groundwater users within the GMA. GMA 12 should not be setting any GCDs in the GMA up for problems with its Desired Future Conditions determinations.
- Aqua WSC is performing hydrogeological studies to understand the impacts of groundwater pumpage in its area, and Aqua WSC asks GMA 12 and the GCDs in GMA 12 to do the same.

IV. Texas Legislature specifically created GMA planning requirements in 2005 to require GCDs to work together.

- AWSC believes the situation it is facing with its well permits at LPGCD was exactly the type of issue the Legislature was trying to address in 2005.
- AWSC and over fifty thousand people of Bastrop and Lee Counties who rely on water from AWSC have been negatively affected by the decisions made by the Post Oak-Savannah GCD in Milam and Burleson County.
- It is crucial to the future of this region for the GCDs in GMA 12 to reach an agreement on aquifer drawdown numbers which do not negatively impact the area's water providers.