# Review of DFCs and MAGs – Brazos River Alluvium



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# Agenda

- Brazos River Alluvium Properties
- Review MAGs and DFCs
- Discuss Process of Developing MAGs
- Review BRAA Properties
- Discuss options for GMA 12 for adopting DFC(s)



### Brazos River Alluvium: Areal Extent





## Brazos River Alluvium: Thickness



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### Brazos River Alluvium Water Level Data: Burleson County





### Brazos River Alluvium DFCs

Groundwater	County	Desired Future Condition				
Conservation District						
Brazos Valley	Brazos and	North of State Highway 21: Percent saturation				
	Robertson	shall average at least 30 percent of total well depth.				
		South of State Highway 21: Percent Saturation shall average at least 40 percent of total well depth.				
Post Oak Savannah	Burleson	A decrease in 6 feet in the average saturated				
		thickness over the period from 2010 to 2070.				
Post Oak Savannah	Milam	A decrease in 5 feet in average saturated				
		thickness over the period from 2010 to 2070.				



## Brazos River Alluvium MAGs (AFY)

• TWDB GAM RUN 17-030 MAG (AFY) Report (TWDB, 2017)

County	RWP A	River Basin	Aquifer	2020	2030	2040	2050	2060	2070
Burner	c	Burner	Brazos River	01 501	00.211	00.001	70.076	70.012	70.072
Brazos	G	Brazos	Alluvium	81,381	80,311	80,081	79,970	79,913	19,812
Burleson	G	Brazos	Brazos River Alluvium	28,472	28,418	28,414	28,414	28,414	28,413
Falls	G	Brazos	Brazos River Alluvium	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Milam	G	Brazos	Brazos River Alluvium	47,818	47,785	47,779	47,775	47,773	47,771
Robertson	G	Brazos	Brazos River Alluvium	61,161	57,959	57,633	57,544	57,503	57,480
GMA 12 Total			Brazos River Alluvium	219,032	214,473	213,907	213,709	213,602	213,536

NR: Groundwater Management Area 12 declared the Brazos River Alluvium Aquifer not relevant in these areas.



#### Brazos River Alluvium GAM: Conceptual Model





## Water Budget for Brazos River for Pumping and No Pumping Conditions

No Pumping

Pumping



- Under No pumping conditions, Brazos River gains about 40,000 AFY consistently
- Under pumping conditions, Brazos River gains about 20,000 AFY until year 2000
- At about 2010, Brazos becomes a losing stream. DFC runs cause stream to lose 65,000 AFY



## Pumping Rates Extracted from BRAA GAM Well File

Wells with very large pumping rates in the BRAAA predictive run 19. One additional well (down-dip of the GMA12 model outcrop) is not plotted here. 24,233 gpm EAST CALVERT OIL FIELD 13,839 gpm 13,839 gpm 7,688 gpm Calvert ALVERT OIL FIELD 7,688 gpm 24,233 gpm olecat Cree 0 0 5 Sources: Esri, HERE, Garmin, Intermap, increment P Corp., GEBCO, USGS, FAO, NPS, NRCAN, GeoBase, IGN, Kadaster NL, Ordnance Survey, Esri Japan, METI, Esri China (Hong Kong), swisstopo, © OpenStreetMap contributors, and the GIS Liser Community



# Approach for Calculating MAG from DFC

- Avoid Methodologies
  - that generate wells with large future pumping rates
  - that place wells close to the river cells representing Brazos River
  - that generate large river losses to alluvium
- Consider Methodologies
  - that allows variable recharge rates and fluctuations in underlying aquifers
  - consider water balance criteria for limiting river flow to alluvium
  - Consider restrictive area for pumping



# **Questions**?



### Comparison of Pumping in Model Input Files and Reject Pumping in Model Output Files



