

Subject: public comment on DFC's for GMA 12

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Dear Mr. Youngblood and Mr. Westbrook, and the board of POSGCD:

Please reject the flawed and unreasonable proposed DFC of GMA 12 and send the DFC back to them to revise in a way that is sustainable, and protects our domestic wells and the Colorado River. You still have time in your process to do this revision and achieve a balance of uses and protections of the groundwater and the surface waters connected to the groundwater. Your districts in GMA 12 need to agree on management that works for all the districts, protecting all of them.

I am sorry I could not be at your public hearings. I wanted to see you in person to tell you how important I think it is for you to protect our groundwater in our area and keep the Desired Future Conditions sustainable and adequate to have springs continue to flow to maintain the flow in the river, and for our farm. My brothers and a sister and I own a farm that was our grandparents' farm in Fayette County, and then my parents owned it and left it to us. We need our wells to remain healthy and usable! A draw down or mining of our aquifer, beyond what rains can support in recharge is just not sustainable. With climate changing so much, we can expect droughts worse than the 50's to come our way soon.

The landowners like us who have domestic and livestock wells, will be the ones left hanging when water development removes large quantities of water, if permitted to do so beyond what the aquifer can yield. I beg you to think of your future generations of your own family and how they would survive if their wells are drawn down, springs dry up and the Colorado does not even have enough flow. Please listen to those with Environmental Stewardship who are doing the modeling and science to help you plan a sustainable water future. Use their modeling and information to assist you.

My grandfather lived through the 50's drought and had a well starting in the 1920's. We can see how much the aquifer has changed already, and hope you are listening to the warnings of what is in our future if sustainable DFC's are not put in place, for all those in our region who depend on you to protect our important water for the future.

Thank you for allowing me to comment, I hope it helps you,
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(I live in San Marcos and my siblings live in other counties, downstream near the Colorado River, but we all care very much about the aquifer that is below all the counties of GMA 12.)

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