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To: GMA-12 and member GCD Boards of Directors

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Chairman Westbrook,

Attached, please find “*Economic Impacts to Domestic & Livestock Wells from proposed DFC*” by Simsboro Aquifer Water Defense Fund [SAWDF] showing that more than 50% of Carrizo-Wilcox domestic & livestock wells within GMA-12 will be negatively impacted by the proposed DFCs. Landowners in the ten counties that comprise GMA-12 may suffer more than one billion dollars from damage to water wells, reduced property values and/or loss of agricultural income.

Landowners with domestic and livestock wells within GMA-12 are currently suffering damages to their wells, disrupting their daily lives and livestock operations. Other landowners who wish to conserve groundwater ‘in place,’ as recognized by the Texas Supreme Court, are losing property value.

SAWDF has repeatedly requested that GMA-12 and its member districts undertake an analysis of impacts on domestic & livestock wells, as part of Section 36.108 (d) 6, 7, and 9. To date, only Post Oak Savannah GCD has examined impacts in the Carrizo aquifer. The remaining districts have failed to demonstrate any efforts in these areas. Without a public record that each District has complied with Section 36.108(d) and duly considered these nine areas under Section 36.108 (d), the proposed DFCs will lack validity and be subject to contest.

SAWDF is asking each district to discuss the impacts in this report and publicly state how many hundreds of millions of dollars in losses to water wells, property value and agricultural income each district is willing allow when balancing the production of groundwater with conservation and private property rights.

Sincerely,

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