

**Management Plan
and
Rules
of the
Gonzales County
Underground Water
District**

**GONZALES COUNTY UNDERGROUND
WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

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PURPOSE AND INTENT

The Gonzales County Underground Water Conservation District was created to conserve, preserve, protect and prevent waste of the groundwater resources of Gonzales County. The district was created on an order of the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission number 101692-DO4 and is charged specifically with managing the Sparta, Queen City, and the Carrizo/Wilcox aquifers in Gonzales County. The goal of managing these aquifers shall be accomplished by this management plan and its accompanying rules. The district shall also establish, as part of this plan, the policies of water conservation, public information and technical research by cooperation and coordination with the citizens of the district and equitable enforcement of this plan and its accompanying rules. This plan shall be adopted, for planning purposes, for a 10 year period.

AREA TO BE SERVED

Gonzales County lies in south-central Texas on the Gulf Coastal Plain and is bounded by Guadalupe, Wilson, Karnes, DeWitt, Lavaca, Fayette and Caldwell counties. There are approximately 677,000 acres in the county of which 101,000 acres are excluded from the district, as they lie over the zones of unusable groundwater, leaving 576,000 acres within the boundaries of the district. The boundaries of the district include the incorporated towns of Gonzales, Waelder, Nixon, and Smiley. The district's economy is primarily agricultural, with poultry production being the primary income producer, followed by beef cattle and farming.

POLICY

It shall be the policy of the board of directors that the most beneficial use of groundwater in Gonzales County is to provide for the future groundwater needs of the citizens. Groundwater shall be conserved, preserved, protected, and waste prevented so that the economy of Gonzales county will be ensured of growth for future generations. The board of directors with the cooperation of the citizens of the district shall implement this management plan and its accompanying rules to achieve this goal.

TECHNICAL RESEARCH AND STUDIES

The district, in cooperation with the Texas Water Development Board and the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, shall conduct studies to monitor the water level in the Sparta, Queen City, and Carrizo/Wilcox aquifers to determine if there is any danger of damaging these aquifers due to over production. The district shall also establish monitoring wells along the edge of the zone of unusable water to determine if any movement of this area is occurring. The district is currently assisting the Texas Water Development Board with its study of the Carrizo Aquifer for the development of a computer model. The model will enable the district to predict how pumping from a well, or combination of wells, will affect the water levels in other wells.

~~The district will identify fifty new existing wells per year and the strata from which they are producing.~~

~~The district will continue to gather data and improve the data-gathering methods to ensure all future district plans are based on the best information available. The district, as part of its data gathering plan, will monitor the same twenty wells in the district annually for water level and conduct chemical analyses of five selected wells to check water quality annually.~~

GROUNDWATER RESOURCES OF GONZALES COUNTY

The Texas Water Development Board issued a report in 1965 (TWDB #4) estimating the groundwater resources of Gonzales county. Please refer to this report for additional information. In this report it was estimated that the annual recharge for the Carrizo Sand in Gonzales County was 85,000 acre-feet per year. Thus it can be assumed that pumpage up to this amount can be sustained by recharge. Total groundwater in storage in the Carrizo aquifer is estimated at 80 million acre-feet but is not all recoverable to wells. It is estimated by District staff, with the aid of a study done by hydrogeologist Thomas Carrothers of the firm Geraghty and Miller, that 24 million acre-feet is recoverable from storage.

There are two other minor aquifers in Gonzales County and they are the Queen City Sand and Sparta Sand. It is estimated by District staff, with the aid of hydrogeologist Thomas Carrothers of the firm Geraghty and Miller, that annual recharge for these two aquifers is 15,000 acre-feet per year. Thus it can be assumed that pumpage up to this amount can be sustained by

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recharge. The same study estimated that total groundwater in storage in these two aquifers is 10 million acre-feet but not all is recoverable to wells. It was estimated by this study that 3.5 million acre-feet is recoverable from storage.

SUPPLY AND DEMAND TOTALS

AQUIFERS	TOTAL AC/FT	RECOVERABLE AC/FT	ANNUAL RECHARGE IN AC/FT
CARRIZO	80 MILLION	24 MILLION	85000
QUEEN CITY	7 MILLION	2.5 MILLION	10000
SPARTA	3 MILLION	1 MILLION	5000
TTL ANNUAL RECHARGE			100,000 AC/FT
CURRENT SURFACEWATER DEMAND		2,987 AC/FT	
CURRENT GROUNDWATER DEMAND		12,651 AC/FT	
TTL CURRENT DEMAND FOR 1997		15,638 AC/FT	
PROJECTED SURFACEWATER DEMAND		2,000 AC/FT	
PROJECTED GROUNDWATER DEMAND		20,256 AC/FT	
TTL PROJECTED DEMAND FOR 2007		22,256 AC/FT	

GROUNDWATER RECHARGE

The Gonzales County Underground Water Conservation District is prohibited from engaging in any groundwater recharge enhancement projects at this time by order of the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission number 101692-DO4.

CURRENT AND PROJECTED WATER USE AND CONJUNCTIVE SURFACE WATER USE

Gonzales County is the number four county in the State of Texas in agricultural receipts. The need for water is expanding at a rapid pace due to expansion in the poultry industry. The District conducted a poll of the major water users in Gonzales County and the following were their responses about current and projected water use. Currently Gonzales County Water Supply Corporation is supplying 1376 acre-feet of water to the rural areas of the county annually of which 909 acre-feet is surface water and 467 acre-feet is groundwater. The rural water supply projects that 2000 acre-feet will be needed annually in ten years of which 1500 acre-feet will be groundwater and 500 acre-feet will be surface water. The City of Gonzales is currently using surface water and a small amount of groundwater but is in the process of changing one half of its supplies to groundwater. The City of Gonzales is currently supplying 2078 acre-feet of surface water and 307 acre-feet of groundwater to customers in Gonzales and surrounding areas annually. The City of Gonzales expects that 3000 acre-feet will be needed annually in ten years of which 1500 acre-feet will be groundwater and 1500 acre-feet will be surface water. The city of Nixon is currently supplying 1279 acre-feet of water to the Nixon area and projects that 1500 acre-feet will be needed in ten years all of which is groundwater. The cities of Waelder, and Smiley are currently supplying 339 acre-feet to customers in their areas annually, all of which is groundwater and expect that 424 acre-feet will be needed annually in ten years. Warm Springs Rehabilitation Hospital located in the village of Ottine currently uses 112 acre-feet of groundwater annually and expects no increase in ten years. Cal-Maine Foods, a major agricultural user, is currently using 147 acre-feet of groundwater per year and expects that 220 acre-feet will be needed annually for future expansion in the next ten years. All other private users in Gonzales County use an estimated 10,000 acre-feet of groundwater per year and this number is projected to increase to 15,000 acre-feet in ten years. This figure was arrived at by reviewing agricultural statistics with Gonzales County Agent Travis Franke. The combined total of all groundwater pumpage in Gonzales County is currently 12,651 acre-feet per year and is projected to be 20,256 acre-feet in the next ten years. There will be a substantial shift from surface water to groundwater in the next ten years and this trend will continue due to the increasing cost of surface water and concerns about future supplies.

The two entities that use surface water in Gonzales County have both stated that they would not expand surface water production facilities due to cost considerations.

CONSERVATION AND EFFICIENT USE

Water is the most precious natural resource on Earth. The district shall promote conservation as a way of life, in order to conserve fresh water for future generations. The district shall require wells in areas that are in danger of over producing

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groundwater and damaging the aquifers to restrict production by means of production permits and metering of the amount of water produced. The district will work with water utilities, agricultural, and industrial users to promote the efficient use of water so that we may conserve water. The district will keep abreast of developments in water conservation and update its requirements as needed. The District in coordination with the Natural Resources Conservation Service shall coordinate its efforts for the most efficient use of groundwater resources in the district.

PREVENTION OF WASTE

Waste is defined in the Rules of the District Rule Number 1.

The Rules of the District Rule Number 2 gives the practices and avoidances to be followed by the District to prevent waste.

SUBSIDENCE

Subsidence is not a factor with these aquifers.

PUBLIC INFORMATION

A well informed public is vital to the proper operation of a groundwater district. The district will keep the citizens of the district informed by means of timely newspaper articles and public service radio announcements. As part of the public information program the directors of the district and the district manager will make presentations to any public gathering, as requested, in order to keep the citizens informed about district activities and to promote proper use of available groundwater. The district has an ongoing program to assist teachers at public schools with education of children on issues of groundwater conservation and the hydrology of our area.

REGULATION

The goal of this plan is to ensure that the citizens of the district will have adequate water for the future. Therefore, every entity must be regulated. The district will adopt regulations to control groundwater withdrawals by means of spacing and production limits. In regulating groundwater withdrawals, the district shall take into account several factors, including:

1. Economic and domestic impact of conservation measures;
2. The degree and effect of water table conditions in any given area and its effect on neighboring wells.
3. The different hydrological characteristics of the aquifers within the District.

The district will use all technical resources at its disposal to evaluate the effectiveness of regulation and determine if any further action is warranted to have water available for future generations.

REGULATORY ACTION PLAN

Pursuant to Chapter 36 of the Texas Water Code, this district will enforce the rules of the district to meet the goals of regulating the production of groundwater within the district. These rules will govern the permitting of wells to be drilled and the production of water from permitted wells. The rules shall be adhered to and shall be based on the best technical evidence available.

PERMITS AND ENFORCEMENT

The district may deny permits or limit groundwater withdrawals following the guidelines stated in the rules of the district and this plan. In determining whether to issue a permit or limit groundwater withdrawal, the district will consider the public benefit against individual hardship after considering all appropriate testimony and all relevant factors that include:

1. The purpose of the rules of the district.
2. The objectives and requirements of the plan.
3. The economic impact on the applicant from grant or denial of the permit or terms prescribed by the permit.
4. The equitable distribution of available groundwater.

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In carrying out its purpose, the district may require the reduction of groundwater withdrawal to amounts that will not cause the water table to drop to a level that would cause harm to the aquifer. To achieve this purpose the district may, on its discretion and based on information obtained through its monitoring procedures, amend or revoke any permits after notice and hearing.

The district will enforce the terms and conditions of permits and its rules by enjoining the permittee in a court of competent jurisdiction as provided for in Chapter 36.102 of the Texas Water Code.

EQUITY AND DISCRETION

The district shall treat all citizens of the district with equality. Upon applying for a permit to drill a water well or a permit to increase the capacity of an existing well the board of directors shall take into consideration all circumstances concerning the applicant's situation. The board may grant an exception to the rules of the district when granting permits to prevent hardship or economic loss, also taking into consideration hydrological, physical, or geophysical characteristics. Therefore, temporary exceptions to the general rule for a specific area may be necessary if an economic hardship will be created that is significantly greater for one person than for others in the district. In considering the granting of an exception, the Board will factor any adverse impact on adjacent landowners. The exercising of discretion by the board shall not be construed so as to limit the power of the Board.

This plan prescribes a production ratio of groundwater withdrawal based upon the number of acres of land owned by a property owner or water rights holder. The number of acres of land that are within the Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) of a public or private water utility may be taken into consideration when granting a permit to produce water.

COOPERATION AND COORDINATION

Public cooperation is essential for this plan to accomplish its objectives. The district will work with the public, local and state government to achieve the goals set forth in this plan. The district will coordinate activities with all public and private water suppliers, industrial, and agricultural users to help them conserve groundwater. The Guadalupe Blanco River Authority is the local entity regulating all surface water in the District and the district is and will work closely with this agency to achieve our mutual water related goals. The Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission is the agency charged with protecting the state's water resources, and the Texas Water Development Board is the agency responsible for water resources planning and promotion of water conservation practices. The district will continue to work with both of these agencies to conserve, preserve, and protect water resources, and prevent waste as outlined in this plan.

SPACING REQUIREMENTS AND PRODUCTION RATIOS

1. EXEMPT WELLS

This plan and its accompanying rules shall exempt wells from permits as provided for in Chapter 36.117 of the Texas Water Code.

2. SPACING

No well shall be drilled such that said well shall be located closer than one hundred (100) yards to the property line. Spacing of new wells from an existing well shall be according to the classification of as set forth in RULE 12 in the rules of the district.

EXAMPLES

ACTUAL PUMPING CAPACITY	CLASSIFICATION	MINIMUM DISTANCE
Less than 25 GPM	Domestic	None
25-100 GPM	A	600 FT
101-250 GPM	B	1500 FT
251-500 GPM	C	3000 FT
501-1000 GPM	D	6000 FT
1001 GPM and over	E	12000 FT

3. PRODUCTION

A person may be permitted to produce wells on their property, or property or which a person can show possession of groundwater rights, up to a maximum production of two acre-feet of water per acre per

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year: Cumulative annual production shall be computed by district personnel according to acres of ground water rights possessed by the applicant, at the time the application is filed.

TRANSPORTATION OF WATER FROM THE DISTRICT

Transportation of water from the district requires a permit, as stated in district rule number 19. An applicant for a transportation facility permit will be assessed an application fee to cover the District's costs of administering the permit process. The district may assess administrative fees so that the district can recover the expenses incurred administering such facility as provided for in Chapter 36.205 of the Texas Water Code.

GROUNDWATER PROTECTION AND NATURAL RESOURCE ISSUES

Section 26.401 of the Texas Water Code states that: "In order to safeguard present and future groundwater supplies, usable and potential usable groundwater must be protected and maintained."

A change of more than -10% in the average level of the 15 wells monitored annually by the TWDB would necessitate a change in pumping on a district wide basis.

Groundwater contamination may result from many sources, including current and past oil and gas production, agricultural activities, industrial and manufacturing processes, commercial and business endeavors, domestic activities, and natural sources that may be influenced or may result from human activities. The district shall take appropriate measures to monitor activities that are either causing, or have the potential threat to cause groundwater contamination. Due to permeability of aquifer outcrops and recharge zones, there is a greater threat of groundwater contamination from surface pollution in recharge and outcrop regions, and the district will monitor those areas more closely.

The District will meet with the local representative of the Railroad Commission of Texas to discuss oil related activities that could endanger the groundwater.

FEES

A deposit of \$100 is required with notice of intent to drill a test hole and is fully refundable upon receipt of the driller's log and proof of proper plugging of the test hole or the deposit may be applied to the permit to drill a water well.

Water well drilling permits require a deposit of \$100 and is fully refundable upon receipt of the driller's log and completed production permit.

A permit to rework, reequip or alter a water well is the same as a water well drilling permit and shall be accompanied by a deposit of \$100 which is fully refundable upon receipt of an updated production permit.

There shall be no charge of any kind for registration of an existing well.

Copies of district rules or the district's management plan shall be available at the district's office at no charge.

PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

The Gonzales County Underground Water Conservation District shall implement these goals and policies with the desired effect of carrying them to completion within the five year scope of adoption.

CONSISTENCY WITH REGIONAL PLAN

There is no regional plan at this time.

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GOALS, MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

Technical - To establish and maintain an aquifer monitoring network.

MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVE: The District will locate 20 wells, to be checked annually for water levels, of these 20 wells, the District will locate 5 wells in the Nixon-Smilely area, to be checked annually for water levels, within one year of the adoption of this plan. The District will locate 15 additional wells within one year of the adoption of this plan, at random locations throughout the District, to be checked annually for water levels.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD: The District will check water levels within the same 30 day period every year.

MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVE: The District will identify at least 50 new existing wells annually, the strata from which they are producing and incorporate this data into a map of wells in the district.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD: The District will enter wells in database within 2 working days of receipt.

MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVE: The District will select 5 wells within one year of the adoption of this plan, to be checked for water quality annually, with emphasis on wells at or near the zone of bad water or potential pollution sources.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD: The District will check wells for chemical analysis within the same 30 day period annually.

EFFICIENCY STANDARD: Well monitoring not to exceed annual budget with a cost per well estimated annually.

Methodology for Tracking of Progress in achievement of District Management Goals.

The District manager will annually report to the District Board the number of each of the management objectives accomplished for each of the stated activities in the preceding year. The number of instances each activity was engaged in during the year will be referenced to the expenditure of staff time and budget so that the effectiveness and efficiency of each activity may be evaluated to measure the Districts progress in achieving its management goals. The annual District Manager's report will be received by the District Board and upon approval shall be available to the public at the District office.

Groundwater Resources - To investigate aquifers within the District and to improve the level of knowledge.

MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVE: The District will study the results of the Carrizo/Wilcox Modflow study, which will be complete in 1998, with possible revisions to the Rules of the District before January 1, 1999.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD: The District will complete review of spacing and production rules within 180 days after the study is complete.

EFFICIENCY STANDARD: Review not to exceed annual budget.

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Subsidence

Subsidence is not a factor with the aquifers within the District.

**Current and Projected Groundwater Needs and Conjunctive Surface Water Use -
To coordinate drought contingency planning to reinforce surface water supply by
using ground water.**

MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVE: The District will gather water production data, from public water suppliers, and will publish these figures every January, beginning in 1999, in a newspaper of general circulation.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD: The District will enter production in a database within 2 working days of receipt.

MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVE: The District will compile records from other users in order to project future water use.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD: The District will enter production in a database within 2 working days of receipt.

MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVE: The District will advise the Gonzales County Water Supply Corp. and the City of Gonzales on the best locations for new supply wells based on chemical analysis and water availability.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD: The District will aid the Gonzales County Water Supply Corp. and the City of Gonzales in achieving the least cost for future water production.

MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVE: The District will coordinate drought contingency planning with the Gonzales County Water Supply Corp., the City of Gonzales, the City of Nixon, the City of Smiley, and the City of Waelder.

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**Conservation and Efficient Use - To promote conservation and efficient use of
aquifers within the District.**

MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVE: The District will enforce Classification, Spacing, and Production Provisions as stated in the Rules of the District.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD: The manager will annually report to the District Board of Directors the number of new wells permitted for the previous year.

MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVE: Meet with the four cities and the rural water supply in the District annually to discuss water conservation.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD: The District will meet annually with these entities.

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MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVE: The District will meet with consumers of groundwater, at their request, to review water use and possible conservation measures that could be initiated.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD: The District will meet with Gonzales County irrigators and discuss irrigation efficiency annually

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Prevention of Waste - To prevent and control waste of groundwater within the District.

MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVE: The District will identify abandoned and deteriorated wells.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD: The District will act on complaints of abandoned and deteriorated wells within 30 days of receipt.

MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVE: The District will educate the public about wasteful practices.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD: The District will include information about wasteful water use practices in articles published in newspaper articles annually.

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Public Information - To inform the public on aquifer conditions and water conservation.

MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVE: The District will publish groundwater production figures for the county in a newspaper of general circulation beginning in 1999.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD: The District will publish figures in January of each year.

MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVE: The District will publish an information article in July of each year with conservation measures that can be taken beginning in 1999.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD: The District will publish an article in July of each year.

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Cooperation and Coordination - To promote cooperation between water management entities and user groups within the District.

MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVE: The District will meet with the cities of Gonzales, Nixon, Smiley and Waelder annually to update future plans and areas of mutual concern.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD: The District will attend annual meetings and informational updates.

MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVE: The District will meet with Gonzales County Commissioners annually to update future plans and areas of mutual concern.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD: The District will attend annual meetings and information updates.

MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVE: The District will meet with the Gonzales Area Development Corporation annually to update future plans and areas of mutual concern.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD: The District will attend annual meetings and information updates.

MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVE: The President of the board of directors and the manager of the district will meet with the Gonzales County Water Council through out the year to share information updates with the GBRA.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD: The President of the District and manager will meet with GBRA annually and as requested.

Methodology for Tracking of Progress in achievement of District Management Goals.

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Groundwater Protection and Natural Resource Issues - To protect aquifers within the District from damage due to mineral exploration activities.

MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVE: The District will contact the Railroad Commission and coordinate its efforts with this agency in locating abandoned oil wells upon receiving complaints from citizens.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD: The District will survey sites of an abandoned oil well within 30 days of receipt of a complaint.

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EFFICIENCY STANDARD: The District will act on complaints within 60 days.

MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVE: The manager of the District will meet with the local Texas Railroad Commission engineering technician monthly to review oil well permits and oil related activity that could endanger the aquifers.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD: The District will meet with Railroad Commission every month.

MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVE: The District will act on complaints of abandoned water wells.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD: The District will survey sites of an abandoned water well within 30 days of receipt of a complaint.

EFFICIENCY STANDARD: The District will act on complaints within 60 days.

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Transportation of Water from the District - To provide for reasonable allocation of water resources to be transported outside the District and monitor this activity.

MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVE: The District will receive monthly reports of groundwater transported out of the district and will publish this information in January along with the other water production numbers.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD: The District will post reports to a database within 2 working days and publish a report annually.

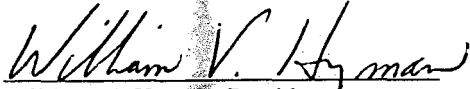
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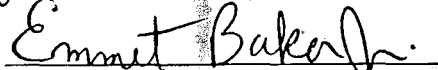
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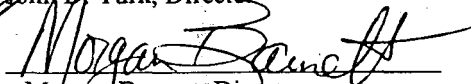

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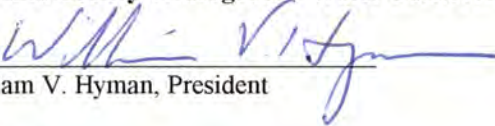
RESOLUTION 98-101

Whereas, the Gonzales County Underground Water Conservation District pursuant to Sec. 36.1071 of the Texas Water Code shall adopt an amended Management Plan for the district.

Whereas, the Gonzales County Underground Water Conservation District desires to preserve, conserve, protect and prevent waste of the groundwater of Gonzales County do adopt an amended Management Plan for the District. The Management Plan shall remain in effect for the a period of ten years or until such time as amended by further Board action.

This Resolution shall become effective on: February 10 1998

Gonzales County Underground Water Conservation District



William V. Hyman, President

Attest:



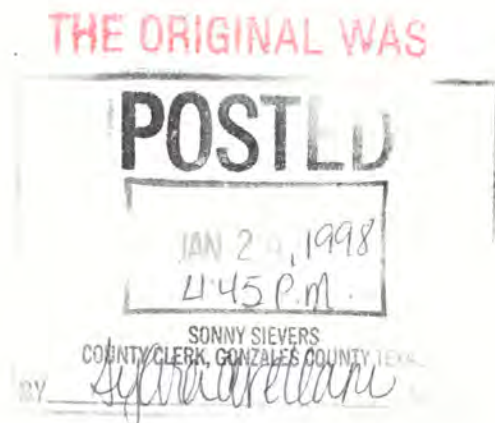
Emmet J. Baker Jr., Secretary

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
GONZALES COUNTY UNDERGROUND WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The Directors of the Gonzales County Underground Water Conservation District will meet in public session on February 10, 1998 at 6:30 P.M. in the American National Bank Community Room 1606 N. Sarah DeWitt, Gonzales, Texas.

The agenda is as follows:

1. Call to order.
2. Review minutes of January 13 meeting.
3. Discuss and take action on the District's bills to be paid.
4. Discuss and take action on amending the Management Plan of the District.
5. Other items of interest to the Board and administrative action thereon.
6. Manager's Report
7. Public Comment
8. Adjourn

POSTED THIS THE 10th DAY OF February 1998 AT 2:35 O'CLOCK P.M.

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MEMORANDUM

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TO: Craig D. Pedersen, Executive Administrator

THRU: Tommy Knowles, Deputy Executive Administrator, Office of Planning

FROM: Bill Mullican, Division Director, Water Resources Planning *BM*

DATE: February 17, 1998

SUBJECT: Certification of Gonzales County Underground Water Conservation District Management Plan

Texas Water Code §36.1072(b) requires that within 60 days of receipt of a management plan adopted under Texas Water Code §36.1071, the executive administrator shall certify a management plan if the plan is administratively complete. Staff from the Water Resources Planning Division have completed their review of the Gonzales County Underground Water Conservation District Management Plan and find it to be administratively complete with reference to all applicable elements of Texas Water Code, §36.1071, §36.1072, and Texas Administrative Code §356. A complete set of documentation for the review process completed by staff will be maintained in Water Resources Planning Division Central Records for your inspection.

Mr. Barry Miller, General Manager of the Gonzales County Underground Water Conservation District and several members of the District's Board of Directors will be present at the February 19, 1998 Texas Water Development Board Meeting to accept the Management Plan Certification. I believe the efforts of Mr. Miller and the Gonzales County Underground Water Conservation District Board of Directors deserve special recognition due to their commitment to meeting the water supply needs of Texas for the future as legislated by Senate Bill 1.

Our Mission

Exercise leadership in the conservation and responsible development of water resources for the benefit of the citizens, economy, and environment of Texas.

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March 2, 1998

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COLETO CREEK PARK
AND RESERVOIR
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Fannin, Texas 77960
Phone: 512-575-6366
Fax: 512-575-2267

LAKE WOOD
RECREATION AREA
Route 2, Box 158-A
Gonzales, Texas 78629
Phone: 830-672-2779

LOCKHART
WASTEWATER
RECLAMATION
SYSTEM
109 Larremore
Lockhart, Texas 78644
Phone: 512-398-6052
Fax: 512-398-6250

LULING WATER
TREATMENT PLANT
350 Memorial Drive
Luling, Texas 78648
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Fax: 830-875-3670

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OPERATIONS
P.O. Box 146
Port Lavaca, Texas 77979
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SYSTEM
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Fax: 512-578-9039

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<http://www.gbra.org>

Mr. Barry Miller, Manager
Gonzales County Underground water Conservation District
P. O. Box 1919
Gonzales, Texas 78629

Dear Barry:

Thank you for bringing and discussing your management plan with me on February 12, 1998. Tommy Hill is reviewing and will forward any appropriate comments.

GBRA looks forward to working with the District on common goals and objectives. A major component of any local plan is interface with adjacent areas. The interface between ground and surface water will require close attention.

As an additional comment, Craig Pederson informed the Senate Bill 1 Oversight Committee in El Paso last week, that the Texas Water Development Board had approved the first groundwater management plan submitted --- GCUWCD. You should be proud because he not only noted as the first received but also an excellent product.

Thank you for sharing this information with GBRA.

Sincerely,

W. E. West, Jr.
General Manager

WEW:csl

Gonzales Co. Underground Water Conservation Dist.

920 Saint Joseph
P. O. 1919
Gonzales, Texas 78629

Phone 830 672 1047

January 26, 1998

Craig D. Pedersen
Executive Administrator
Texas Water Development Board
1700 N. Congress
Austin, Texas 78711-3231

Dear Mr. Pedersen:

The Gonzales County Underground Water Conservation District is temporarily withdrawing their management plan and rules from consideration by the Texas Water Development Board. The withdrawal is temporary in order to give the District and TWDB staff more time to improve the plan.

Thank you for your time in considering this matter. If I may be of further assistance please contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,



William V. Hyman
President

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*Original Sent to
Craig Pedersen*

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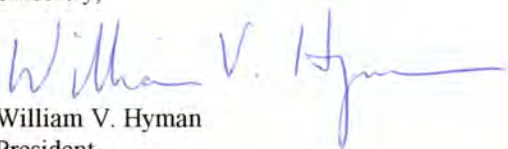
Craig D. Pedersen
Executive Administrator
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1700 N. Congress
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Dear Mr. Pedersen:

The Gonzales County Underground Water Conservation District is submitting its amended management plan for consideration by the Texas Water Development Board. A public hearing was held on February 10, 1998, to receive public comment on the proposed amendments. The board convened the regular meeting of the Board of Directors, after the public hearing was over, at which time the amended Management Plan was adopted.

Thank you for your time in considering this matter. If I may be of further assistance please contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,


William V. Hyman
President

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February 11, 1998


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Dear Mr. Pedersen:

The Gonzales County Underground Water Conservation District has adopted an amended Management Plan at its regular board meeting of February 10, 1998. Attached to this letter are the documents for posting the public hearing, posting of the regular board meeting and the resolution adopting the amended Management Plan. The District has also attached a copy of the amended Management Plan and Rules of the District.

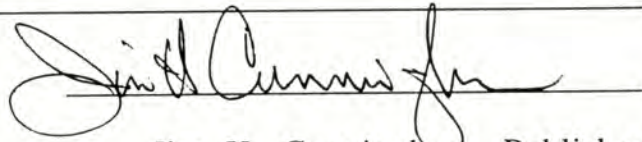
I do hereby certify that copies are true and correct.

Sincerely,


Emmet Baker Jr.
Secretary

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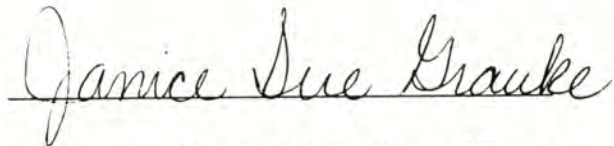
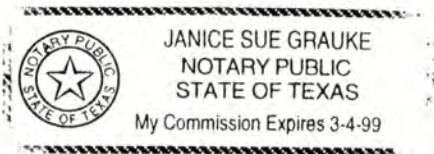
THE STATE OF TEXAS, County of Gonzales, BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Jim H. Cunningham of THE GONZALES INQUIRER, a newspaper published at Gonzales, County of Gonzales and State of Texas, who, being by me duly sworn on oath, states that the advertisement of which the hereto attached clipping is a true and correct copy, was published in said newspaper in two (2) issues thereof of the following dates 1-30-98 , 2-3-98



Jim H. Cunningham, Publisher

The Gonzales Inquirer

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this the 6th day of February, 19 98



Notary Public, State of Texas

The Nixon Hospital District is accepting sealed bids for the construction of two handicapped accessible cement ramps with handrails at the Nixon Chiropractic Center, located at 202 E. Second St., Nixon, Texas. One needs to be built from the street leading to the sidewalk and one needs to be from the sidewalk to the front entrance. All construction must comply with current American Disabilities Act (ADA) Specifications.

Please Note: The Nixon Hospital District is sales tax exempt. Call 830-582-1969 and leave a message to obtain more information. You may view the premises at any time. Sealed bids need to be clearly marked on outside of the envelope as "Sealed Bids" and be mailed to: Nixon Hospital District, P.O. Box 667, Nixon, Texas 78140. Deadline to receive bids is Friday, Feb. 13, 1998 at 5 p.m.

The Nixon Hospital District reserves the right to waive any formalities, reject any or bids and to accept the bid which in the district's opinion is most advantageous.

cabinet 3'2"x18-1/2", 1 floral rug, 12'x20' (very nice), 1 4' octagon table, 2 cabinets, 1 wooden table, 4 slate-top tables, 2 torch light fixtures, 1 8' directors table.

These items may be seen at Central Texas Bank, 508 St. Louis St. between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Central Texas Bank reserves the right to refuse any bid.

(830) 587-6181

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 44ac wooded, Nixon SOLD
 77ac S. Gonzales SOLD
 42ac 4-3 house SOLD
 32ac wooded pvm'SOLD
 197ac E. Smiley SOLD
 58ac S.Nixon,creekSOLD
 258ac E Smiley SOLD
 54ac NW,wooded SOLD

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Gonzales County is accepting bids for the Gonzales County Courthouse Asbestos and Lead Based Paint Abatement. The scope of work includes asbestos abatement, lead based paint abatement, and surface preparation. A mandatory pre-bid conference will take place Wednesday, Feb. 4, 1998 at 10 a.m. at the Gonzales County Courthouse, located at 414 St. Joseph Street, Gonzales.

Sealed bids are due by Friday, Feb. 13, 1998 at 10 a.m., local time, and are to be addressed to Bobby Hand, County Auditor, Gonzales County, 1709 Sarah DeWitt Drive (SH 90A), P.O. Box 80 Gonzales, TX 78629. Payment and bonding requirements are identified in the plans and specifications. Only proposals received on or before the above slated time, date and place will be accepted. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Plans and specifications may be obtained at the Pre-Bid or at the office of the Abatement Consultant starting Jan. 26, 1998 between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. at Maxim Technologies, 4150B Friedrich Lane, Austin, Texas 78744 for a deposit of \$50 per set. Questions should be addressed to Michael Cosgrove, Consultant's Manager (512) 447-9081.

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