

BRUSH COUNTRY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
NOTICE OF HEARING ON DESIRED FUTURE CONDITIONS
January 26, 2016

The Board of Directors of the Brush Country Groundwater Conservation District (“Brush Country GCD”) will hold a public hearing and accept public comment on the proposed desired future conditions (“DFCs”) for the Gulf Coast Aquifer underlying Brooks, Jim Wells, Jim Hogg, and/or Hidalgo Counties, Texas, in accordance with Section 36.108(d-2) of the Texas Water Code. The purpose of the hearing is to provide interested members of the public the opportunity to appear and provide comments to the Brush Country GCD related to the proposed DFCs.

The Brush Country GCD is one of several groundwater conservation districts located wholly or partially within Groundwater Management Area 16 (“GMA 16”). The other districts include McMullen County GCD, Bee County GCD, Live Oak Underground Water Conservation District, Starr County GCD, San Patricio County GCD, Red Sands GCD, Kenedy County GCD, Duval County GCD, Corpus Christi ASR Conservation District. At the October 28, 2015 GMA 16 Meeting, the district representatives voted unanimously to approve the proposed DFCs, which have been distributed to the districts for a 90-day comment period and public hearing.

The proposed DFCs approved by the district representatives of GMA 16 are described in terms of an area-weighted average drawdown for the Gulf Coast Aquifer and each subdivision of the Gulf Coast Aquifer, including the Chicot, Evangeline, Burkeville, and Jasper. The acceptable levels of drawdown are measured in terms of water level drawdowns over the proposed current planning cycle measured in feet from 2010 estimated water levels. For Brush Country GCD, the relevant proposed DFCs include the following:

- the average draw down of the Chicot Aquifer should not exceed approximately 47 feet in Brush Country GCD and 61 feet in GMA 16 as a whole after 60 years.
- the average draw down of the Evangeline Aquifer should not exceed approximately 76 feet in Brush Country GCD and 92 feet in GMA 16 as a whole after 60 years.
- the average draw down of the Burkeville Aquifer should not exceed approximately 68 feet in Brush Country GCD and 48 feet in GMA 16 as a whole after 61 years.
- the average draw down of the Jasper Aquifer should not exceed approximately 69 feet in Brush Country GCD and 42 feet in GMA 16 as a whole after 61 years.
- the area-weighted draw down of the Gulf Coast Aquifer should not exceed approximately 69 feet in Brush Country GCD and 62 feet in GMA 16 as a whole after 60 years.

The hearing will be held on January 26, 2016, at the Brooks County Annex Courtroom, 408 West Travis Street, Falfurrias, Texas. The regular monthly Board of Directors meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m., and the public hearing will take place during the public meeting and will begin about, but no earlier than, 9:35 a.m.

Any person who desires to appear at the hearing and present comment or other information on the proposed DFCs may do so in person, by legal representative, or both. Limits may be placed on the amount of time that each person is allowed to present verbal comments, but written comments may also be submitted. Those wishing to provide comment on the proposed DFCs may do so via email to: fsaenz641@hotmail.com, or via United States Postal System mail to: Brush Country GCD, Attn: Felix Saenz, General Manager, P.O. Box 136, Falfurrias, Texas 78355. For more information, please call Felix Saenz at 361-325-5093.

After the public hearing and the 90-day public comment period, Brush Country GCD will compile for consideration by representatives of GMA 16 a summary of relevant comments received, any suggested revisions to the proposed DFCs, and the basis for any revisions.

A copy of the proposed DFCs and supporting material is available to the public for review at the Brush Country GCD website www.brushcountrygcd.com and at the district office located at 408 West Travis Street, Falfurrias, Texas.