

**RUSK COUNTY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON
GMA-11 DESIRED FUTURE CONDITIONS**

Groundwater Management Area 11 (GMA 11) has proposed the following desired future conditions (DFCs) for the relevant aquifers in the Rusk County Groundwater Conservation District (RCGCD) in Rusk County through 2080 expressed as average drawdown: Carrizo Wilcox Aquifer: 54 ft; Sparta: 23 ft; and the Queen City: 20 ft. The Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) designated GMA 11 to include: Neches & Trinity Valleys GCD, Panola County GCD, Pineywoods GCD, and Rusk County GCD. Information on the DFCs: www.pcgcd.org/groundwater-management-area-11.

The RCGCD is currently receiving public comments on the proposed DFCs under §36.108, Texas Water Code, until July 31, 2026. Written comments may be submitted to RCGCD at P.O. Box 97, Henderson, TX 75653 or generalmanager@rcgcd.org. The RCGCD will hold a public hearing on the proposed DFCs on June 8, 2026, at the RCGCD office, located at 500 N. High St., Henderson, TX 75652. Please contact the District's General Manager, David Miley, with questions at 903-657-1900, generalmanager@rcgcd.org.

GMA 11 Proposed Desired Future Conditions

April 28, 2026

Groundwater Management Area 11 proposes the initial desired future conditions (DFCs) listed below on April 28, 2026. The DFCs are based on Scenario 26.1 for all counties, except for Anderson, Cherokee, and Henderson counties, which reflect DFCs from Scenario 33*.

The GMA 11 consultant has been directed to prepare 5 additional simulations of the Groundwater Availability Model (GAM) to develop alternative scenarios to address the Neches & Trinity Valleys Groundwater Conservation District's concerns, as well as concerns about protecting existing wells and surface water interactions, which can be accomplished during the joint planning process under Section 36.108 of the Texas Water Code. The proposed DFCs for other GMA 11 counties will likely be affected. The additional simulations will be available by July 1, 2026, during the public comment period on the proposed DFCs. After this time, a deadline will be set for additional public comments prior to the adoption of the final DFCs by January 5, 2027.

As noted, the desired future conditions are expressed as average drawdown for each county-aquifer unit from 2013 to 2080.

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County	Sparta	Queen City	Carrizo-Wilcox
Anderson*	28*	60*	180*
Angelina	3	11	43
Bowie	NP	NP	13
Camp	NP	2	37
Cass	9	3	42
Cherokee*	9*	67*	177*
Franklin	NP	NP	18
Gregg	NP	8	52
Harrison	NP	2	22
Henderson*	NP	40*	155*
Hopkins	NP	NP	15
Houston	2	3	30
Marion	5	4	24
Morris	NP	5	26
Nacogdoches	5	8	50
Panola	NP	NP	21
Rains	NP	NP	3
Rusk	23	10	54
Sabine	1	3	8
San Augustine	2	5	17
Shelby	10	7	18
Smith	3	5	77
Titus	NP	1	10
Trinity	3	7	27
Upshur	2	5	52
Van Zandt	NP	2	24
Wood	2	2	41

NP = Not Present