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Groundwater Management Area 15 Administrator
c/o Victoria County Groundwater Conservation District
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RE: Summary of Relevant Comments, Suggested Revisions, and Supporting Materials related to the Desired Future Conditions of Groundwater Management Area 15

Representatives of Groundwater Management Area 15,

On behalf of the Victoria County Groundwater Conservation District, I submit the following information to you for consideration in accordance with Section 36.108(d-2) of the Water Code. Section 36.108(d-2) of the Water Code specifies that "[a]fter the close of the public comment period, the district shall compile and submit to the district representatives for consideration at the next joint planning meeting: (1) a summary of relevant comments received; (2) any suggested revisions to the proposed desired future conditions, and the basis for those revisions; and (3) any supporting materials, including new or revised groundwater availability model run results."

On April 7, 2026, the District received the proposed desired future conditions of Groundwater Management Area 15.

On May 13, 2026, the public notice for the public hearing to receive public comment and consider possible action on the proposed desired future conditions of Groundwater Management Area 15 was published in a newspaper with general circulation within the district. On May 14, 2026, the public notice was posted on the District's website, at the District's office, and with the County Clerk's Office.

On July 10, 2026, the Board of Directors held a public hearing at the Crossroads Plaza, Ste 104, 1501 E. Mockingbird Lane, Victoria, Texas, to receive public comment on the proposed desired future conditions of Groundwater Management Area 15.

On July 10, 2026, the Board of Directors passed a motion to close the public hearing and public comment period regarding the proposed desired future conditions of Groundwater Management Area 15.

During the public hearing, the District received relevant comments from Mr. Sean Stibich of the Port of Victoria inquiring about the Board's process for evaluating the proposed desired future conditions and water supply needs for manufacturing and industrial purposes. The written comments provided by Mr. Stibich are attached to this letter for your review.

The District did not suggest revisions to the proposed desired future conditions nor develop revised groundwater availability model run results.

Regards,



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General Manager



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Comments on Board Agenda Item No. 7

Good morning, Chairman and Directors.

Sean Stibich, and I serve as Executive Director of the Port of Victoria. I appreciate the opportunity to comment on this item.

7. Consideration of and possible action on matters related to groundwater resource planning, including Joint Planning of Groundwater Management Area 15, regional water planning, and proposed Desired Future Conditions (DFCs)
 - a. Public hearing regarding the proposed desired future conditions (DFCs) of Groundwater Management Area 15

I have two questions about the proposed DFCs:

1. First, how did the Board evaluate GMA 15's Desired Future Conditions for Victoria County with the District's 2026 proposed rule revisions you are considering today under Item No. 8? I understand that the proposed DFC is for 5 feet of drawdown in the year 2080 across the entire Gulf Coast Aquifer System, which includes four different subsurface units (Chicot Aquifer, Evangeline Aquifer, Burkeville Confining Unit, and Jasper Aquifer).
2. Second, and similarly, how does the Board reconcile the projected shortfall in water supply for manufacturing and industrial purposes—noted in the GMA planning process—with the Board's proposed rulemaking restricting access to deep-saline water supplies?

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