



HEMPHILL COUNTY
Underground Water Conservation District
Conserving a Texas Oasis

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED DESIRED FUTURE CONDITIONS

Date: April 14, 2026

Time: 5:30

Location: Hemphill County UWCD Board Room, 211 N. 2nd Street, Canadian, Texas 79014

The Board of Directors of the Hemphill County Underground Water Conservation District will hold a public hearing and accept public comment on the proposed Desired Future Conditions (DFCs) for the relevant aquifers within the GMA 1 Joint Planning Area. This hearing will be conducted in accordance with Section 36.108(d-2) of the Texas Water Code, and held on April 14, 2026 at 5:30 at the Hemphill Co UWCD Board Room, 211 N. 2nd St, Canadian, TX 79014. The purpose of the hearing is to provide interested members of the public the opportunity to appear and provide comments to Hemphill Co UWCD related to the proposed DFCs.

Four groundwater conservation districts are located wholly or partially within Groundwater Management Area 1 (GMA 1), as designated by the Texas Water Development Board; the GMA 1 Districts include the Hemphill County Underground Water Conservation District, the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District, the North Plains Groundwater Conservation District, and the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District. At the last GMA 1 joint planning meeting on February 24, 2026, the district representatives voted to approve the proposed Desired Future Conditions (DFCs). These proposed DFCs were mailed to each of the districts in GMA 1 on February 24, 2026 triggering a 90-day public comment period to close at 11:59 p.m. on May 25, 2026. Public comments may be submitted in writing to Hemphill Co UWCD at any time during this period, or may be made orally at this hearing.

The following proposed DFCs approved by the district representatives of GMA 1 are described in terms of acceptable drawdown levels for each subdivision of the Ogallala Aquifer (Inclusive of the Rita Blanca Aquifer) and the Dockum Aquifer:

Ogallala (Inclusive of Rita Blanca) Aquifer:

- At least 40 percent of volume in storage remaining after the 60-year period between 2020 and 2080 in Dallam, Hartley, Moore, and Sherman counties.
- At least 50 percent of volume in storage remaining after the 60-year period between 2020 and 2080 in Hansford, Hutchinson, Lipscomb, Ochiltree, Carson, Donley, Gray, Roberts, Wheeler, and Oldham Counties; and within the Panhandle District portions of Armstrong and Potter Counties;
- At least 80 percent of volume in storage remaining after the 60-year period between 2020 and 2080 in Hemphill County;
- Approximately 20 feet of total average drawdown after the 50-year period between 2020 and 2070 in Randall County and within High Plains District in Armstrong and in Potter Counties, with less than 23 feet of total average drawdown by 2080 at the end of the planning period.

Dockum Aquifer:

- At least 35 percent of the average available drawdown remaining after the 60-year period between 2020 and 2080 for Dallam, Hartley, Moore, and Sherman counties.
- No more than 30 feet average decline in water levels after the 60-year period between 2020 and 2080 in Oldham and Carson counties and the Panhandle District portions of Potter and Armstrong counties; and
- Approximately 40 feet average decline in water levels after the 50-year period between 2020 and 2070 in Randall County and within High Plains District in Armstrong and Potter counties, with less than 43 feet of average decline by 2080 at the end of the planning period.

Any person may appear in person, or by authorized representative, at the public hearing on Proposed Desired Future Conditions (DFCs), and may provide oral comment or written comment. The District will accept written comments on Proposed DFCs no later than the close of the public hearing. Written comments must be filed by any of the following methods: (1) by mail to the District's mailing address P.O. Box 1142, Canadian, Texas 79014; (2) by hand delivery to the District's physical address 211 N 2nd Street, Canadian, Texas 79014; or (3) by hand delivery to the presiding officer at the public hearing. A copy of the text of the proposed DFCs may be obtained: (1) from the District's website www.hemphilluwcd.org; (2) at the District's office at 211 N. 2nd Street, Canadian, Texas 79014; or (3) by calling (806) 323-8350.

ISSUED THIS ___ DAY OF APRIL

Christa Perry, General Manager
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