

***NORTH PLAINS GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT'S
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROPOSING TO
ADOPT THE 2024 MANAGEMENT PLAN***

TO: ALL INTERESTED PERSONS.

The North Plains Groundwater Conservation District ("District") will conduct a public hearing concerning the District's intent to adopt the 2024 Management Plan.

The public hearing is to provide interested members of the public the opportunity to appear and provide oral or written comments on the proposed amendments to the District's Management Plan.

Date, Time, and Place of Public Hearing.

The date, time, and place of the public hearing is as follows:

Date: **January 16, 2024**
Time: **9:00 a.m. CDT**
Location: North Plains Water Conservation Center Conference Room
6045 County Road E
Dumas, Texas 79029.

Procedures for Submitting Public Comments on the Proposed Amendments to the Management Plan.

A. Oral Comments:

Any person may appear in person, or by authorized representative, at the public hearing regarding the proposed amendments to the 2024 Management Plan. Any person making an appearance must indicate their desire to make oral comments on the registration form provided by the District at the public hearing. A person must disclose any affiliation on the registration form and if applicable, the legal authority to speak for a person represented. Any other person attending the public hearing will be considered by the District to be an observer not desiring to make comment on the proposed adoption of the amended Management Plan. The District will not consider any comments of an observer in its proceedings.

All persons must indicate on the registration form whether their comments are generally directed to the 2024 Management Plan, or whether they are directed at a specific item (or items) proposed to be amended in the 2024 Management Plan. If directed at a specific item (or items) in the 2024 Management Plan proposed to be adopted by the District, the number of the item (or items) in the 2024 Management Plan proposed to be adopted by the District must be identified on the registration form.

If it becomes apparent during the oral comments that what were indicated to be merely general comments are, in fact, specific comments, the presiding officer may ask the person to specifically identify the item(s) in the 2024 Management Plan proposed to be adopted by the District to which the oral comments are directed.

The presiding officer will establish the order of oral comments of persons at the hearing. As appropriate, the presiding officer may limit:

1. the number of times a person may speak;
2. the time period for oral comments;
3. cumulative, irrelevant, or unduly repetitious comments;
4. general comments that are so vague, undeveloped, or immaterial as to be impracticable for the District to ascertain the intent or purpose of the person making the general oral comments, and that are otherwise unhelpful to the District in analyzing the amendments to the Management Plan proposed to be adopted by the District;
5. the time period for asking or responding to questions; and,
6. other matters that come to the attention of the presiding officer as requiring limitation.

B. Written Comments:

1. Written comments on the proposed adoption of the 2024 Management Plan must be filed with the District by mail or hand-delivery at the District's office at 603 East First Street, P. O. Box 795, Dumas, Texas 79029-0795. All written comments must be filed with the District and date-stamped no later than **Monday, January 15, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. CDT.**
2. Written comments should be filed on 8½ x 11-inch paper and be typed or legibly written. Written comments must indicate whether the comments are general and directed at all of the amendments to the 2024 Management Plan proposed to be adopted by the District, or whether they are directed at a specific item (or items) in the amended 2024 Management Plan proposed to be adopted by the District. If directed at a specific item (or items) in the amended 2024 Management Plan proposed to be adopted by the District, the number of the proposed item(s) must be identified and followed by the comments on the specifically identified item(s) of the amended Management Plan proposed to be adopted by the District.

C. Response to Comments:

Please note that while the District Board and staff will consider both oral and written comments, the staff may not prepare written responses to these comments for review and consideration by the Board of Directors of the District when it deliberates on whether to adopt the 2024 Management Plan.

Procedure for Obtaining the 2024 Management Plan.

Copies of the 2024 Management Plan proposed to be adopted by the District may be obtained from the District by:

1. telephoning (806) 935-6401;
2. e-mailing a request to the District at jguthrie@northplainsgcd.org;
3. visiting the offices of the District at 603 East First Street, Dumas, Texas 79029-0795; or,
4. visiting the District's website at <http://www.northplainsgcd.org>.

Opportunity to Attend the Board Meeting at which the 2024 Management Plan May be adopted.

The meeting of the District's Board of Directors to consider the adoption of the 2024 Management Plan will be held immediately following the conclusion of the Management Plan Hearing on January 16, 2024, at the North Plains Water Conservation Center Conference Room, 6045 West County Road E, Dumas, Texas 79029.

SUMMARY OF THE DISTRICT'S AMENDED MANAGEMENT PLAN

- (1) Providing the most efficient use of groundwater by calculating total annual groundwater withdrawals through water use reporting by all producing water right owners that have a well capable of producing more than 25,000 gallons of groundwater a day, and by providing support through the District's North Plains Water Conservation Center to promote research into drought tolerant crops, efficient water management strategies and other research promoting water use efficiencies;
- (2) Controlling and preventing waste of groundwater by managing groundwater withdrawal amounts based on an allowable production limitation to encourage well owners to avoid groundwater waste and by controlling and preventing the

waste of groundwater as defined by the Texas Water Code through the enforcement of District "Waste" Rules;

- (3) Controlling and preventing subsidence is not an issue for the District;
- (4) Addressing conjunctive surface water management issues by participating with surface water management entities during the regional planning process;
- (5) Addressing natural resource issues by monitoring aquifer characteristics that impact the use and availability of groundwater and which are impacted by the use of groundwater through District programs by maintaining a network of water quality and water level monitor wells;
- (6) Addressing drought conditions by providing residential stakeholders with information and tools to conserve during dry and peak use periods;
- (7) Addressing conservation, recharge enhancement, rainwater harvesting, precipitation enhancement, or brush control, where appropriate and cost effective through various District programs; and
- (8) Addressing the desired future conditions (DFC) adopted by the District under Section 36.108 by identifying the DFCs, by providing the modeled available groundwater data, and setting a date to amend the District's rules after the adoption of the Management Plan.

Issued this 19th day of December 2023.

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