

Public Notice of Hearing on Proposed Desired Future Conditions
Northern Trinity Groundwater Conservation District
January 12, 2021 at 2:00 PM

The Board of Directors of the Northern Trinity Groundwater Conservation District (“NTGCD”) will hold a public hearing and accept public comment on the proposed Desired Future Conditions (“DFCs”) for the Trinity Aquifer and its relevant subdivisions in Tarrant County, Texas. This hearing will be conducted in accordance with Section 36.108(d-2) of the Texas Water Code, and will be held on Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at 2:00 PM.

In accordance with Governor Abbott’s declaration of the COVID-19 public health threat, action to temporarily suspend certain provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act, and Executive Order, the NTGCD Board of Directors will hold the January 12, 2021 Public Hearing by telephonic conference call. The public may call in to this meeting by calling 1-888-599-1357 and entering the following code: 8529. The purpose of the hearing is to provide interested members of the public the opportunity to appear and provide comments to NTGCD related to the proposed DFCs.

NTGCD is one of eleven groundwater conservation districts located wholly or partially within Groundwater Management Area 8 (“GMA 8”); the other districts in GMA 8 include Central Texas Groundwater Conservation District, Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District, North Texas Groundwater Conservation District, Middle Trinity Groundwater Conservation District, Post Oak Savannah Groundwater Conservation District, Prairielands Groundwater Conservation District, Red River Groundwater Conservation District, Saratoga Underground Water Conservation District, Southern Trinity Groundwater Conservation District, and Upper Trinity Groundwater Conservation District. At the last GMA 8 joint planning meeting on October 27, 2020 the district representatives voted to approve the proposed DFCs. These proposed DFCs were mailed to each of the districts in GMA 8 on November 16, 2020, triggering a 90-day public comment period to close February 14, 2021. Public comments may be submitted in writing to NTGCD at any time during this period, or may be made orally at this hearing.

The proposed DFCs approved by the district representatives of GMA 8 are described in terms of acceptable drawdown levels for each subdivision of the Trinity Aquifer.

The acceptable levels of drawdown for each subdivision of the Trinity Aquifer are measured in terms of water level drawdowns in feet over the current planning cycle measured which extends from 2010 to 2080. The relevant proposed DFCs for the geologic layers of the Trinity Aquifer within NTGCD include the following:

From estimated year 2010 conditions, the total average drawdown of the Woodbine Layer should not exceed approximately six (6) feet by the year 2080.

From estimated year 2010 conditions, the total average drawdown of the Paluxy Layer should not exceed approximately one hundred and five (105) feet by the year 2080.

From estimated year 2010 conditions, the total average drawdown of the Glen Rose Layer should not exceed approximately one hundred and sixty-three (163) feet by the year 2080.

From estimated year 2010 conditions, the total average drawdown of the Twin Mountain Layer should not exceed approximately three hundred and forty-eight (348) feet by the year 2080.

From estimated year 2010 conditions, the total average drawdown of the Antlers Layer should not exceed approximately one hundred and seventy-seven (177) feet by the year 2080.

Any person who desires to appear at the hearing and present comment or other information on the proposed DFCs may do so by representing themselves on the conference call, by counsel, or both. Comments may be presented verbally or in written form. Limits may be placed on the amount of time that each person is allowed to present verbal comments at the hearing. The hearing described in this notice may be recessed from day to day or continued where appropriate.

Copies of the proposed DFCs may be requested by email at lauraschumacher@ntgcd.com; are available at the NTGCD website at www.ntgcd.com; and may be reviewed or copied at the NTGCD office at 1100 Circle Drive, Suite 300, Fort Worth, Texas 76119. Any person who wishes to receive more detailed information on this notice or the proposed DFCs should contact Bob Patterson, General Manager, at 817-249-2062.