Desired Future Conditions to Modeled Available Groundwater Process

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TWDB	Texas Water Development Board
GMA	Groundwater Management Area
GCD	Groundwater Conservation District
RWPG	Regional Water Planning Group
TERS	Total Estimated Recoverable Storage
DFC	Desired Future Condition
MAG	Modeled Available Groundwater

TWDB provides TERS (storage) to GMA *available on TWDB website*

GMA discusses DFCs

GMA may opt for TWDB to pre-review DFC materials

GMA proposes to adopt DFCs*

GMA mails proposed DFCs to GCDs

90-day period begins when proposed DFCs are mailed

GCD holds 90-day public comment period

GCD holds public hearing

GCD compiles relevant comments and distributes to GCDs in GMA

Comments and supporting materials posted online for no less than 30 days

GMA adopts DFCs*

GMA has 60 days from the DFC adoption date to submit explanatory report

GMA submits explanatory report and additional documentation to TWDB

TWDB reviews DFC submittal for administrative completeness

TWDB sends GMA notice of administrative completeness

GMA forwards notice to GCDs

GCD adopts DFCs

Petition to appeal a DFC may be filed with a GCD within 120 days of GCD adoption

The TWDB has 180 days from the administrative completeness notification date to provide MAG reports

TWDB develops MAGs

TWDB provides MAG reports to GCDs and RWPG chairs

RWPGs receive MAGs for inclusion in the next planning cycle

GCDs receive MAGs and begin updating plans and rules

Statutory deadlines:

May 1, 2026	Propose DFCs for adoption
January 5, 2027	Adopt DFCs

For more information, see Texas Water Code Section 36.108 or visit www.twdb.texas.gov/groundwater/dfc/index.asp.