

GAM Run 10-030 MAG

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The estimated total pumping from the Ogallala Aquifer that achieves the desired future conditions adopted by the members of Groundwater Management Area 2 declines from approximately 2,367,000 acre-feet per year to 1,307,000 acre-feet per year between 2010 and 2060. This is summarized by county, regional water planning area, and river basin as shown in Table 2. The corresponding total pumping from the Edwards-Trinity (High Plains) Aquifer declines from approximately 96,000 acre-feet per year to 23,000 acre-feet per year over the same time period (Table 3). The estimated managed available groundwater, the amount available for permitting, for the groundwater conservation districts within Groundwater Management Area 2 for the Ogallala and Edwards-Trinity (High Plains) aquifers declines from approximately 2,368,000 acre-feet per year to 1,266,000 acre-feet per year between 2010 and 2060 (Table 9). The pumping estimates were extracted from Groundwater Availability Modeling Task 10-023, Scenario 3, which Groundwater Management Area 2 used as the basis for developing their desired future conditions.

REQUESTOR:

Mr. Jason Coleman of South Plains Underground Water Conservation District on behalf of Groundwater Management Area 2

DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST:

In a letter dated August 10, 2010 and received August 13, 2010, Mr. Jason Coleman provided the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) with the desired future conditions of the Ogallala and Edwards-Trinity (High Plains) aquifers adopted by the members of Groundwater Management Area 2. Below are the desired future conditions for the Ogallala and Edwards-Trinity (High Plains) aquifers in the northern portion of the management area as described in Resolution No. 2010-01 and adopted August 5, 2010:

[T]he members of [Groundwater Management Area] #2 adopt the desired future condition of 50 percent of the saturated thickness remaining after 50 years for the Northern Portion of [Groundwater Management Area] #2, based on GAM Run 10-023, Scenario 3...

As described in Resolution No. 2010-01, the northern portion of Groundwater Management Area 2 consists of Bailey, Briscoe, Castro, Cochran, Crosby, Deaf Smith, Floyd, Hale, Hockley, Lamb, Lubbock, Lynn, Parmer, and Swisher counties.

For the southern portion of Groundwater Management Area 2, desired future conditions for the Ogallala and Edwards-Trinity (High Plains) aquifers were stated as average water-level declines (drawdowns) over the same time period. The average drawdowns specified as desired future conditions for the southern portion of Groundwater Management Area 2 are: Andrews–6 feet, Borden–3 feet, Dawson–74 feet, Gaines–70 feet, Garza–40 feet, Howard–1 foot, Martin–8 feet, Terry–42 feet, and Yoakum–18 feet.

In response to receiving the adopted desired future conditions, the Texas Water Development Board has estimated the managed available groundwater for each of the groundwater conservation districts within Groundwater Management Area 2 for the Ogallala and Edwards-Trinity (High Plains) aquifers.

Although not explicitly stated in the adopted desired future conditions statement, drawdown estimates for the Edwards-Trinity (High Plains) Aquifer associated with Scenario 3 of GAM Task 10-023 are shown in Table 1 below.

Table 1. Average drawdown in feet in the Edwards-Trinity (High Plains) Aquifer by county in Scenario 3 of GAM Task 10-023.

| County | Average drawdown (feet) | | | | | |
|----------------|-------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| | 2010 | 2020 | 2030 | 2040 | 2050 | 2060 |
| Bailey | 0 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 5 |
| Borden | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Cochran | -1 | 0 | 3 | 6 | 9 | 11 |
| Dawson | 3 | 21 | 37 | 50 | 60 | 67 |
| Floyd | 3 | 16 | 29 | 41 | 52 | 61 |
| Gaines | 6 | 28 | 42 | 53 | 61 | 67 |
| Garza | 2 | 10 | 18 | 26 | 33 | 40 |
| Hale | 1 | 8 | 15 | 22 | 29 | 36 |
| Hockley | 1 | 7 | 13 | 19 | 24 | 28 |
| Lamb | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 3 |
| Lubbock | 1 | 8 | 14 | 20 | 25 | 29 |
| Lynn | 0 | 7 | 14 | 21 | 27 | 32 |
| Terry | 2 | 14 | 25 | 32 | 37 | 40 |
| Yoakum | 1 | 6 | 10 | 13 | 15 | 17 |

For purposes of developing total pumping and managed available groundwater numbers, it was assumed that by referencing Scenario 3 of GAM Task 10-023, the groundwater conservation districts in Groundwater Management Area 2 intended to fully incorporate the drawdown and pumping estimates of the Edwards-Trinity (High Plains) Aquifer. Thus, this analysis included those pumping numbers.

METHODS:

Groundwater Management Area 2, located in the Texas Panhandle, contains a portion of the Ogallala Aquifer and the entire Edwards-Trinity (High Plains) Aquifer. The location of Groundwater Management Area 2, the Ogallala and Edwards-Trinity (High Plains) aquifers, and the groundwater availability model cells that represent the aquifers are shown in Figure 1.

The Texas Water Development Board previously completed several predictive groundwater availability model simulations of the Ogallala and Edwards-Trinity (High Plains) aquifers to assist the members of Groundwater Management Area 2 in developing desired future conditions.

As stated in Resolution No. 2010-01 and the narrative of the methods used for developing desired future conditions provided by Groundwater Management Area 2, the simulation on which the desired future conditions above are based is Scenario 3 of GAM Task 10-023 (Oliver, 2010). The estimated pumping for Groundwater Management Area 2 presented here, taken directly from the above scenario, has been divided by county, regional water planning area, river basin, and groundwater conservation district. These areas are shown in Figure 2.

PARAMETERS AND ASSUMPTIONS:

The parameters and assumptions for the model run using the groundwater availability model for the southern portion of the Ogallala Aquifer and the Edwards-Trinity (High Plains) Aquifer are described below:

- The results presented in this report are based on “Scenario 3” in GAM Task 10-023 (Oliver, 2010). See GAM Task 10-023 for a full description of the methods, assumptions, and results for the groundwater availability model run.
- Version 2.01 of the groundwater availability model for the southern portion of the Ogallala Aquifer and the Edwards-Trinity (High Plains) Aquifer (Blandford and others, 2008) was used for this analysis. This model is an expansion on and update to the previously developed groundwater availability model for the southern portion of the Ogallala Aquifer described in Blandford and others (2003). See Blandford and others (2008) and Blandford and others (2003) for assumptions and limitations of the groundwater availability model.
- The model includes four layers representing the southern portion of the Ogallala and Edwards-Trinity (High Plains) aquifers. The units comprising the Edwards-Trinity (High Plains) Aquifer (primarily Edwards, Comanche Peak, and Antlers Sand formations) are separated from the overlying Ogallala Aquifer by a layer of Cretaceous shale, where present.
- The mean absolute error (a measure of the difference between simulated and measured water levels during model calibration) for the Ogallala Aquifer in 2000 is 33 feet. The mean absolute error for the Edwards-Trinity (High Plains) Aquifer in 1997 is 25 feet (Blandford and others, 2008).
- Cells were assigned to individual counties, river basins, regional water planning areas, and groundwater conservation districts as shown in the August 3, 2010 version of the file that associates the model grid to political and natural boundaries for the southern portion of the Ogallala Aquifer and the Edwards-Trinity (High Plains) Aquifer. Note that some minor corrections were made to the file to better reflect the relationship of model cells to political boundaries.
- The recharge used for the model run represents average recharge as described in Blandford and others (2003).

Determining Managed Available Groundwater

As defined in Chapter 36 of the Texas Water Code, “managed available groundwater” is the amount of water that may be permitted. The pumping output from groundwater availability models, however, represents the total amount of pumping from the aquifer. The total pumping includes uses of water both subject to permitting and exempt from permitting. Examples of exempt uses include domestic, livestock, and oil and gas exploration. Each district may also exempt additional uses as defined by its rules or enabling legislation.

Since exempt uses are not available for permitting, it is necessary to account for them when determining managed available groundwater. To do this, the Texas Water Development Board developed a standardized method for estimating exempt use for domestic and livestock purposes based on projected changes in population and the distribution of domestic and livestock wells in the area. Because other exempt uses can vary significantly from district to district, and there is much higher uncertainty associated with estimating use due to oil and gas exploration, estimates of exempt pumping outside domestic and livestock uses have not been included. The districts were also encouraged to evaluate the estimates of exempt pumping and, if desired, provide updated estimates. Once established, the estimates of exempt pumping were subtracted from the total pumping output from the groundwater availability model to yield the estimated managed available groundwater for permitting purposes.

RESULTS:

The estimated total pumping from the Ogallala Aquifer in Groundwater Management Area 2 that achieves the above desired future conditions declines from approximately 2,367,000 acre-feet per year in 2010 to 1,307,000 acre-feet per year in 2060. This pumping has been divided by county, regional water planning area, and river basin for each decade between 2010 and 2060 for use in the regional water planning process (Table 2). The corresponding estimated total pumping from the Edwards-Trinity (High Plains) Aquifer declines from approximately 96,000 acre-feet per year to 23,000 acre-feet per year over the same time period (Table 3).

The total pumping estimates for the combined Ogallala and Edwards-Trinity (High Plains) aquifers are also summarized by county, regional water planning area, river basin, and groundwater conservation district as shown in tables 4, 5, 6, and 7, respectively. In Table 7, the total pumping both excluding and including areas outside of a groundwater conservation district is shown. Table 8 contains the estimates of exempt pumping for the Ogallala and Edwards-Trinity (High Plains) aquifers by groundwater conservation district. The managed available groundwater, the difference between the total pumping in the districts (Table 7, excluding areas outside of a district) and the estimated exempt use (Table 8) is shown in Table 9. The total managed available groundwater for the Ogallala and Edwards-Trinity (High Plains) aquifers in Groundwater Management Area 2 declines from approximately 2,368,000 acre-feet per year to 1,266,000 acre-feet per year between 2010 and 2060.

LIMITATIONS:

Managed available groundwater numbers included in this report are the result of subtracting the estimated future exempt use from the estimated total pumping that would achieve the desired

future condition adopted by the groundwater conservation districts in the groundwater management area. These numbers, therefore, are the result of (1) running the groundwater model to estimate the total pumping required to achieve the desired future condition and (2) estimating the future exempt use in the area.

The groundwater model used in developing estimates of total pumping is the best available scientific tool that can be used to estimate the pumping that will achieve the desired future condition. Although the groundwater model used in this analysis is the best available scientific tool for this purpose, it, like all models, has limitations. In reviewing the use of models in environmental regulatory decision making, the National Research Council (2007) noted:

“Models will always be constrained by computational limitations, assumptions, and knowledge gaps. They can best be viewed as tools to help inform decisions rather than as machines to generate truth or make decisions. Scientific advances will never make it possible to build a perfect model that accounts for every aspect of reality or to prove that a given model is correct in all respects for a particular regulatory application. These characteristics make evaluation of a regulatory model more complex than solely a comparison of measurement data with model results.”

A key aspect of using the groundwater model to develop estimates of total pumping is the need to make assumptions about the location in the aquifer where future pumping will occur. As actual pumping changes in the future, it will be necessary to evaluate the amount of that pumping as well as its location in the context of the assumptions associated with this analysis. Evaluating the amount and location of future pumping is as important as evaluating the changes in groundwater levels, spring flows, and other metrics that describe the condition of the groundwater resources in the area that relate to the adopted desired future condition.

In addition, certain assumptions have been made regarding future precipitation, recharge, and streamflow in developing these total pumping estimates. Those assumptions also need to be considered and compared to actual future data when evaluating compliance with the desired future condition.

In the case of TWDB’s estimates of future exempt use, key assumptions were made as to the pattern of population growth relative to the need for domestic wells or supplied water, per capita use from domestic wells, and livestock uses of water. In the case of district estimates of future exempt use, including exempt use associated with the exploration of oil and gas, the assumptions are specific to that district. In either case, these assumptions need to be considered when reviewing future data related to exempt use.

Given these limitations, users of this information are cautioned that the total pumping numbers should not be considered a definitive, permanent description of the amount of groundwater that can be pumped to meet the adopted desired future condition. Because the application of the groundwater model was designed to address regional scale questions, the results are most effective on a regional scale. The TWDB makes no warranties or representations relating to the actual conditions of any aquifer at a particular location or at a particular time.

It is important for groundwater conservation districts to monitor future groundwater pumping as well as whether or not they are achieving their desired future conditions. Because of the limitations of the groundwater model and the assumptions in this analysis, it is important that the groundwater conservation districts work with the TWDB to refine these managed available groundwater numbers given the reality of how the aquifer responds to the actual amount and location of pumping now and in the future.

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Table 2. Estimated total annual pumping for the Ogallala Aquifer in Groundwater Management Area 2. Results are in acre-feet per year and are divided by county, regional water planning area, and river basin.

| County | Region | Basin | Year | | | | | |
|--------------|--------|------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | | | 2010 | 2020 | 2030 | 2040 | 2050 | 2060 |
| Andrews | F | Colorado | 17,584 | 15,085 | 13,678 | 12,014 | 10,016 | 7,377 |
| | | Rio Grande | 54 | 50 | 41 | 41 | 41 | 41 |
| Bailey | O | Brazos | 62,538 | 41,283 | 34,907 | 30,064 | 24,021 | 21,429 |
| Borden | F | Brazos | 292 | 292 | 292 | 292 | 292 | 292 |
| | | Colorado | 107 | 107 | 107 | 107 | 107 | 107 |
| Briscoe | O | Red | 33,622 | 26,457 | 19,722 | 14,220 | 13,037 | 11,933 |
| Castro | O | Brazos | 90,367 | 90,367 | 90,367 | 90,367 | 88,630 | 84,458 |
| | | Red | 37,055 | 36,936 | 36,141 | 35,449 | 34,650 | 33,540 |
| Cochran | O | Brazos | 16,324 | 7,707 | 6,556 | 4,770 | 4,410 | 4,179 |
| | | Colorado | 32,021 | 28,501 | 27,085 | 25,926 | 23,674 | 21,192 |
| Crosby | O | Brazos | 133,239 | 133,058 | 133,058 | 133,058 | 133,058 | 133,058 |
| | | Red | 1,624 | 1,624 | 1,624 | 1,624 | 1,624 | 1,624 |
| Dawson | O | Brazos | 5,350 | 5,350 | 5,350 | 5,138 | 4,075 | 1,099 |
| | | Colorado | 196,260 | 192,758 | 180,531 | 156,477 | 131,379 | 92,681 |
| Deaf Smith | O | Red | 129,167 | 118,166 | 106,868 | 97,057 | 80,382 | 65,931 |
| Floyd | O | Brazos | 95,488 | 93,749 | 92,041 | 90,930 | 86,458 | 84,300 |
| | | Red | 59,482 | 55,617 | 53,320 | 47,453 | 43,351 | 40,061 |
| Gaines | O | Colorado | 350,369 | 240,110 | 175,175 | 130,951 | 97,498 | 71,544 |
| Garza | O | Brazos | 19,203 | 19,073 | 18,942 | 18,812 | 18,032 | 17,121 |
| Hale | O | Brazos | 130,097 | 129,291 | 127,492 | 125,488 | 119,612 | 111,734 |
| | | Red | 525 | 525 | 525 | 525 | 525 | 525 |
| Hockley | O | Brazos | 87,712 | 84,378 | 80,285 | 76,847 | 69,445 | 60,771 |
| | | Colorado | 8,256 | 8,004 | 8,004 | 7,571 | 7,324 | 7,009 |
| Howard | F | Colorado | 3,075 | 3,075 | 2,731 | 2,731 | 2,731 | 2,703 |
| Lamb | O | Brazos | 147,368 | 137,304 | 125,466 | 111,509 | 95,696 | 85,190 |
| Lubbock | O | Brazos | 124,519 | 120,044 | 115,348 | 108,699 | 100,762 | 91,073 |
| Lynn | O | Brazos | 98,003 | 97,740 | 96,954 | 94,600 | 86,945 | 78,543 |
| | | Colorado | 6,020 | 6,020 | 6,020 | 6,020 | 6,020 | 5,925 |
| Martin | F | Colorado | 13,570 | 13,570 | 13,570 | 13,140 | 12,299 | 12,277 |
| Parmer | O | Brazos | 50,258 | 45,572 | 39,624 | 35,624 | 29,978 | 27,692 |
| | | Red | 18,436 | 17,493 | 16,960 | 16,525 | 15,642 | 13,289 |
| Swisher | O | Brazos | 28,248 | 28,248 | 26,603 | 19,889 | 14,084 | 8,304 |
| | | Red | 82,677 | 79,158 | 74,399 | 64,929 | 59,764 | 55,994 |
| Terry | O | Brazos | 13,342 | 13,342 | 13,342 | 9,793 | 5,348 | 4,092 |
| | | Colorado | 192,317 | 182,880 | 121,267 | 77,305 | 48,557 | 29,555 |
| Yoakum | O | Colorado | 82,297 | 59,745 | 43,575 | 33,882 | 26,717 | 20,040 |
| Total | | | 2,366,866 | 2,132,679 | 1,907,970 | 1,699,827 | 1,496,184 | 1,306,683 |

Table 3. Estimated total annual pumping for the Edwards-Trinity (High Plains) Aquifer in Groundwater Management Area 2. Results are in acre-feet per year and are divided by county, regional water planning area, and river basin.

| County | Region | Basin | Year | | | | | |
|--------------|--------|----------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | | | 2010 | 2020 | 2030 | 2040 | 2050 | 2060 |
| Bailey | O | Brazos | 279 | 279 | 279 | 279 | 279 | 279 |
| Borden | F | Brazos | 65 | 65 | 65 | 65 | 65 | 65 |
| | | Colorado | 41 | 41 | 41 | 41 | 41 | 41 |
| Cochran | O | Brazos | 137 | 137 | 137 | 137 | 137 | 137 |
| | | Colorado | 127 | 127 | 127 | 127 | 127 | 127 |
| Dawson | O | Brazos | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | | Colorado | 1,103 | 1,103 | 1,103 | 1,103 | 1,103 | 1,103 |
| Floyd | O | Brazos | 521 | 521 | 521 | 518 | 505 | 499 |
| | | Red | 695 | 695 | 695 | 695 | 695 | 683 |
| Gaines | O | Colorado | 85,058 | 46,202 | 30,316 | 22,997 | 16,523 | 12,904 |
| Garza | O | Brazos | 18 | 18 | 18 | 18 | 18 | 18 |
| | | Colorado | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Hale | O | Brazos | 3,523 | 3,523 | 3,523 | 3,523 | 3,523 | 3,419 |
| Hockley | O | Brazos | 96 | 96 | 96 | 96 | 96 | 96 |
| | | Colorado | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Lamb | O | Brazos | 164 | 164 | 164 | 164 | 164 | 164 |
| Lubbock | O | Brazos | 690 | 690 | 690 | 690 | 690 | 690 |
| Lynn | O | Brazos | 221 | 221 | 221 | 221 | 221 | 221 |
| | | Colorado | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 |
| Terry | O | Brazos | 23 | 23 | 23 | 23 | 23 | 23 |
| | | Colorado | 959 | 959 | 922 | 922 | 922 | 922 |
| Yoakum | O | Colorado | 2,532 | 1,893 | 1,757 | 1,642 | 1,642 | 1,524 |
| Total | | | 96,261 | 56,766 | 40,707 | 33,270 | 26,783 | 22,924 |

Table 4. Estimated total annual pumping for the Ogallala and Edwards-Trinity (High Plains) aquifers summarized by county in Groundwater Management Area 2 for each decade between 2010 and 2060. Results are in acre-feet per year.

| County | Year | | | | | |
|--------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | 2010 | 2020 | 2030 | 2040 | 2050 | 2060 |
| Andrews | 17,638 | 15,135 | 13,719 | 12,055 | 10,057 | 7,418 |
| Bailey | 62,817 | 41,562 | 35,186 | 30,343 | 24,300 | 21,708 |
| Borden | 505 | 505 | 505 | 505 | 505 | 505 |
| Briscoe | 33,622 | 26,457 | 19,722 | 14,220 | 13,037 | 11,933 |
| Castro | 127,422 | 127,303 | 126,508 | 125,816 | 123,280 | 117,998 |
| Cochran | 48,609 | 36,472 | 33,905 | 30,960 | 28,348 | 25,635 |
| Crosby | 134,863 | 134,682 | 134,682 | 134,682 | 134,682 | 134,682 |
| Dawson | 202,713 | 199,211 | 186,984 | 162,718 | 136,557 | 94,883 |
| Deaf Smith | 129,167 | 118,166 | 106,868 | 97,057 | 80,382 | 65,931 |
| Floyd | 156,186 | 150,582 | 146,577 | 139,596 | 131,009 | 125,543 |
| Gaines | 435,427 | 286,312 | 205,491 | 153,948 | 114,021 | 84,448 |
| Garza | 19,221 | 19,091 | 18,960 | 18,830 | 18,050 | 17,139 |
| Hale | 134,145 | 133,339 | 131,540 | 129,536 | 123,660 | 115,678 |
| Hockley | 96,064 | 92,478 | 88,385 | 84,514 | 76,865 | 67,876 |
| Howard | 3,075 | 3,075 | 2,731 | 2,731 | 2,731 | 2,703 |
| Lamb | 147,532 | 137,468 | 125,630 | 111,673 | 95,860 | 85,354 |
| Lubbock | 125,209 | 120,734 | 116,038 | 109,389 | 101,452 | 91,763 |
| Lynn | 104,253 | 103,990 | 103,204 | 100,850 | 93,195 | 84,698 |
| Martin | 13,570 | 13,570 | 13,570 | 13,140 | 12,299 | 12,277 |
| Parmer | 68,694 | 63,065 | 56,584 | 52,149 | 45,620 | 40,981 |
| Swisher | 110,925 | 107,406 | 101,002 | 84,818 | 73,848 | 64,298 |
| Terry | 206,641 | 197,204 | 135,554 | 88,043 | 54,850 | 34,592 |
| Yoakum | 84,829 | 61,638 | 45,332 | 35,524 | 28,359 | 21,564 |
| Total | 2,463,127 | 2,189,445 | 1,948,677 | 1,733,097 | 1,522,967 | 1,329,607 |

Table 5. Estimated total annual pumping for the Ogallala and Edwards-Trinity (High Plains) aquifers summarized by regional water planning area in Groundwater Management Area 2 for each decade between 2010 and 2060. Results are in acre-feet per year.

| Regional Water Planning Area | Year | | | | | |
|------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | 2010 | 2020 | 2030 | 2040 | 2050 | 2060 |
| F | 34,788 | 32,285 | 30,525 | 28,431 | 25,592 | 22,903 |
| O | 2,428,339 | 2,157,160 | 1,918,152 | 1,704,666 | 1,497,375 | 1,306,704 |
| Total | 2,463,127 | 2,189,445 | 1,948,677 | 1,733,097 | 1,522,967 | 1,329,607 |

Table 6. Estimated total annual pumping for the Ogallala and Edwards-Trinity (High Plains) aquifers summarized by river basin in Groundwater Management Area 2 for each decade between 2010 and 2060. Results are in acre-feet per year.

| Basin | Year | | | | | |
|--------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | 2010 | 2020 | 2030 | 2040 | 2050 | 2060 |
| Brazos | 1,108,085 | 1,052,535 | 1,012,364 | 961,614 | 886,567 | 818,946 |
| Colorado | 991,705 | 800,189 | 626,018 | 492,965 | 386,689 | 287,040 |
| Red | 363,283 | 336,671 | 310,254 | 278,477 | 249,670 | 223,580 |
| Rio Grande | 54 | 50 | 41 | 41 | 41 | 41 |
| Total | 2,463,127 | 2,189,445 | 1,948,677 | 1,733,097 | 1,522,967 | 1,329,607 |

Table 7. Estimated total annual pumping for the Ogallala and Edwards-Trinity (High Plains) aquifers summarized by groundwater conservation district (GCD) in Groundwater Management Area 2 for each decade between 2010 and 2060. Results are in acre-feet per year. UWCD refers to Underground Water Conservation District.

| Groundwater Conservation District | Year | | | | | |
|---|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | 2010 | 2020 | 2030 | 2040 | 2050 | 2060 |
| Garza County UWCD | 19,221 | 19,091 | 18,960 | 18,830 | 18,050 | 17,139 |
| High Plains UWCD No. 1 | 1,421,975 | 1,343,554 | 1,282,656 | 1,208,126 | 1,109,582 | 1,019,597 |
| Llano Estacado UWCD | 435,427 | 286,312 | 205,491 | 153,948 | 114,021 | 84,448 |
| Mesa UWCD | 202,713 | 199,211 | 186,984 | 162,718 | 136,557 | 94,883 |
| Permian Basin UWCD | 16,403 | 16,403 | 16,099 | 15,669 | 14,828 | 14,795 |
| Sandy Land UWCD | 84,829 | 61,638 | 45,332 | 35,524 | 28,359 | 21,564 |
| South Plains UWCD | 207,257 | 197,820 | 136,170 | 88,659 | 55,466 | 35,208 |
| Total (excluding non-district areas) | 2,387,825 | 2,124,029 | 1,891,692 | 1,683,474 | 1,476,863 | 1,287,634 |
| No District | 75,302 | 65,416 | 56,985 | 49,623 | 46,104 | 41,973 |
| Total (including non-district areas) | 2,463,127 | 2,189,445 | 1,948,677 | 1,733,097 | 1,522,967 | 1,329,607 |

Table 8. Estimates of annual exempt use for the Ogallala and Edwards-Trinity (High Plains) aquifers in Groundwater Management Area 2 by groundwater conservation district (GCD) for each decade between 2010 and 2060. Results are in acre-feet per year. UWCD refers to Underground Water Conservation District.

| Groundwater Conservation District | Source | Year | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | | 2010 | 2020 | 2030 | 2040 | 2050 | 2060 |
| Garza County UWCD | TA | 68 | 71 | 69 | 67 | 64 | 59 |
| High Plains UWCD No. 1 | D | 15,482 | 16,253 | 16,712 | 16,925 | 17,087 | 17,043 |
| Llano Estacado UWCD | D | 2,242 | 2,332 | 2,397 | 2,443 | 2,435 | 2,420 |
| Mesa UWCD | TA | 542 | 558 | 573 | 582 | 566 | 545 |
| Permian Basin UWCD | TA | 575 | 596 | 605 | 608 | 605 | 599 |
| Sandy Land UWCD | TA | 366 | 402 | 424 | 448 | 436 | 422 |
| South Plains UWCD | TA | 502 | 537 | 569 | 601 | 603 | 599 |
| Total | | 19,777 | 20,749 | 21,349 | 21,674 | 21,796 | 21,687 |

TA = Estimated exempt use calculated by TWDB and accepted by the district

D = Estimated exempt use calculated by the district

Table 9. Estimates of managed available groundwater for the Ogallala and Edwards-Trinity (High Plains) aquifers in Groundwater Management Area 2 by groundwater conservation district (GCD) for each decade between 2010 and 2060. Results are in acre-feet per year. UWCD refers to Underground Water Conservation District.

| Groundwater Conservation District | Year | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | 2010 | 2020 | 2030 | 2040 | 2050 | 2060 |
| Garza County UWCD | 19,153 | 19,020 | 18,891 | 18,763 | 17,986 | 17,080 |
| High Plains UWCD No. 1 | 1,406,493 | 1,327,301 | 1,265,944 | 1,191,201 | 1,092,495 | 1,002,554 |
| Llano Estacado UWCD | 433,185 | 283,980 | 203,094 | 151,505 | 111,586 | 82,028 |
| Mesa UWCD | 202,171 | 198,653 | 186,411 | 162,136 | 135,991 | 94,338 |
| Permian Basin UWCD | 15,828 | 15,807 | 15,494 | 15,061 | 14,223 | 14,196 |
| Sandy Land UWCD | 84,463 | 61,236 | 44,908 | 35,076 | 27,923 | 21,142 |
| South Plains UWCD | 206,755 | 197,283 | 135,601 | 88,058 | 54,863 | 34,609 |
| Total | 2,368,048 | 2,103,280 | 1,870,343 | 1,661,800 | 1,455,067 | 1,265,947 |

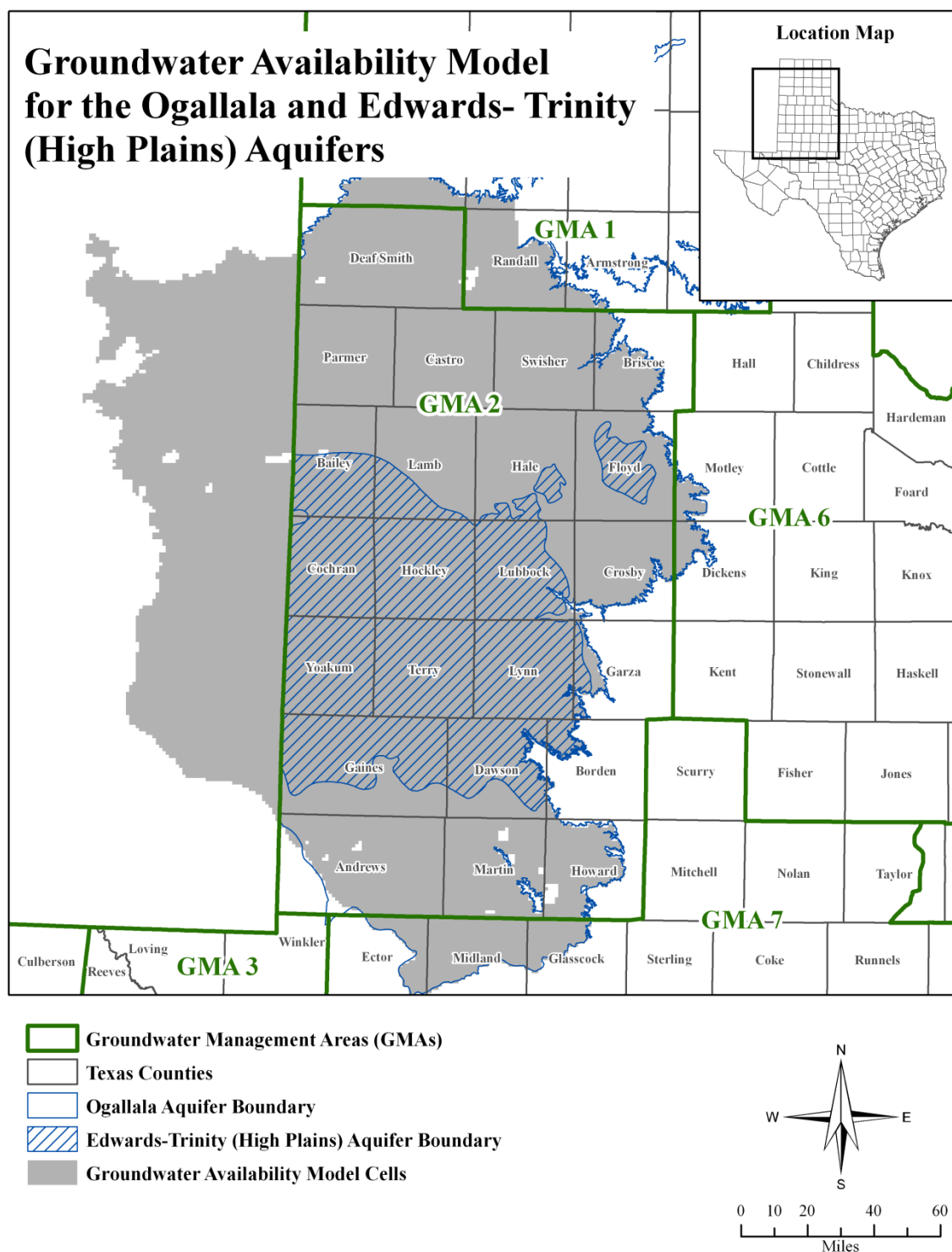


Figure 1. Map showing the areas covered by the groundwater availability model for the southern portion of the Ogallala Aquifer and the Edwards-Trinity (High Plains) Aquifer.

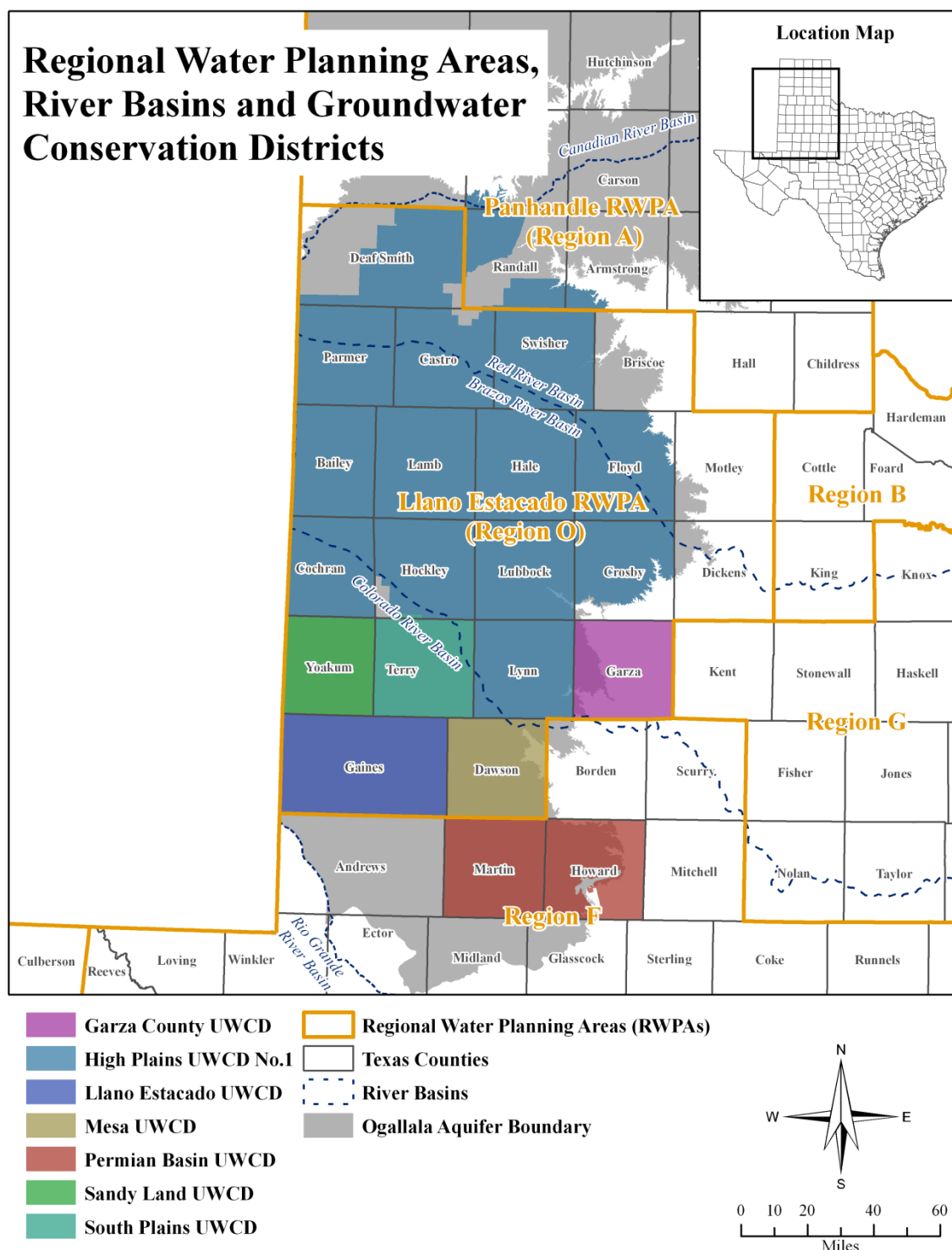


Figure 2. Map showing regional water planning areas (RWPAs), groundwater conservation districts (GCDs), counties, and river basins in Groundwater Management Area 2. UWCD refers to Underground Water Conservation District.