

PUBLIC COMMENT TO GBRA BOARD 12/16/09

The Lost Pines Groundwater Conservation District (LPGCD) understands that a potential agreement for future groundwater resources is being considered. End-OP and Sustainable Water Resources both currently have made request for water well permits totaling approximately 50,000 acre feet per year each. The wells if permitted and drilled would be subject to LPGCD rule 8.3 which stipulates a five year operating permit for all non-exempt wells permitted after January 1<sup>st</sup> 2004. At the end of the five year permit wells are subject to review and renewal. The possibility exists that a well or wells operating permit volume could be reduced or not renewed by the District. The District is concerned that groundwater from LPGCD (Lee and Bastrop counties) is being viewed as a permanent solution for a long term need. A supply of groundwater from LPGCD should be considered as being an interruptible supply.

The LPGCD is presently working to develop its Desired Future Conditions as required by HB 1732. This shall eventually result in the maximum drawdown levels for each aquifer within the district. The Texas Water Development Board will utilize the Desired Future Conditions to produce the Managed Available Groundwater for each Groundwater District and or county. This number shall be the maximum permitted volume for the District and Groundwater Management Area 12.

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