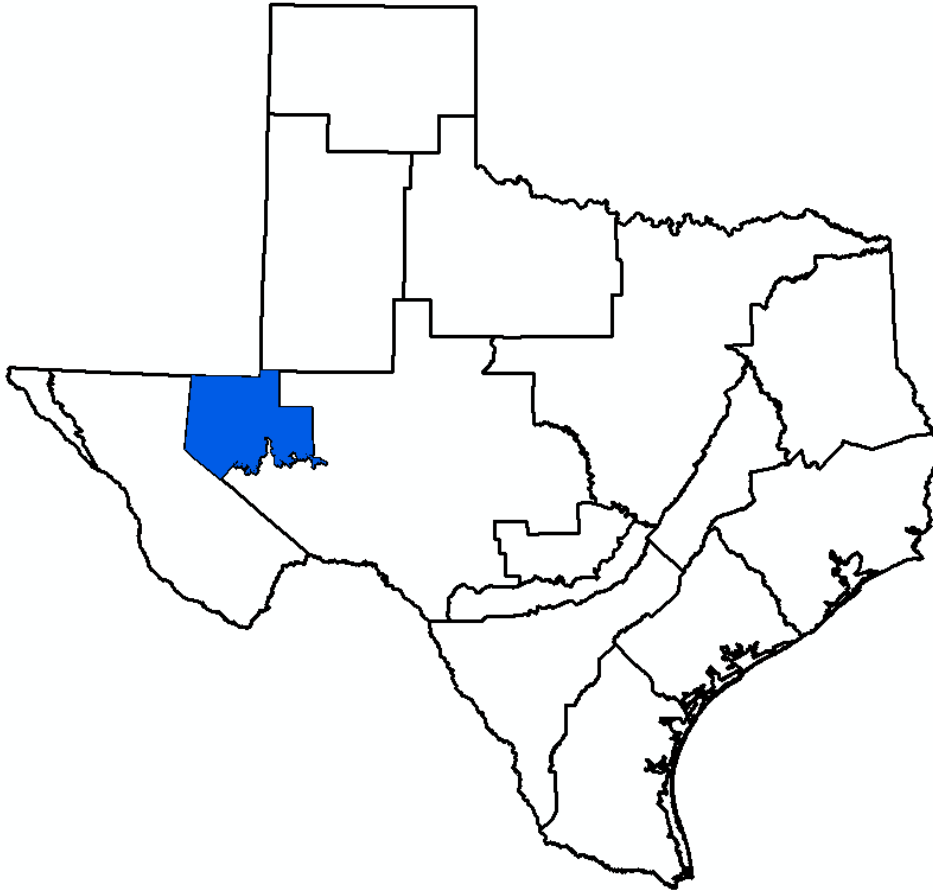


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1.0 Groundwater Management Area 3

Groundwater Management Area 3 is one of sixteen groundwater management areas in Texas and covers that portion of west Texas that is underlain by the Pecos Valley Aquifer (Figure 1).

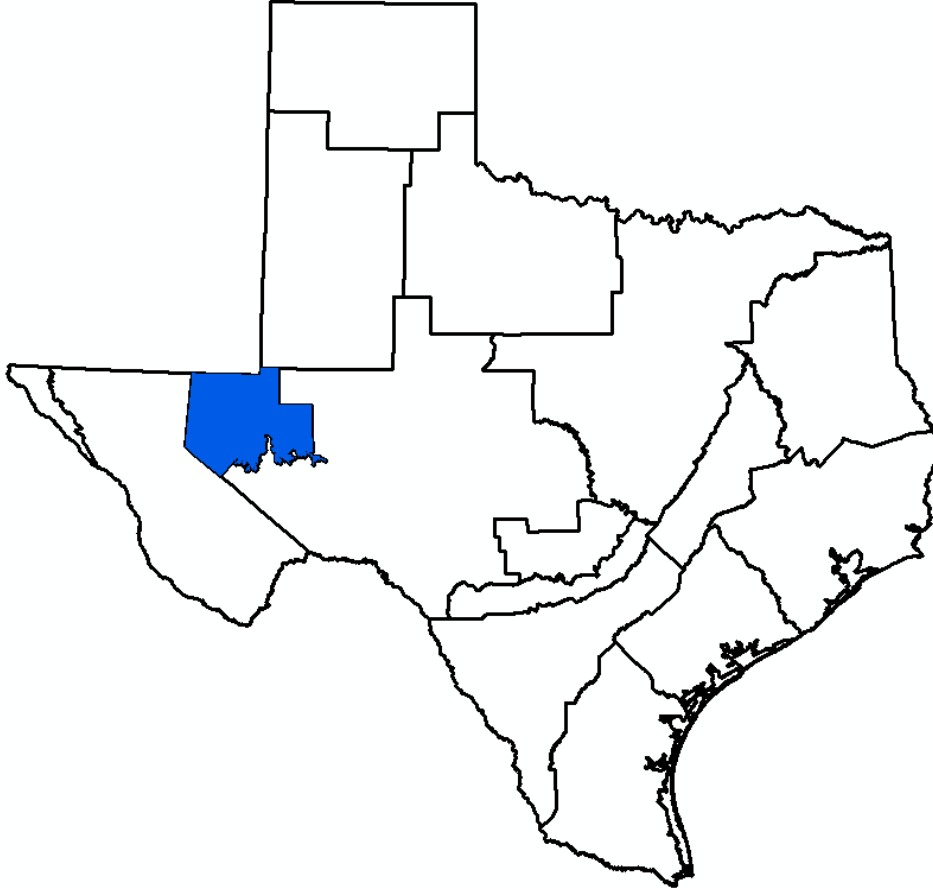


Figure 1. Groundwater Management Area 3

Groundwater Management Area 3 covers all or part of the following counties: Crane, Loving, Pecos, Reeves, Ward, and Winkler (Figure 2).

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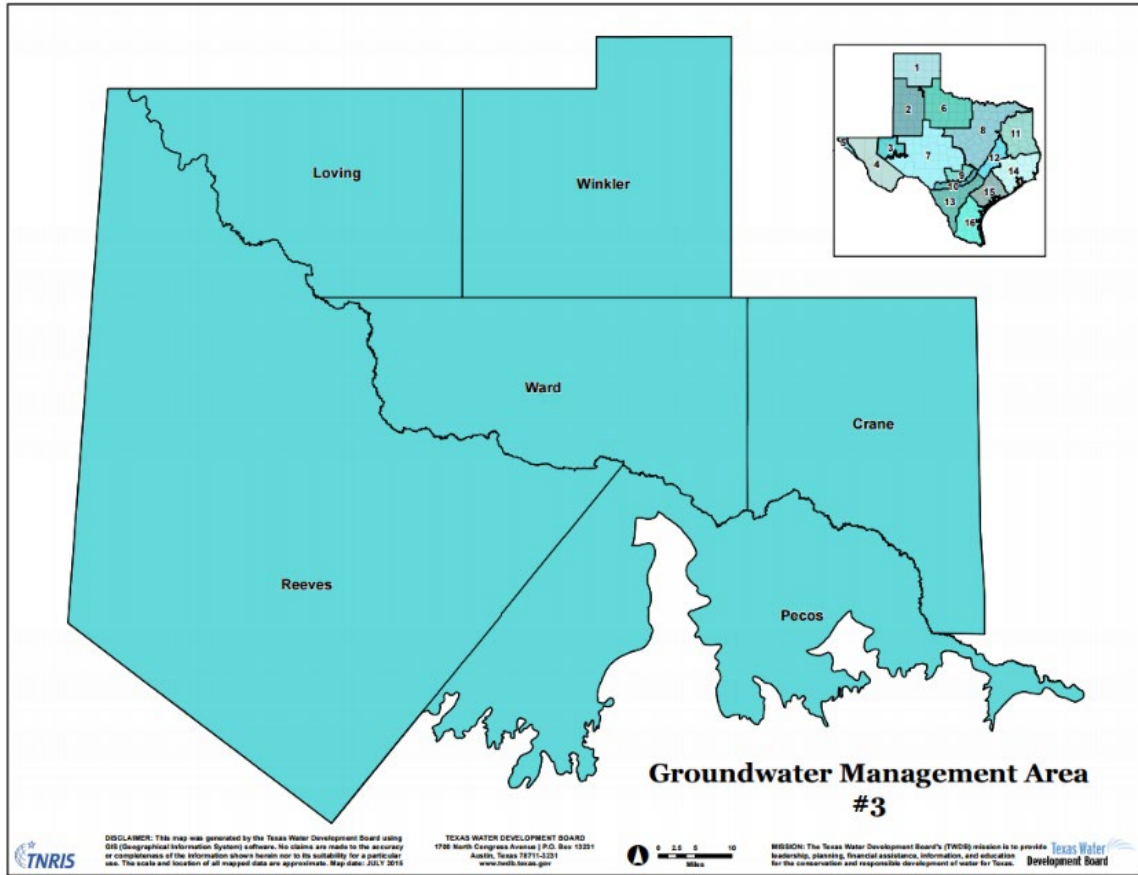


Figure 2. GMA 3 Counties (from TWDB)

There are two groundwater conservation districts in Groundwater Management Area 3: Middle Pecos Groundwater Conservation District and Reeves County Groundwater Conservation District (Figure 3).

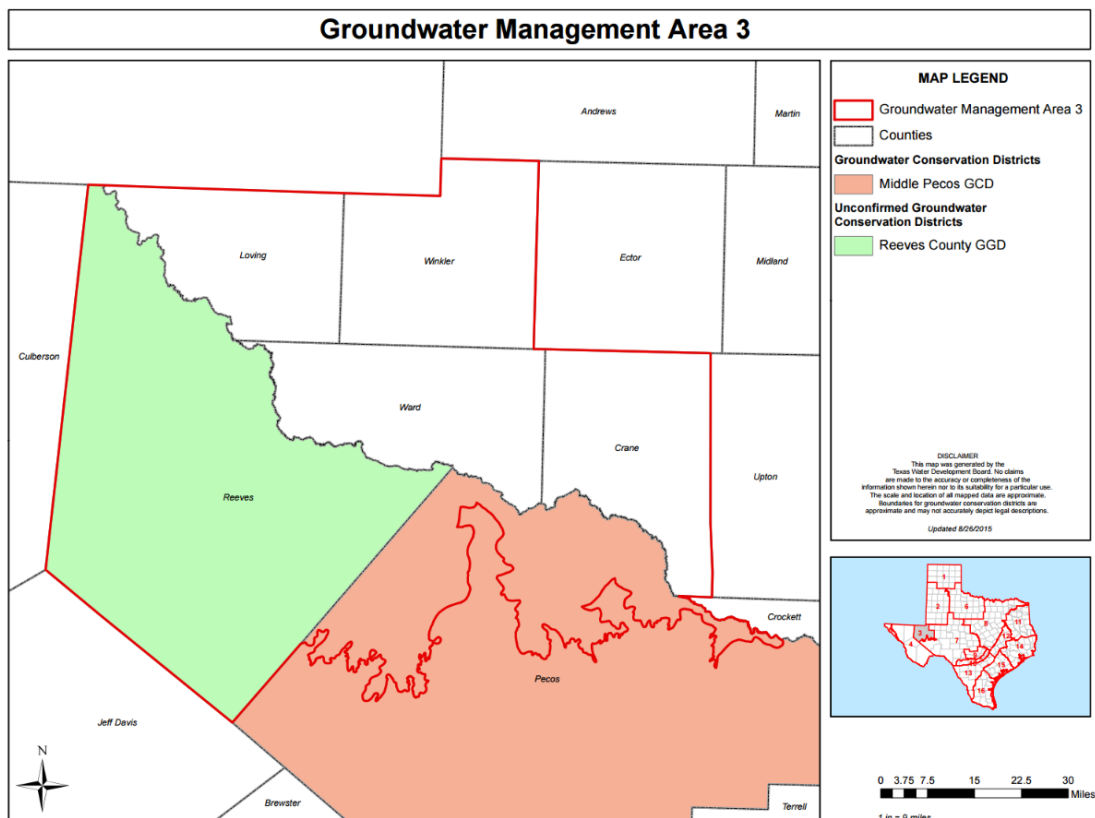


Figure 3. Groundwater Conservation Districts in GMA3 (from TWDB)

The explanatory report covers the Pecos Valley and Edwards-Trinity (Plateau) aquifers. As described in George and others (2011):

The Pecos Valley Aquifer is a major aquifer in West Texas. Water-bearing sediments include alluvial and windblown deposits in the Pecos River Valley. These sediments fill several structural basins, the largest of which are the Pecos Trough in the west and Monument Draw Trough in the east. Thickness of the alluvial fill reaches 1,500 feet, and freshwater saturated thickness averages about 250 feet. The water quality is highly variable, the water being typically hard, and generally better in the Monument Draw Trough than in the Pecos Trough. Total dissolved solids in groundwater from Monument Draw Trough are usually less than 1,000 milligrams per liter. The aquifer is characterized by high levels of chloride and sulfate in excess of secondary drinking water standards, resulting from previous oil field activities. In addition, naturally occurring arsenic and radionuclides occur in excess of primary drinking water standards. More than 80 percent of groundwater pumped from the aquifer is used for irrigation, and the rest is withdrawn for municipal supplies, industrial use, and power generation. Localized water level declines in south-central Reeves and northwest Pecos counties have moderated since the late 1970s as irrigation pumping has decreased; however, water levels continue to decline in central Ward County because of increased municipal and industrial pumping. The Region F Regional Water Planning Group recommended

several water management strategies in their 2006 Regional Water Plan that would use the Pecos Valley Aquifer, including drilling new wells, developing two well fields in Winkler and Loving counties, and reallocating supplies.

The Edwards-Trinity (Plateau) Aquifer is a major aquifer extending across much of the southwestern part of the state. The water-bearing units are composed predominantly of limestone and dolomite of the Edwards Group and sands of the Trinity Group. Although maximum saturated thickness of the aquifer is greater than 800 feet, freshwater saturated thickness averages 433 feet. Water quality ranges from fresh to slightly saline, with total dissolved solids ranging from 100 to 3,000 milligrams per liter, and water is characterized as hard within the Edwards Group. Water typically increases in salinity to the west within the Trinity Group. Elevated levels of fluoride in excess of primary drinking water standards occur within Glasscock and Irion counties. Springs occur along the northern, eastern, and southern margins of the aquifer primarily near the bases of the Edwards and Trinity groups where exposed at the surface. San Felipe Springs is the largest exposed spring along the southern margin. Of groundwater pumped from this aquifer, more than two-thirds is used for irrigation, with the remainder used for municipal and livestock supplies. Water levels have remained relatively stable because recharge has generally kept pace with the relatively low amounts of pumping over the extent of the aquifer. The regional water planning groups, in their 2006 Regional Water Plans, recommended water management strategies that use the Edwards Trinity (Plateau) Aquifer, including the construction of a well field in Kerr County and public supply wells in Real County.

2.0 Desired Future Condition

2.1 2010 Desired Future Conditions

In 2010, GMA 3 evaluated the results of 11 alternative predictive scenarios using the alternative one-layer model (also known as the single-layer model) of the Edwards-Trinity (Plateau) and Pecos Valley aquifers. The model is documented in Hutchison and others (2011), and the simulation results are documented in Hutchison (2010). Scenario 11 was used in the development of the desired future condition for GMA 3. Drawdowns calculated in Hutchison (2010) were for predictive simulations through the year 2060.

GMA 3 adopted a desired future condition for the Pecos Valley and Edwards-Trinity (Plateau) aquifers on August 9, 2010 as follows:

- 1. The average total net decline in water levels within GMA 3, taken as a whole, at the end of the fifty-year period in 2060, shall not exceed 28 feet below water levels in the aquifers in the year 2010, and;*
- 2. The results of Scenario 11 of the Texas Water Development Board GAM-Run 09-35 version 2 (single-layer model) used to develop the DFC for the Edwards-*

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Trinity (Plateau)/Pecos Valley Aquifers within GMA 3 are adopted in their entirety.

The county-by-county drawdowns were as follows:

County	Drawdown in 2060 (feet)
Crane	50
Loving	5
Pecos (GMA 3 portion only)	12
Reeves	6
Ward	56
Winkler	113
GMA 3 Average	28

As described in GAM Run 09-35, version 2 (Hutchison, 2010) the model used in the development of the DFCs was the modified and recalibrated groundwater availability model of the Edwards-Trinity (Plateau) and Pecos Valley aquifers (Hutchison and others, 2011). The model used is also known as the single layer model, or the alternative groundwater availability model (GAM).

2.2 2016 Desired Future Condition

The desired future conditions that were adopted in 2016 were expressed through the year 2070 in accordance with the requirements of the Texas Water Development Board.

The alternative GAM was used to complete a simulation that simply extended the time period of Scenario 11 of Hutchison (2010), except for a modification in GMA 7, and adding 10,000 AF/yr in Winkler County. The drawdown and pumping for Scenario 11 and for the extended simulation on a county-by-county basis as were as follows:

County	Desired Future Condition (Drawdown from 2010 to 2070 in ft)	Modeled Available Groundwater (Pumping in AF/yr)
Crane	58	4,991
Loving	5	2,982
Pecos	14	122,899
Reeves	8	189,744
Ward	63	49,976
Winkler	161	49,949

2.3 Third Round Desired Future Conditions

After review and discussion, the groundwater conservation districts in Groundwater Management Area 3 found that the desired future conditions approved in 2016 would remain unchanged. For completeness, they are repeated below:

County	Desired Future Condition (Draw down from 2010 to 2070 in ft)	Modeled Available Groundwater (Pumping in AF/yr)
Crane	58	4,991
Loving	5	2,982
Pecos	14	122,899
Reeves	8	189,744
Ward	63	49,976
Winkler	161	49,949

The desired future conditions are documented in Technical Memorandum 16-01, Scenario 11 Extended to 2010, and drawdown calculations were updated in Technical Memorandum 17-01.

The resolution that documents the adoption of the desired future condition for the Rustler Aquifer is presented in Appendix A and was adopted on February 21, 2021 by a unanimous vote at a properly noticed meeting of Groundwater Management Area 3.

3.0 Policy Justification

As developed more fully in this report, the proposed desired future condition was adopted after considering:

- Aquifer uses and conditions within Groundwater Management Area 3
- Water supply needs and water management strategies included in the 2012 State Water Plan
- Hydrologic conditions within Groundwater Management Area 3 including total estimated recoverable storage, average annual recharge, inflows, and discharge
- Other environmental impacts, including spring flow and other interactions between groundwater and surface water
- The impact on subsidence
- Socioeconomic impacts reasonably expected to occur
- The impact on the interests and rights in private property, including ownership and the rights of landowners and their lessees and assigns in Groundwater Management Area 3 in groundwater as recognized under Texas Water Code Section 36.002
- The feasibility of achieving the desired future condition
- Other information

In addition, the proposed desired future condition provides a balance between the highest practicable level of groundwater production and the conservation, preservation, protection, recharging, and prevention of waste of groundwater in Groundwater Management Area 3.

There is no set formula or equation for calculating groundwater availability. This is because an estimate of groundwater availability requires the blending of policy and science. Given that the tools for scientific analysis (groundwater models) contain limitations and uncertainty, policy provides the guidance and defines the bounds that science can use to calculate groundwater availability.

As developed more fully below, many of these factors could only be considered on a qualitative level since the available tools to evaluate these impacts have limitations and uncertainty.

4.0 Technical Justification

The process of using the groundwater model in developing desired future conditions revolves around the concept of incorporating many of the elements of the nine factors (e.g. current uses and water management strategies in the regional plan). For the Pecos Valley and Edwards-Trinity (Plateau) aquifers, 11 scenarios were completed in 2010, and the results discussed prior to adopting a desired future condition. After further discussion in 2016, the new DFC was adopted after considering the results of an extended version of Scenario 11 (the basis for the DFC in 2010).

Some critics of the process asserted that the districts used “reverse-engineering” to develop the desired future conditions by specifying pumping (e.g., the modeled available groundwater) and then adopting the resulting drawdown as the desired future condition. However, it must be remembered that among the input parameters for a predictive groundwater model run is pumping, and among the outputs of a predictive groundwater model run is drawdown. Thus, an iterative approach of running several predictive scenarios with models and then evaluating the results is a necessary (and time-consuming) step in the process of developing desired future conditions.

One part of the reverse-engineering critique of the process has been that “science” should be used in the development of desired future conditions. The critique plays on the unfortunate name of the groundwater models in Texas (Groundwater Availability Models) which could suggest that the models yield an availability number. This is simply a mischaracterization of how the models work (i.e. what is a model input and what is a model output).

The critique also relies on a narrow definition of the term *science* and fails to recognize that the adoption of a desired future condition is primarily a policy decision. The call to use science in the development of desired future conditions seems to equate the term *science* with the terms *facts* and *truth*. Although the Latin origin of the word means knowledge, the term *science* also refers to the application of the scientific method. The scientific method is discussed in many textbooks and can be used to quantify cause-and-effect relationships and to make useful predictions.

In the case of groundwater management, the scientific method can be used to understand the relationship between groundwater pumping and drawdown, or groundwater pumping and spring flow. A groundwater model is a tool that can be used to run “experiments” to better understand the cause-and-effect relationships within a groundwater system as they relate to groundwater management.

Much of the consideration of the nine statutory factors involves understanding the effects or the impacts of a desired future condition (e.g. groundwater-surface water interaction and property rights). The use of the models in this manner in evaluating the impacts of alternative futures is an effective means of developing information for the groundwater conservation districts as they develop desired future conditions.

5.0 Factor Consideration

Senate Bill 660, adopted by the legislature in 2011, changed the process by which groundwater conservation districts within a groundwater management area develop and adopt desired future conditions. The new process includes nine steps as presented below:

- The groundwater conservation districts within a groundwater management area consider nine factors outlined in the statute.
- The groundwater conservation districts adopt a “proposed” desired future condition
- The “proposed” desired future condition is sent to each groundwater conservation district for a 90-day comment period, which includes a public hearing by each district
- After the comment period, each district compiles a summary report that summarizes the relevant comments and includes suggested revisions. This summary report is then submitted to the groundwater management area.
- The groundwater management area then meets to vote on a desired future condition.
- The groundwater management area prepares an “explanatory report”.
- The desired future condition resolution and the explanatory report are then submitted to the Texas Water Development Board and the groundwater conservation districts within the groundwater management area.
- Districts then adopt desired future conditions that apply to that district.

The nine factors that must be considered before adopting a proposed desired future condition are:

1. Aquifer uses or conditions within the management area, including conditions that differ substantially from one geographic area to another.
2. The water supply needs and water management strategies included in the state water plan.
3. Hydrological conditions, including for each aquifer in the management area the total estimated recoverable storage as provided by the executive administrator (of the Texas Water Development Board), and the average annual recharge, inflows and discharge.
4. Other environmental impacts, including impacts on spring flow and other interactions between groundwater and surface water.
5. The impact on subsidence.
6. Socioeconomic impacts reasonably expected to occur.
7. The impact on the interests and rights in private property, including ownership and the rights of management area landowners and their lessees and assigns in groundwater as recognized under Section 36.002 (of the Texas Water Code).
8. The feasibility of achieving the desired future condition.
9. Any other information relevant to the specific desired future condition.

In addition to these nine factors, statute requires that the desired future condition provide a balance between the highest practicable level of groundwater production and the conservation, preservation, protection, recharging, and prevention of waste of groundwater and control of subsidence in the management area.

5.1 Groundwater Demands and Uses

Groundwater demands and uses for GMA 3 counties from 1980 and 1984 to 2012 for the Edwards-Trinity (Plateau) Aquifer are presented in Appendix B, and for the Pecos Valley Aquifer in Appendix C. Data were obtained from the Texas Water Development Board historic pumping database:

<http://www.twdb.state.tx.us/waterplanning/waterusesurvey/historical-pumpage.asp>

The Modeled Available Groundwater values for the Edwards-Trinity Aquifer are summarized below in Table 1.

Table 1. Desired Future Conditions and Modeled Available Groundwater for the Edwards-Trinity (Plateau) and Pecos Valley Aquifers

County	Desired Future Condition (Draw down from 2010 to 2070 in ft)	Modeled Available Groundwater (Pumping in AF/yr)
Crane	58	4,991
Loving	5	2,982
Pecos	14	122,899
Reeves	8	189,744
Ward	63	49,976
Winkler	161	49,949

5.2 Groundwater Supply Needs and Strategies

Section 5E.21 (Pecos County) of the 20121 Region F Initially Prepared Plan summarizes the modeled available groundwater, permit authorizations, and highest historic production from each aquifer. However, there is no distinction between the GMA 3 portion of Pecos County and the GMA 7 portion of Pecos County. There are shortages noted for the Edwards-Trinity (Plateau) and Pecos Valley aquifers listed associated with mining from 2020 to 2060 (due to high projected demand) that are not present in 2070.

Section 5E.7 (Crane County) and Section 5E.32 (Winkler County) list no shortages or needs for the Edwards-Trinity (Plateau) or Pecos Valley aquifers.

Section 5E.14 (Loving County) has shortages in all years from 2020 to 2070 associated with mining in the Pecos Valley Aquifer.

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Section 5E.23 (Reeves County) has shortages in all years from 2020 to 2070 associated with mining and the need to develop additional Pecos Valley Aquifer supplies.

Section 5E.31 (Ward County) has shortages in all years from 2020 to 2070 associated with steam electric uses and the need to develop additional Pecos Valley Aquifer supplies for Grandfalls.

5.3 Hydrologic Conditions, including Total Estimated Recoverable Storage

The groundwater budget as presented by Hutchison and others (2011) the entire model area of the Edwards-Trinity (Plateau) Aquifer and Pecos Valley Aquifer is presented in Table 2.

Jones and others (2013) documented the total estimated recoverable storage for the aquifers in GMA 7. Table 3 presents storage for the Edwards-Trinity (Plateau) Aquifer. Table 4 presents storage for the Pecos Aquifer.

Table 2. Groundwater Budget of Edwards-Trinity (Plateau), Pecos Valley, and Trinity Aquifers from One-Layer Model

	Water Budget 1930-1939 (acre-feet per year)	Water Budget 1940-1949 (acre-feet per year)	Water Budget 1950-1959 (acre-feet per year)	Water Budget 1960-1969 (acre-feet per year)	Water Budget 1970-1979 (acre-feet per year)	Water Budget 1980-1989 (acre-feet per year)	Water Budget 1990-1999 (acre-feet per year)	Water Budget 2000-2005 (acre-feet per year)
Inflow								
Rivers	993,229	1,009,160	1,054,950	1,107,275	1,092,402	1,048,220	1,033,690	1,033,726
Inter-aquifer Flow	1,095,795	1,100,269	1,112,419	1,123,952	1,135,663	1,131,445	1,137,506	1,136,281
Recharge	1,641,803	1,688,928	1,545,021	1,621,125	1,680,625	1,671,631	1,669,556	1,703,227
Total Inflow	3,730,827	3,798,357	3,712,390	3,852,352	3,908,690	3,851,296	3,840,752	3,873,234
Outflow								
Pumpage	-194,233	-570,080	-947,024	-1,210,949	-935,718	-651,331	-706,359	-677,860
Springs	-1,216,432	-1,210,615	-1,129,334	-1,082,433	-1,092,612	-1,101,266	-1,120,187	-1,093,636
Rivers	-1,893,959	-1,841,710	-1,767,816	-1,722,471	-1,715,415	-1,741,168	-1,756,911	-1,755,300
Inter-aquifer Flow	-560,262	-557,538	-546,381	-532,124	-526,554	-531,894	-533,580	-535,091
Total Outflow	-3,864,885	-4,179,943	-4,390,555	-4,547,978	-4,270,298	-4,025,658	-4,117,038	-4,061,887
In-Out	-134,058	-381,585	-678,165	-695,626	-361,608	-174,362	-276,286	-188,653
Storage Change	-133,865	-372,190	-678,034	-695,534	-358,631	-166,175	-250,497	-188,648
Model Error	-194	-9,395	-131	-92	-2,977	-8,187	-25,789	-5
Model Error (Percent)	-0.01	-0.25	0.00	0.00	-0.08	-0.21	-0.67	0.00

Table 3. Total Estimated Recoverable Storage - Edwards-Trinity (Plateau) Aquifer

<i>County</i>	<i>Total Storage (acre-feet)</i>	<i>25 percent of Total Storage (acre-feet)</i>	<i>75 percent of Total Storage (acre-feet)</i>
Crane	27,000	6,750	20,250
Reeves	360,000	90,000	270,000
Winkler	3,300	825	2,475
Total	390,300	97,575	292,725

Table 4. Total Estimated Recoverable Storage - Pecos Valley Aquifer

<i>County</i>	<i>Total Storage (acre-feet)</i>	<i>25 percent of Total Storage (acre-feet)</i>	<i>75 percent of Total Storage (acre-feet)</i>
Crane	13,000,000	3,250,000	9,750,000
Loving	32,000,000	8,000,000	24,000,000
Pecos	29,000,000	7,250,000	21,750,000
Reeves	180,000,000	45,000,000	135,000,000
Ward	34,000,000	8,500,000	25,500,000
Winkler	21,000,000	5,250,000	15,750,000
Total	309,000,000	77,250,000	231,750,000

5.4 Other Environmental Impacts, including Impacts on Spring Flow

As seen in Table 2, the water budget presents data and estimates of spring flow and surface water-groundwater interactions.

5.5 Subsidence

Subsidence is not an issue in the Pecos Valley nor in the Edwards-Trinity (Plateau) aquifers in GMA 3.

5.6 Socioeconomic Impacts

The Texas Water Development Board prepared reports on the socioeconomic impacts of not meeting water needs for each of the Regional Planning Groups during development of the 2021 Regional Water Plans. Because the development of this desired future condition used the State Water Plan demands and water management strategies as an important foundation, it is reasonable to conclude that the socioeconomic impacts associated with this proposed desired future condition can be evaluated in the context of not meeting the listed water management strategies. Groundwater Management Area 3 is covered by Regional Planning Group F. The socioeconomic impact report for Regions F is included in Appendix D.

5.7 Impact on Private Property Rights

The impact on the interests and rights in private property, including ownership and the rights of landowners and their lessees and assigns in Groundwater Management Area 3 in groundwater is recognized under Texas Water Code Section 36.002.

The desired future conditions adopted by GMA 3 are consistent with protecting property rights of landowners who are currently pumping groundwater and landowners who have chosen to conserve groundwater by not pumping. All current and projected uses (as defined in the 2021 Region F plan) can be met based on the simulations. In addition, the pumping associated with achieving the desired future condition (the modeled available groundwater) will cause impacts to existing well owners and to surface water. However, as required by Chapter 36 of the Water Code, GMA 3 considered these impacts and balanced them with the increasing demand of water in the GMA 3 area, and concluded that, on balance and with appropriate monitoring and project specific review during the permitting process, the desired future condition is consistent with protection of private property rights.

5.8 Feasibility of Achieving the Desired Future Condition

Groundwater levels are routinely monitored by the districts and by the TWDB in GMA 3. Evaluating the monitoring data is a routine task for the districts, and the comparison of these data with the model results that were used to develop the DFCs is covered in each district's management plan. These comparisons will be useful to guide the update of the DFCs that are required every five years.

5.9 Other Information

The groundwater conservation districts in Groundwater Management Area 3 discussed the possibility of developing a desired future condition that would be based on spring flow in San Solomon Spring. Previous research on the origin of the water that flows from the spring suggests multiple sources with varying flow lengths (e.g. Chowdhury and others, 2004). Based on this research, most of the spring flow originates outside of Groundwater Management Area 3. Research is ongoing, however.

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From an administrative perspective, San Solomon Spring is located within the jurisdiction of the Reeves County Groundwater Conservation District. If a desired future condition were to be adopted, the development of a modeled available groundwater would be hampered by the uncertainty of the origin of the spring flow (i.e. portion of flow from the Davis Mountains and portion of flow from the Salt Basin).

If a desired future condition were to be adopted in Groundwater Management Area 3, management activities by the Reeves County Groundwater Conservation District would be limited to Reeves County. Because it appears that the source of the spring flow occurs outside of Reeves County and outside of Groundwater Management Area 3, any adopted desired future condition would have to be completed as a cooperative effort with Groundwater Management Area 4.

The groundwater conservation districts in Groundwater Management Area 3 decided to maintain awareness of the ongoing research and open communication with representatives of Groundwater Management Area 4. The potential to adopt a desired future condition for San Solomon Spring will be reevaluated in the next round of joint planning (i.e. 2026).

6.0 Discussion of Other Desired Future Conditions Considered

There were 11 GAM scenarios completed in 2010 that included a range of future pumping scenarios. In 2010, there was also comments received regarding the estimates of storativity used in the alternative GAM as documented in Hutchison (2010). After considering the range of possibilities, the groundwater conservation districts in GMA 3 adopted a set of DFCs that were modified only to extend the time of simulation, and with a slight modification to pumping in one county.

7.0 Discussion of Other Recommendations

Public comments were invited, and each district held a public hearing on the proposed desired future condition as follows:

Groundwater Conservation District	Date of Public Hearing	Number of Comments Received
Middle Pecos GCD	January 19, 2021	4 letters (one letter submitted twice as original and revised). Written comments from two comment letters were also summarized during public hearing.
Reeves County GCD	January 21, 2021	0

7.1 Trident Environmental Letter

Trident Environmental provided written comments on the proposed desired future condition for Groundwater Management Area 3. Two letters were submitted on January 18, 2021, the second letter was marked “revised”. The comment suggested that Reeves County Groundwater Conservation District should have “precedence in establishing Groundwater Management Area 3 desired future conditions in the Pecos Valley, Edwards-Trinity (Plateau), Dockum, and Rustler Aquifers since they represent the “largest political subdivision in GMA 3”.

The groundwater conservation districts in Groundwater Management Area 3 followed the statutory guidance of considering the nine factors and applying the balancing test as documented in this explanatory report. The comment is not considered relevant because there is no statutory factor that provides for the weighting of a single groundwater conservation district’s opinion based on geographic extent of that groundwater conservation district.

7.2 Environmental Defense Fund Letter

A letter was received on January 21, 2021 from the Environmental Defense Fund regarding the development of a spring flow based desired future condition at San Solomon Springs. Current research suggests that the Edwards-Trinity (Plateau) Aquifer contributes some flow to San Solomon Springs. However, details of the contribution are not well understood.

The comment letter acknowledged the difficulty in establishing a desired future condition based on spring flow without a refined numerical model. Discussions regarding potential desired future conditions for San Solomon Springs were held in open GMA 3 meetings on December 18, 2019 and October 21, 2020. Based on those discussions, and as documented in Section 5.9 of this explanatory report, the discussion was deferred until the next round of joint planning.

7.3 Texas Water Trade

Texas Water Trade is involved in an effort to restore perennial flow at Comanche Springs in the Fort Stockton area. The letter acknowledges that aquifer levels in the Pecos County portion of GMA 3 “are unlikely to affect” aquifer levels in MPGCD Management Zone 1. The comment letter requests that Middle Pecos Groundwater Conservation District “discuss” how the desired future condition in the GMA 3 portion of Pecos County may or may not impact Comanche Springs.

As documented in Hutchison (2017), a total of 22,636 groundwater simulations were completed with the Western Pecos Groundwater Model (WPC Model) developed by R.W. Harden & Associates and others (2011). These simulations calculated the capture of flow to Comanche Springs by wells in each cell of the model. Each simulation pumped groundwater from a single cell for 10 years and calculated the impact to the flow at Comanche Springs. If pumping in a cell resulted in a significant impact to the flow at Comanche Springs, the cell was considered part of the revised Management Zone 1.

None of the cells in Management Zone 1 are in the GMA 3 portion of Pecos County. Therefore, the pumping in GMA 3 will have minimal to no effect on the flow of Comanche Springs.

7.4 Belding Farms

Belding Farms provided specific comments related to four of the nine statutory factors that are “applicable to both GMA 3 and 7”. These comments, and the responses, are summarized by factor.

Factor 7 – impact on the interests and rights in private property: The stated concern is that Belding Farms’ private property rights beneath its land are jeopardized by the DFC silence or lack of specificity on the impacts to landowners in the Middle Pecos GCD of groundwater exports to locations outside the District.

This comment is more applicable to the GMA 7 portion of Pecos County than it is to the GMA 3 portion of Pecos County. However, because the underlying groundwater model simulation that were used in the development of the DFCs in GMA 3 and GMA 7 are essentially the same, it is reasonable to consider this a relevant comment for purposes of response.

Belding Farms is in Management Zone 1 of the Middle Pecos Groundwater Conservation District, in the GMA 7 portion of Pecos County. The boundaries of Management Zone 1 were specifically established based as the area of Pecos County that provided groundwater to Comanche Springs, also located in the GMA 7 portion of Pecos County. Thus, groundwater pumping impacts in the GMA 3 portion of Pecos County would be minimal or absent as evidenced by the groundwater simulations completed to establish the boundaries of Management Zone 1 (see discussion above on the Texas Water Trade comment letter).

As to the specific concern regarding proposed groundwater export, the most significant proposed project is located in GMA 7 (not GMA 3) and was authorized by the Middle Pecos Groundwater Conservation District at the same time an equivalent amount of historic water rights were relinquished. Thus, there is no net increase in permitted pumping. The groundwater simulations

that were the basis for the DFCs in GMA 3 and GMA 7 included the use of permitted pumping amounts to ensure that private property rights (in the form of groundwater permits) were protected.

Factor 6 – socioeconomic impacts reasonably expected to occur: the stated concern is that projected groundwater impacts will “jeopardize the availability of groundwater to Belding Farms”. Specifically, there is a concern that “planning for continued groundwater depletion rates will very likely cause seasonal or more permanent impacts relative to groundwater availability to specific landowners in the District.” The comments noted that seasonal impacts are the significant concern, particularly for agricultural uses, and should be quantified.

As stated in the response to comment 7, pumping impacts in GMA 3 will have minimal to no impacts in Management Zone 1 of Pecos County, which is in the GMA 7 portion of Pecos County (the location of Belding Farms). Notwithstanding the lack of potential impacts specifically to Belding Farms, the concerns regarding “groundwater depletion” and “seasonal impacts” are misplaced. Desired future conditions are planning goals and are largely policy decisions made after considering nine statutory factors and applying a balancing test. The legislature has created groundwater conservation districts to manage groundwater and has required the districts to meet within designated groundwater management areas to conduct joint planning.

If the overall policy objective was to eliminate “groundwater depletion”, then clearly a DFC with some drawdown over a 50- or 60-year period would have to be scrutinized and evaluated to see if the drawdown level did, in fact, constitute a depletion in groundwater storage. However, the joint planning process requires districts to consider other factors and apply a balancing test. It should be noted that concerns about groundwater depletion and the previously stated concern regarding private property rights are part of the balancing test that is required. If groundwater depletion is prohibited, there is a high chance that property rights could be impacted. Conversely, if property rights are exercised, some degree of groundwater storage depletion is possible. The dynamics of this type of balancing is inherent in the joint planning process.

Seasonal impacts are more properly an issue for groundwater management at the district level as opposed to a planning issue for the Groundwater Management Area.

Factor 2 – the water supply needs, and water management strategies included in the state water plan: the stated concern is that Belding Farms opposes the creation of unmet water needs, particularly those due to the export of groundwater outside the production area. The comment also notes the negative impacts of the area of origin remain a high priority for legislators as noted in interim committee reports.

This factor requires that the districts consider what the regional planning groups have completed in meeting unmet demands (or deficits) by identifying strategies. It is unclear how an unmet water need is created by exporting groundwater. In the regional planning process, an unmet demand (or deficit) exists when a future demand exceeds existing supply. Strategies that are identified to make up the deficit within the constraint of availability. In the case of groundwater, the groundwater availability is defined through the joint planning process as the modeled available groundwater. Thus, a strategy that relies on a groundwater exportation strategy is constrained by groundwater

availability in the area where the groundwater originates. It appears that this comment is more appropriate for the regional planning rather than the joint planning process.

Factor 4 – other environmental impacts, including the impacts on spring flow and other interaction between groundwater and surface water: the stated concern is that the absence of restoration and preservation of spring flows as a DFC condition undermines the Middle Pecos GCD’s mission to maintain a sustainable, adequate, reliable, cost effective and high-quality source of groundwater to promote the vitality, economy and environment of the District.

As noted above in the response to the Texas Water Trade comment and the Belding Farms comment on Factor 7, the issue of Comanche Springs is properly a GMA 7 issue, not a GMA 3 issue.

The comment appears to suggest that Factor 4 be given high (if not the highest) weight of all the factors. Because this is properly a GMA 7 issue, it is not possible to specifically respond to the issue of Comanche Springs from a GMA 3 perspective. However, it should be noted that this comment letter argues for property rights protection (Factor 7) which means that, at a minimum, existing permits be recognized and protected, but also argues that spring flows should be restored and preserved (Factor 4). Although a GMA 7 issue, the incongruity of these two arguments highlights the difficulty that groundwater districts face in the joint planning process.

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Appendix A
Desired Future Conditions Resolution

**Groundwater Management Area 3
Resolution 21-03
Desired Future Conditions for the
Edwards-Trinity (Plateau) and Pecos Valley Aquifer**

WHEREAS, Groundwater Conservation Districts (GCDs) located within or partially within Groundwater Management Area 3 (GMA 3) are required under Chapter 36.108, Texas Water Code to conduct joint planning and designate the Desired Future Conditions of aquifers within GMA 3 and;

WHEREAS, the Board Presidents or their Designated Representatives of GCDs in GMA 3 have met in various meetings and conducted joint planning in accordance with §36.108, Texas Water Code since 2016; and

WHEREAS, the GMA 3 committee has received and considered Groundwater Availability Model runs and other technical advice regarding local aquifers, hydrology, geology, recharge characteristics, the nine factors set forth in §36.108(d) of the Texas Water Code, local groundwater demands and usage, population projections, total water supply and quality of water supply available from all aquifers within the respective GCDs, regional water plan water management strategies, ground and surface water interactions, that affect groundwater conditions through the year 2070; and

WHEREAS, the member GCDs of GMA 3, having given proper and timely notice, held an open meeting on October 21, 2020 at the Middle Pecos Groundwater Conservation District office, 405 North Spring Drive, Fort Stockton, Texas to vote to adopt proposed Desired Future Conditions for the Edwards-Trinity (Plateau) and Pecos Valley aquifers within the boundaries of GMA 3; and

WHEREAS, the member GCDs in which the Edwards-Trinity (Plateau) and Pecos Valley aquifers is relevant for joint planning purposes held open meetings within each said district on January 19, 2021 (Middle Pecos Groundwater Conservation District) and January 21, 2021 (Reeves County Groundwater Conservation District) to take public comment on the proposed DFCs for that district; and

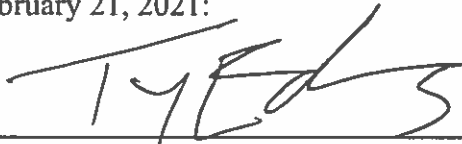
WHEREAS on this day of February 17, 2021, at an open meeting duly noticed and held in accordance with law at the Middle Pecos Groundwater Conservation District office, 405 North Spring Drive, Fort Stockton, Texas, the GCDs within GMA 3, having considered at this meeting comments submitted to the individual districts during the comment period and at this meeting, have voted, 2 districts in favor, 0 districts opposed, to adopt the following DFCs for in the following counties and districts through the year 2070 as documented in GMA 3 Technical Memorandum 16-01, Scenario 11 Extended to 2070 and updated to the 2015 grid file as documented in GMA 3 Technical Memorandum 17-01 as follows:

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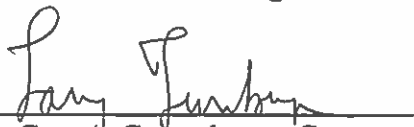
County	Proposed Desired Future Condition - Drawdown (ft)	Time Period for Drawdown
Crane	58	2012 to 2070
Loving	5	
Pecos	14	
Reeves	8	
Ward	63	
Winkler	161	

The Edwards-Trinity (Plateau) and Pecos Valley aquifers are not relevant for purposes of joint planning in all other counties and areas of GMA3.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Groundwater Management Area 3 does hereby document, record, and confirm the above-described Desired Future Conditions for the Edwards-Trinity (Plateau) and Pecos Valley aquifers which were adopted by vote of the following Designated Representatives of Groundwater Conservation Districts present and voting on February 21, 2021:



Middle Pecos Groundwater Conservation District
Ty Edwards, General Manager



Reeves County Groundwater Conservation District
Larry Turnbough, Board President

Appendix B

Historic Groundwater Pumping: Edwards-Trinity (Plateau) Aquifer GMA 3 Counties

**Appendix B - Historic Groundwater Pumping - Edwards-Trinity (Plateau) Aquifer
GMA 3 Counties**

Year	County	Aquifer	Municipal	Manufacturing	Mining	Steam Electric Power	Irrigation	Livestock	Total
1980	PECOS	EDWARDS-TRINITY-PLATEAU AQUIFER	4,177	6	3,070	2,087	53,134	1,100	63,574
1984	PECOS	EDWARDS-TRINITY-PLATEAU AQUIFER	4,440	10	5,176	2,391	70,000	760	82,777
1985	PECOS	EDWARDS-TRINITY-PLATEAU AQUIFER	4,334	9	341	2,169	62,013	809	69,675
1986	PECOS	EDWARDS-TRINITY-PLATEAU AQUIFER	4,199	9	207	2,184	51,450	291	58,340
1987	PECOS	EDWARDS-TRINITY-PLATEAU AQUIFER	3,467	9	191	1,989	47,076	584	53,316
1988	PECOS	EDWARDS-TRINITY-PLATEAU AQUIFER	4,166	8	204	1,969	45,727	495	52,569
1989	PECOS	EDWARDS-TRINITY-PLATEAU AQUIFER	3,971	8	188	1,312	51,268	642	57,389
1990	PECOS	EDWARDS-TRINITY-PLATEAU AQUIFER	3,543	6	197	1,509	49,098	667	55,020
1991	PECOS	EDWARDS-TRINITY-PLATEAU AQUIFER	2,957	5	129	1,577	47,215	691	52,574
1992	PECOS	EDWARDS-TRINITY-PLATEAU AQUIFER	2,807	5	149	1,610	46,496	845	51,912
1993	PECOS	EDWARDS-TRINITY-PLATEAU AQUIFER	3,537	4	154	1,588	57,245	757	63,285
1994	PECOS	EDWARDS-TRINITY-PLATEAU AQUIFER	3,719	4	171	1,319	44,227	849	50,289
1995	PECOS	EDWARDS-TRINITY-PLATEAU AQUIFER	3,697	4	215	1,493	51,125	791	57,325
1996	PECOS	EDWARDS-TRINITY-PLATEAU AQUIFER	4,149	4	249	1,267	46,794	861	53,324
1997	PECOS	EDWARDS-TRINITY-PLATEAU AQUIFER	3,953	4	236	979	48,125	840	54,137
1998	PECOS	EDWARDS-TRINITY-PLATEAU AQUIFER	3,348	1	71	0	49,293	693	53,406
1999	PECOS	EDWARDS-TRINITY-PLATEAU AQUIFER	3,171	1	236	979	48,431	816	53,634
2000	PECOS	EDWARDS-TRINITY-PLATEAU AQUIFER	5,373	263	6	938	43,237	718	50,535
2001	PECOS	EDWARDS-TRINITY-PLATEAU AQUIFER	4,235	143	5	908	38,367	757	44,415
2002	PECOS	EDWARDS-TRINITY-PLATEAU AQUIFER	4,100	54	2	908	36,575	669	42,308
2003	PECOS	EDWARDS-TRINITY-PLATEAU AQUIFER	4,171	52	0	647	22,477	573	27,920
2004	PECOS	EDWARDS-TRINITY-PLATEAU AQUIFER	3,667	88	0	0	25,364	630	29,749
2005	PECOS	EDWARDS-TRINITY-PLATEAU AQUIFER	4,656	92	0	0	24,722	669	30,139
2006	PECOS	EDWARDS-TRINITY-PLATEAU AQUIFER	4,415	79	0	0	36,964	749	42,207
2008	PECOS	EDWARDS-TRINITY-PLATEAU AQUIFER	5,533	75	0	0	33,983	654	40,245
2009	PECOS	EDWARDS-TRINITY-PLATEAU AQUIFER	5,203	73	0	0	54,244	603	60,123
2010	PECOS	EDWARDS-TRINITY-PLATEAU AQUIFER	5,369	149	0	0	73,249	594	79,361
2011	PECOS	EDWARDS-TRINITY-PLATEAU AQUIFER	6,925	152	0	0	74,691	586	82,354
2012	PECOS	EDWARDS-TRINITY-PLATEAU AQUIFER	4,601	159	0	0	65,828	523	71,111
1980	REEVES	EDWARDS-TRINITY-PLATEAU AQUIFER	30	0	0	0	8,655	1,000	9,685
1984	REEVES	EDWARDS-TRINITY-PLATEAU AQUIFER	27	0	1	0	6,200	900	7,128
1985	REEVES	EDWARDS-TRINITY-PLATEAU AQUIFER	25	0	0	0	4,746	856	5,627
1986	REEVES	EDWARDS-TRINITY-PLATEAU AQUIFER	29	0	0	0	4,527	843	5,399
1987	REEVES	EDWARDS-TRINITY-PLATEAU AQUIFER	28	0	0	0	3,048	772	3,848
1988	REEVES	EDWARDS-TRINITY-PLATEAU AQUIFER	29	0	0	0	3,833	347	4,209
1989	REEVES	EDWARDS-TRINITY-PLATEAU AQUIFER	27	0	0	0	5,535	382	5,944
1990	REEVES	EDWARDS-TRINITY-PLATEAU AQUIFER	38	0	0	0	2,921	416	3,375
1991	REEVES	EDWARDS-TRINITY-PLATEAU AQUIFER	39	0	0	0	2,521	424	2,984
1992	REEVES	EDWARDS-TRINITY-PLATEAU AQUIFER	38	0	0	0	2,479	640	3,157
1993	REEVES	EDWARDS-TRINITY-PLATEAU AQUIFER	41	0	0	0	30,704	670	31,415
1994	REEVES	EDWARDS-TRINITY-PLATEAU AQUIFER	76	0	0	0	0	651	727
1995	REEVES	EDWARDS-TRINITY-PLATEAU AQUIFER	74	0	0	0	0	564	638

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1996	REEVES	EDWARDS-TRINITY-PLATEAU AQUIFER	70	0	0	0	0	717	787
1997	REEVES	EDWARDS-TRINITY-PLATEAU AQUIFER	57	0	0	0	0	723	780
1998	REEVES	EDWARDS-TRINITY-PLATEAU AQUIFER	59	0	0	0	0	242	301
1999	REEVES	EDWARDS-TRINITY-PLATEAU AQUIFER	57	0	0	0	0	290	347
2000	REEVES	EDWARDS-TRINITY-PLATEAU AQUIFER	3	0	0	0	7,025	285	7,313
2001	REEVES	EDWARDS-TRINITY-PLATEAU AQUIFER	2	0	0	0	6,318	259	6,579
2002	REEVES	EDWARDS-TRINITY-PLATEAU AQUIFER	2	0	0	0	5,939	256	6,197
2003	REEVES	EDWARDS-TRINITY-PLATEAU AQUIFER	2	0	0	0	2,448	177	2,627
2004	REEVES	EDWARDS-TRINITY-PLATEAU AQUIFER	2	0	0	0	4,103	253	4,358
2005	REEVES	EDWARDS-TRINITY-PLATEAU AQUIFER	2	0	0	0	2,093	292	2,387
2006	REEVES	EDWARDS-TRINITY-PLATEAU AQUIFER	20	0	0	0	2,103	363	2,486
2008	REEVES	EDWARDS-TRINITY-PLATEAU AQUIFER	18	0	0	0	0	203	221
2009	REEVES	EDWARDS-TRINITY-PLATEAU AQUIFER	77	0	0	0	4,940	267	5,284
2010	REEVES	EDWARDS-TRINITY-PLATEAU AQUIFER	261	0	0	0	4,543	128	4,932
2011	REEVES	EDWARDS-TRINITY-PLATEAU AQUIFER	296	0	0	0	5,240	134	5,670
2012	REEVES	EDWARDS-TRINITY-PLATEAU AQUIFER	379	0	0	0	4,423	120	4,922
2000	WINKLER	EDWARDS-TRINITY-PLATEAU AQUIFER	0	0	0	0	0	3	3
2001	WINKLER	EDWARDS-TRINITY-PLATEAU AQUIFER	0	0	0	0	0	3	3
2002	WINKLER	EDWARDS-TRINITY-PLATEAU AQUIFER	0	0	0	0	0	3	3
2003	WINKLER	EDWARDS-TRINITY-PLATEAU AQUIFER	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
2004	WINKLER	EDWARDS-TRINITY-PLATEAU AQUIFER	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
2005	WINKLER	EDWARDS-TRINITY-PLATEAU AQUIFER	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
2006	WINKLER	EDWARDS-TRINITY-PLATEAU AQUIFER	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
2008	WINKLER	EDWARDS-TRINITY-PLATEAU AQUIFER	0	0	0	0	0	3	3
2009	WINKLER	EDWARDS-TRINITY-PLATEAU AQUIFER	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
2010	WINKLER	EDWARDS-TRINITY-PLATEAU AQUIFER	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
2011	WINKLER	EDWARDS-TRINITY-PLATEAU AQUIFER	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
2012	WINKLER	EDWARDS-TRINITY-PLATEAU AQUIFER	0	0	0	0	0	2	2

Appendix C
Historic Groundwater Pumping:
Pecos Valley Aquifer
GMA 3 Counties

Appendix C - Historic Groundwater Pumping - Pecos Valley Aquifer
GMA 3 Counties

Year	County	Aquifer	Municipal	Manufacturing	Mining	Steam Electric Power	Irrigation	Livestock	Total
1980	CRANE	PECOS AQUIFER	1,020	0	1,600	0	0	63	2,683
1984	CRANE	PECOS AQUIFER	1,237	0	3,533	0	90	112	4,972
1985	CRANE	PECOS AQUIFER	1,264	0	1,415	0	75	76	2,830
1986	CRANE	PECOS AQUIFER	1,263	0	1,166	0	100	90	2,619
1987	CRANE	PECOS AQUIFER	993	0	1,725	0	100	114	2,932
1988	CRANE	PECOS AQUIFER	1,388	389	1,520	0	100	122	3,519
1989	CRANE	PECOS AQUIFER	1,177	0	1,389	0	7	123	2,696
1990	CRANE	PECOS AQUIFER	1,284	0	1,381	0	25	121	2,811
1991	CRANE	PECOS AQUIFER	1,222	0	2,527	0	50	124	3,923
1992	CRANE	PECOS AQUIFER	837	0	570	0	50	98	1,555
1993	CRANE	PECOS AQUIFER	1,068	0	333	0	22	97	1,520
1994	CRANE	PECOS AQUIFER	1,119	0	426	0	22	151	1,718
1995	CRANE	PECOS AQUIFER	1,101	0	450	0	22	137	1,710
1996	CRANE	PECOS AQUIFER	1,130	0	829	0	22	109	2,090
1997	CRANE	PECOS AQUIFER	1,088	0	1,385	0	337	83	2,893
1998	CRANE	PECOS AQUIFER	1,281	0	776	0	337	122	2,516
1999	CRANE	PECOS AQUIFER	1,151	0	1,385	0	337	122	2,995
2000	CRANE	PECOS AQUIFER	1,393	0	0	0	0	117	1,510
2001	CRANE	PECOS AQUIFER	1,351	0	0	0	0	144	1,495
2002	CRANE	PECOS AQUIFER	1,360	0	0	0	0	121	1,481
2003	CRANE	PECOS AQUIFER	1,408	0	1	0	0	80	1,489
2004	CRANE	PECOS AQUIFER	1,373	0	0	0	0	61	1,434
2005	CRANE	PECOS AQUIFER	1,407	0	0	0	0	61	1,468
2006	CRANE	PECOS AQUIFER	1,384	0	0	0	0	50	1,434
2008	CRANE	PECOS AQUIFER	1,383	0	0	0	0	82	1,465
2009	CRANE	PECOS AQUIFER	1,337	0	0	0	0	109	1,446
2010	CRANE	PECOS AQUIFER	1,323	0	0	0	0	49	1,372
2011	CRANE	PECOS AQUIFER	1,710	0	0	0	0	51	1,761
2012	CRANE	PECOS AQUIFER	1,416	0	0	0	0	47	1,463
1980	LOVING	PECOS AQUIFER	9	0	0	0	0	49	58
1984	LOVING	PECOS AQUIFER	7	0	0	0	0	24	31
1985	LOVING	PECOS AQUIFER	5	0	0	0	0	27	32
1986	LOVING	PECOS AQUIFER	9	0	0	0	0	27	36
1987	LOVING	PECOS AQUIFER	9	0	0	0	0	27	36
1988	LOVING	PECOS AQUIFER	9	0	0	0	0	30	39
1989	LOVING	PECOS AQUIFER	7	0	0	0	0	26	33
1990	LOVING	PECOS AQUIFER	6	0	0	0	0	26	32
1991	LOVING	PECOS AQUIFER	6	0	0	0	0	27	33
1992	LOVING	PECOS AQUIFER	6	0	0	0	0	39	45
1993	LOVING	PECOS AQUIFER	5	0	0	0	0	39	44
1994	LOVING	PECOS AQUIFER	5	0	0	0	0	52	57
1995	LOVING	PECOS AQUIFER	5	0	0	0	0	51	56
1996	LOVING	PECOS AQUIFER	5	0	0	0	0	39	44
1997	LOVING	PECOS AQUIFER	4	0	0	0	0	51	55

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Year	County	Aquifer	Municipal	Manufacturing	Mining	Steam Electric Power	Irrigation	Livestock	Total
1998	LOVING	PECOS AQUIFER	4	0	0	0	0	39	43
1999	LOVING	PECOS AQUIFER	4	0	0	0	0	30	34
2000	LOVING	PECOS AQUIFER	6	0	0	0	0	27	33
2001	LOVING	PECOS AQUIFER	6	0	0	0	0	27	33
2002	LOVING	PECOS AQUIFER	6	0	0	0	0	24	30
2003	LOVING	PECOS AQUIFER	6	0	0	0	0	25	31
2004	LOVING	PECOS AQUIFER	5	0	0	0	0	12	17
2005	LOVING	PECOS AQUIFER	6	0	0	0	0	36	42
2006	LOVING	PECOS AQUIFER	6	0	0	0	0	42	48
2008	LOVING	PECOS AQUIFER	5	0	0	0	0	16	21
2009	LOVING	PECOS AQUIFER	4	0	0	0	0	17	21
2010	LOVING	PECOS AQUIFER	3	0	0	0	0	13	16
2011	LOVING	PECOS AQUIFER	21	0	0	0	0	14	35
2012	LOVING	PECOS AQUIFER	20	0	0	0	0	13	33
1980	PECOS	PECOS AQUIFER	87	0	0	0	50,000	282	50,369
1984	PECOS	PECOS AQUIFER	336	3	5,090	0	20,000	225	25,654
1985	PECOS	PECOS AQUIFER	326	3	58	0	17,718	240	18,345
1986	PECOS	PECOS AQUIFER	308	1	64	0	14,700	87	15,160
1987	PECOS	PECOS AQUIFER	304	0	53	0	13,450	173	13,980
1988	PECOS	PECOS AQUIFER	319	0	36	0	13,065	146	13,566
1989	PECOS	PECOS AQUIFER	257	0	48	0	14,648	164	15,117
1990	PECOS	PECOS AQUIFER	260	0	37	0	14,028	170	14,495
1991	PECOS	PECOS AQUIFER	293	0	29	0	13,490	176	13,988
1992	PECOS	PECOS AQUIFER	244	0	31	0	13,284	215	13,774
1993	PECOS	PECOS AQUIFER	317	0	42	0	16,355	193	16,907
1994	PECOS	PECOS AQUIFER	377	0	26	0	25,436	216	26,055
1995	PECOS	PECOS AQUIFER	431	0	37	0	29,403	201	30,072
1996	PECOS	PECOS AQUIFER	439	0	15	0	26,912	219	27,585
1997	PECOS	PECOS AQUIFER	395	0	17	0	27,677	214	28,303
1998	PECOS	PECOS AQUIFER	335	0	5	0	28,349	177	28,866
1999	PECOS	PECOS AQUIFER	317	0	17	0	27,853	208	28,395
2000	PECOS	PECOS AQUIFER	411	0	9	0	19,797	188	20,405
2001	PECOS	PECOS AQUIFER	382	0	7	0	17,567	198	18,154
2002	PECOS	PECOS AQUIFER	361	0	6	0	16,747	175	17,289
2003	PECOS	PECOS AQUIFER	328	0	6	0	10,292	149	10,775
2004	PECOS	PECOS AQUIFER	327	0	5	0	11,613	58	12,003
2005	PECOS	PECOS AQUIFER	328	0	5	0	11,320	61	11,714
2006	PECOS	PECOS AQUIFER	331	0	5	0	16,925	69	17,330
2008	PECOS	PECOS AQUIFER	425	63	2	0	15,560	60	16,110
2009	PECOS	PECOS AQUIFER	431	63	2	0	24,837	55	25,388
2010	PECOS	PECOS AQUIFER	45	65	0	0	33,539	54	33,703
2011	PECOS	PECOS AQUIFER	241	75	0	0	34,200	54	34,570
2012	PECOS	PECOS AQUIFER	208	76	13	0	30,142	48	30,487
1980	REEVES	PECOS AQUIFER	23	731	8,257	0	97,700	800	107,511

Appendix C - Historic Groundwater Pumping - Pecos Valley Aquifer
GMA 3 Counties

Year	County	Aquifer	Municipal	Manufacturing	Mining	Steam Electric Power	Irrigation	Livestock	Total
1984	REEVES	PECOS AQUIFER	20	324	45	0	70,000	1,380	71,769
1985	REEVES	PECOS AQUIFER	19	296	2,876	0	53,579	1,313	58,083
1986	REEVES	PECOS AQUIFER	23	554	2,385	0	51,106	1,293	55,361
1987	REEVES	PECOS AQUIFER	21	701	2,600	0	34,410	1,185	38,917
1988	REEVES	PECOS AQUIFER	23	685	1,896	0	43,276	533	46,413
1989	REEVES	PECOS AQUIFER	20	735	2,270	0	62,485	586	66,096
1990	REEVES	PECOS AQUIFER	50	703	2,209	0	32,972	638	36,572
1991	REEVES	PECOS AQUIFER	53	876	2,259	0	28,452	650	32,290
1992	REEVES	PECOS AQUIFER	186	906	1,949	0	27,973	982	31,996
1993	REEVES	PECOS AQUIFER	203	817	1,231	0	346,462	1,029	349,742
1994	REEVES	PECOS AQUIFER	264	1,182	1,333	0	100,639	1,000	104,418
1995	REEVES	PECOS AQUIFER	257	1,260	1,478	0	105,037	866	108,898
1996	REEVES	PECOS AQUIFER	287	1,258	868	0	98,497	1,101	102,011
1997	REEVES	PECOS AQUIFER	232	1,258	932	0	99,428	1,110	102,960
1998	REEVES	PECOS AQUIFER	239	449	97	0	99,536	372	100,693
1999	REEVES	PECOS AQUIFER	232	449	932	0	93,551	445	95,609
2000	REEVES	PECOS AQUIFER	702	0	449	0	49,956	296	51,403
2001	REEVES	PECOS AQUIFER	720	0	449	0	44,931	269	46,369
2002	REEVES	PECOS AQUIFER	802	0	449	0	42,237	266	43,754
2003	REEVES	PECOS AQUIFER	734	0	595	0	17,412	183	18,924
2004	REEVES	PECOS AQUIFER	712	0	495	0	29,177	223	30,607
2005	REEVES	PECOS AQUIFER	748	0	1,054	0	14,883	257	16,942
2006	REEVES	PECOS AQUIFER	681	0	1,144	0	14,953	320	17,098
2008	REEVES	PECOS AQUIFER	735	0	262	0	0	179	1,176
2009	REEVES	PECOS AQUIFER	744	0	600	0	35,132	235	36,711
2010	REEVES	PECOS AQUIFER	316	0	600	0	32,310	113	33,339
2011	REEVES	PECOS AQUIFER	715	0	751	0	37,262	118	38,846
2012	REEVES	PECOS AQUIFER	714	0	601	0	31,455	106	32,876
1980	WARD	PECOS AQUIFER	15,691	8	8,853	7,004	1,191	92	32,839
1984	WARD	PECOS AQUIFER	14,361	2	467	6,132	353	92	21,407
1985	WARD	PECOS AQUIFER	12,838	1	462	6,519	1,245	77	21,142
1986	WARD	PECOS AQUIFER	10,422	1	2	7,112	1,245	123	18,905
1987	WARD	PECOS AQUIFER	8,185	28	412	6,890	1,245	92	16,852
1988	WARD	PECOS AQUIFER	10,408	39	413	1,913	12	99	12,884
1989	WARD	PECOS AQUIFER	14,538	31	380	5,648	292	129	21,018
1990	WARD	PECOS AQUIFER	9,813	21	421	5,570	205	127	16,157
1991	WARD	PECOS AQUIFER	10,446	32	255	5,344	156	130	16,363
1992	WARD	PECOS AQUIFER	8,246	19	252	5,462	167	220	14,366
1993	WARD	PECOS AQUIFER	11,287	24	588	6,405	783	191	19,278
1994	WARD	PECOS AQUIFER	11,415	25	584	6,346	213	100	18,683
1995	WARD	PECOS AQUIFER	11,683	8	160	5,216	141	100	17,308
1996	WARD	PECOS AQUIFER	11,250	5	160	5,749	141	85	17,390
1997	WARD	PECOS AQUIFER	9,066	7	158	6,189	143	116	15,679
1998	WARD	PECOS AQUIFER	9,311	6	147	6,047	138	99	15,748

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Year	County	Aquifer	Municipal	Manufacturing	Mining	Steam Electric Power	Irrigation	Livestock	Total
1999	WARD	PECOS AQUIFER	8,337	6	147	6,047	128	95	14,760
2000	WARD	PECOS AQUIFER	8,927	0	6	5,886	2,851	45	17,715
2001	WARD	PECOS AQUIFER	11,805	0	0	5,669	1,245	89	18,808
2002	WARD	PECOS AQUIFER	10,370	0	0	5,669	680	81	16,800
2003	WARD	PECOS AQUIFER	8,217	0	0	4,222	1,123	51	13,613
2004	WARD	PECOS AQUIFER	8,415	0	0	2,505	1,265	46	12,231
2005	WARD	PECOS AQUIFER	5,514	0	0	2,326	1,153	58	9,051
2006	WARD	PECOS AQUIFER	6,932	0	0	3,099	933	57	11,021
2008	WARD	PECOS AQUIFER	4,803	0	0	2,665	1,393	87	8,948
2009	WARD	PECOS AQUIFER	4,697	0	0	2,309	1,849	88	8,943
2010	WARD	PECOS AQUIFER	5,477	0	0	2,502	864	82	8,925
2011	WARD	PECOS AQUIFER	5,039	0	0	93	223	79	5,434
2012	WARD	PECOS AQUIFER	9,125	0	0	16	890	69	10,100
1980	WINKLER	PECOS AQUIFER	341	1	269	0	4,500	112	5,223
1984	WINKLER	PECOS AQUIFER	342	1	487	0	360	83	1,273
1985	WINKLER	PECOS AQUIFER	336	44	550	0	800	70	1,800
1986	WINKLER	PECOS AQUIFER	337	55	81	0	800	84	1,357
1987	WINKLER	PECOS AQUIFER	439	45	631	0	800	84	1,999
1988	WINKLER	PECOS AQUIFER	390	7	601	0	1,000	92	2,090
1989	WINKLER	PECOS AQUIFER	331	7	491	0	0	90	919
1990	WINKLER	PECOS AQUIFER	265	7	391	0	0	89	752
1991	WINKLER	PECOS AQUIFER	321	7	1,284	0	1,500	91	3,203
1992	WINKLER	PECOS AQUIFER	302	0	135	0	1,500	132	2,069
1993	WINKLER	PECOS AQUIFER	307	8	137	0	0	132	584
1994	WINKLER	PECOS AQUIFER	330	4	108	0	0	118	560
1995	WINKLER	PECOS AQUIFER	348	2	81	0	0	91	522
1996	WINKLER	PECOS AQUIFER	384	2	92	0	0	63	541
1997	WINKLER	PECOS AQUIFER	347	1	109	0	0	63	520
1998	WINKLER	PECOS AQUIFER	405	1	88	0	0	157	651
1999	WINKLER	PECOS AQUIFER	336	0	80	0	0	140	556
2000	WINKLER	PECOS AQUIFER	336	0	20	0	2,002	119	2,477
2001	WINKLER	PECOS AQUIFER	316	0	10	0	2,002	117	2,445
2002	WINKLER	PECOS AQUIFER	277	0	0	0	2,670	111	3,058
2003	WINKLER	PECOS AQUIFER	282	0	1	0	3,005	73	3,361
2004	WINKLER	PECOS AQUIFER	224	0	20	0	2,700	76	3,020
2005	WINKLER	PECOS AQUIFER	263	0	20	0	3,770	74	4,127
2006	WINKLER	PECOS AQUIFER	4,391	0	8	0	4,912	88	9,399
2008	WINKLER	PECOS AQUIFER	335	0	0	0	2,223	111	2,669
2009	WINKLER	PECOS AQUIFER	322	0	0	0	3,005	88	3,415
2010	WINKLER	PECOS AQUIFER	318	0	0	0	2,603	102	3,023
2011	WINKLER	PECOS AQUIFER	381	0	0	0	4,135	100	4,616
2012	WINKLER	PECOS AQUIFER	291	0	0	0	4,239	86	4,616

Appendix D
Region F Socioeconomic Impact Reports from TWDB

Socioeconomic Impacts of Projected Water Shortages for the Region F Regional Water Planning Area

Prepared in Support of the 2021 Region F Regional Water Plan



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Executive Summary

Evaluating the social and economic impacts of not meeting identified water needs is a required analysis in the regional water planning process. The Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) estimates these impacts for regional water planning groups (RWPGs) and summarizes the impacts in the state water plan. The analysis presented is for the Region F Regional Water Planning Group (Region F).

Based on projected water demands and existing water supplies, Region F identified water needs (potential shortages) that could occur within its region under a repeat of the drought of record for six water use categories (irrigation, livestock, manufacturing, mining, municipal and steam-electric power). The TWDB then estimated the annual socioeconomic impacts of those needs—if they are not met—for each water use category and as an aggregate for the region.

This analysis was performed using an economic impact modeling software package, IMPLAN (Impact for Planning Analysis), as well as other economic analysis techniques, and represents a snapshot of socioeconomic impacts that may occur during a single year repeat of the drought of record with the further caveat that no mitigation strategies are implemented. Decade specific impact estimates assume that growth occurs, and future shocks are imposed on an economy at 10-year intervals. The estimates presented are not cumulative (i.e., summing up expected impacts from today up to the decade noted), but are simply snapshots of the estimated annual socioeconomic impacts should a drought of record occur in each particular decade based on anticipated water supplies and demands for that same decade.

For regional economic impacts, income losses and job losses are estimated within each planning decade (2020 through 2070). The income losses represent an approximation of gross domestic product (GDP) that would be foregone if water needs are not met.

The analysis also provides estimates of financial transfer impacts, which include tax losses (state, local, and utility tax collections); water trucking costs; and utility revenue losses. In addition, social impacts are estimated, encompassing lost consumer surplus (a welfare economics measure of consumer wellbeing); as well as population and school enrollment losses.

IMPLAN data reported that Region F generated more than \$50 billion in gross domestic product (GDP) (2018 dollars) and supported more than 424,000 jobs in 2016. The Region F estimated total population was approximately 686,000 in 2016.

It is estimated that not meeting the identified water needs in Region F would result in an annually combined lost income impact of approximately \$19.6 billion in 2020 and \$6.4 billion in 2070 (Table ES-1). It is also estimated that the region would lose approximately 98,000 jobs in 2020 and 39,000 in 2070.

All impact estimates are in year 2018 dollars and were calculated using a variety of data sources and tools including the use of a region-specific IMPLAN model, data from TWDB annual water use

estimates, the U.S. Census Bureau, Texas Agricultural Statistics Service, and the Texas Municipal League.

Table ES-1 Region F socioeconomic impact summary

Regional Economic Impacts	2020	2030	2040	2050	2060	2070
Income losses (\$ millions)*	\$19,624	\$19,720	\$17,058	\$13,443	\$7,750	\$6,356
Job losses	98,208	100,186	88,685	71,444	43,995	38,833
Financial Transfer Impacts	2020	2030	2040	2050	2060	2070
Tax losses on production and imports (\$ millions)*	\$2,644	\$2,647	\$2,266	\$1,749	\$937	\$725
Water trucking costs (\$ millions)*	\$29	\$29	\$29	\$30	\$31	\$32
Utility revenue losses (\$ millions)*	\$56	\$82	\$111	\$139	\$172	\$207
Utility tax revenue losses (\$ millions)*	\$1	\$1	\$2	\$3	\$3	\$4
Social Impacts	2020	2030	2040	2050	2060	2070
Consumer surplus losses (\$ millions)*	\$87	\$93	\$149	\$183	\$227	\$286
Population losses	18,031	18,394	16,283	13,117	8,078	7,130
School enrollment losses	3,449	3,518	3,115	2,509	1,545	1,364

* Year 2018 dollars, rounded. Entries denoted by a dash (-) indicate no estimated economic impact. Entries denoted by a zero (\$0) indicate estimated income losses less than \$500,000.

1 Introduction

Water shortages during a repeat of the drought of record would likely curtail or eliminate certain economic activity in businesses and industries that rely heavily on water. Insufficient water supplies could not only have an immediate and real impact on the regional economy in the short term, but they could also adversely and chronically affect economic development in Texas. From a social perspective, water supply reliability is critical as well. Shortages could disrupt activity in homes, schools and government, and could adversely affect public health and safety. For these reasons, it is important to evaluate and understand how water supply shortages during drought could impact communities throughout the state.

As part of the regional water planning process, RWPGs must evaluate the social and economic impacts of not meeting water needs (31 Texas Administrative Code §357.33 (c)). Due to the complexity of the analysis and limited resources of the planning groups, the TWDB has historically performed this analysis for the RWPGs upon their request. Staff of the TWDB's Water Use, Projections, & Planning Division designed and conducted this analysis in support of Region F, and those efforts for this region as well as the other 15 regions allow consistency and a degree of comparability in the approach.

This document summarizes the results of the analysis and discusses the methodology used to generate the results. Section 1 provides a snapshot of the region's economy and summarizes the identified water needs in each water use category, which were calculated based on the RWPG's water supply and demand established during the regional water planning process. Section 2 defines each of ten impact assessment measures used in this analysis. Section 3 describes the methodology for the impact assessment and the approaches and assumptions specific to each water use category (i.e., irrigation, livestock, manufacturing, mining, municipal, and steam-electric power). Section 4 presents the impact estimates for each water use category with results summarized for the region as a whole. Appendix A presents a further breakdown of the socioeconomic impacts by county.

1.1 Regional Economic Summary

The Region F Regional Water Planning Area generated more than \$50 billion in GDP (2018 dollars) and supported roughly 424,000 jobs in 2016, according to the IMPLAN dataset utilized in this socioeconomic analysis. This activity accounted for 3 percent of the state's total GDP of 1.73 trillion dollars for the year based on IMPLAN. Table 1-1 lists all economic sectors ranked by the total value-added to the economy in Region F. The mining sector (including oil and gas extraction) generated close to 40 percent of the region's total value-added and was also a significant source of tax revenue. The top employers in the region were in the mining, public administration, and retail trade sectors. Region F's estimated total population was roughly 686,000 in 2016, approximately 2.5 percent of the state's total.

This represents a snapshot of the regional economy as a whole, and it is important to note that not all economic sectors were included in the TWDB socioeconomic impact analysis. Data considerations prompted use of only the more water-intensive sectors within the economy because

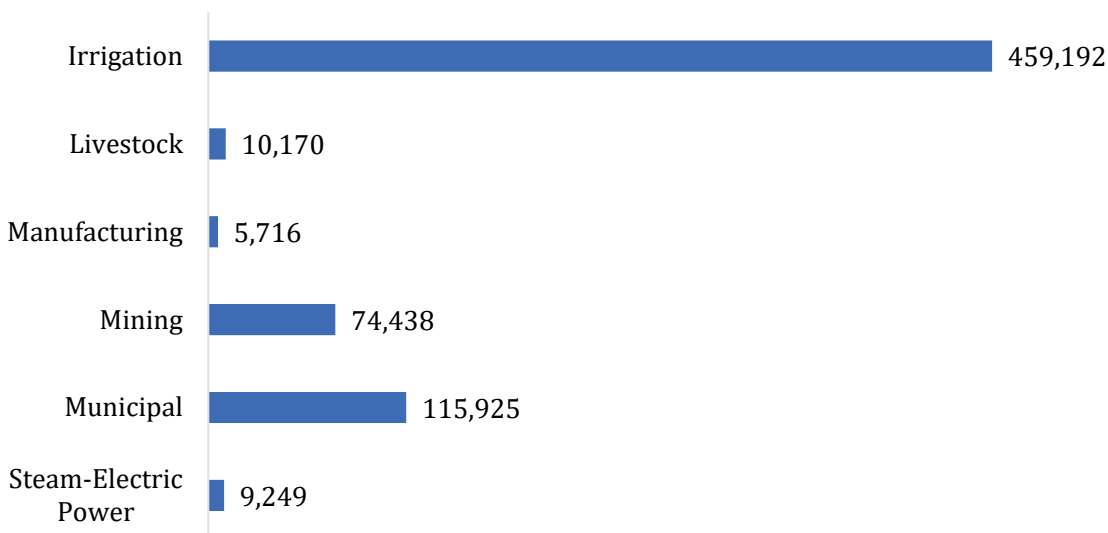
damage estimates could only be calculated for those economic sectors which had both reliable income and water use estimates.

Table 1-1 Region F regional economy by economic sector*

Economic sector	Value-added (\$ millions)	Tax (\$ millions)	Jobs
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	\$19,711.6	\$2,458.8	67,722
Public Administration	\$4,274.8	\$(23.0)	53,420
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	\$3,831.9	\$556.6	14,285
Wholesale Trade	\$3,199.8	\$496.7	16,901
Manufacturing	\$3,091.3	\$95.4	18,614
Construction	\$2,650.8	\$33.3	30,015
Retail Trade	\$2,203.5	\$542.9	39,778
Health Care and Social Assistance	\$1,743.9	\$25.6	30,056
Finance and Insurance	\$1,513.5	\$66.2	16,366
Utilities	\$1,350.0	\$174.2	2,089
Accommodation and Food Services	\$1,346.2	\$196.9	32,131
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	\$1,256.2	\$37.8	18,165
Other Services (except Public Administration)	\$1,229.4	\$124.4	21,836
Transportation and Warehousing	\$1,011.8	\$97.2	15,793
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	\$719.3	\$26.4	14,728
Information	\$695.5	\$208.0	3,546
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	\$412.7	\$15.9	16,847
Management of Companies and Enterprises	\$394.9	\$9.5	3,372
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	\$187.6	\$33.8	5,317
Educational Services	\$92.6	\$5.4	3,175
Grand Total	\$50,917.2	\$5,182.1	424,156

*Source: 2016 IMPLAN for 536 sectors aggregated by 2-digit NAICS (North American Industry Classification System)

While the mining sector led the region in economic output, the majority (68 percent) of water use in 2016 occurred in irrigated agriculture. Notably, more than 44 percent of the state's mining water use occurred within Region F. Figure 1-1 illustrates Region F's breakdown of the 2016 water use estimates by TWDB water use category.

Figure 1-1 Region F 2016 water use estimates by water use category (in acre-feet)

Source: TWDB Annual Water Use Estimates (all values in acre-feet)

1.2 Identified Regional Water Needs (Potential Shortages)

As part of the regional water planning process, the TWDB adopted water demand projections for water user groups (WUG) in Region F with input from the planning group. WUG-level demand projections were established for utilities that provide more than 100 acre-feet of annual water supply, combined rural areas (designated as county-other), and county-wide water demand projections for five non-municipal categories (irrigation, livestock, manufacturing, mining and steam-electric power). The RWPG then compared demands to the existing water supplies of each WUG to determine potential shortages, or needs, by decade.

Table 1-2 summarizes the region's identified water needs in the event of a repeat of the drought of record. Demand management, such as conservation, or the development of new infrastructure to increase supplies, are water management strategies that may be recommended by the planning group to address those needs. This analysis assumes that no strategies are implemented, and that the identified needs correspond to future water shortages. Note that projected water needs generally increase over time, primarily due to anticipated population growth, economic growth, or declining supplies. To provide a general sense of proportion, total projected needs as an overall percentage of total demand by water use category are also presented in aggregate in Table 1-2. Projected needs for individual water user groups within the aggregate can vary greatly and may reach 100% for a given WUG and water use category. A detailed summary of water needs by WUG and county appears in Chapter 4 of the 2021 Region F Regional Water Plan.

Table 1-2 Regional water needs summary by water use category

Water Use Category		2020	2030	2040	2050	2060	2070
Irrigation	water needs (acre-feet per year)	13,528	17,957	18,618	19,676	22,157	24,740
	% of the category's total water demand	3%	4%	4%	4%	5%	5%
Livestock	water needs (acre-feet per year)	9	17	25	39	50	60
	% of the category's total water demand	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%
Manufacturing	water needs (acre-feet per year)	1,137	1,226	1,269	1,461	1,664	1,851
	% of the category's total water demand	10%	10%	10%	12%	13%	15%
Mining	water needs (acre-feet per year)	23,009	22,916	19,702	15,080	7,993	5,880
	% of the category's total water demand	21%	21%	22%	23%	17%	17%
Municipal*	water needs (acre-feet per year)	16,030	24,159	33,381	42,081	52,530	63,829
	% of the category's total water demand	12%	16%	21%	25%	29%	34%
Steam-electric power	water needs (acre-feet per year)	12,746	12,793	12,850	12,945	13,042	13,129
	% of the category's total water demand	70%	71%	71%	72%	72%	73%
Total water needs (acre-feet per year)		66,459	79,068	85,845	91,282	97,436	109,489

* Municipal category consists of residential and non-residential (commercial and institutional) subcategories.

2 Impact Assessment Measures

A required component of the regional and state water plans is to estimate the potential economic and social impacts of potential water shortages during a repeat of the drought of record. Consistent with previous water plans, ten impact measures were estimated and are described in Table 2-1.

Table 2-1 Socioeconomic impact analysis measures

Regional economic impacts	Description
Income losses - value-added	The value of output less the value of intermediate consumption; it is a measure of the contribution to gross domestic product (GDP) made by an individual producer, industry, sector, or group of sectors within a year. Value-added measures used in this report have been adjusted to include the direct, indirect, and induced monetary impacts on the region.
Income losses - electrical power purchase costs	Proxy for income loss in the form of additional costs of power as a result of impacts of water shortages.
Job losses	Number of part-time and full-time jobs lost due to the shortage. These values have been adjusted to include the direct, indirect, and induced employment impacts on the region.
Financial transfer impacts	Description
Tax losses on production and imports	Sales and excise taxes not collected due to the shortage, in addition to customs duties, property taxes, motor vehicle licenses, severance taxes, other taxes, and special assessments less subsidies. These values have been adjusted to include the direct, indirect and induced tax impacts on the region.
Water trucking costs	Estimated cost of shipping potable water.
Utility revenue losses	Foregone utility income due to not selling as much water.
Utility tax revenue losses	Foregone miscellaneous gross receipts tax collections.
Social impacts	Description
Consumer surplus losses	A welfare measure of the lost value to consumers accompanying restricted water use.
Population losses	Population losses accompanying job losses.
School enrollment losses	School enrollment losses (K-12) accompanying job losses.

2.1 Regional Economic Impacts

The two key measures used to assess regional economic impacts are income losses and job losses. The income losses presented consist of the sum of value-added losses and the additional purchase costs of electrical power.

Income Losses - Value-added Losses

Value-added is the value of total output less the value of the intermediate inputs also used in the production of the final product. Value-added is similar to GDP, a familiar measure of the productivity of an economy. The loss of value-added due to water shortages is estimated by input-output analysis using the IMPLAN software package, and includes the direct, indirect, and induced monetary impacts on the region. The indirect and induced effects are measures of reduced income as well as reduced employee spending for those input sectors which provide resources to the water shortage impacted production sectors.

Income Losses - Electric Power Purchase Costs

The electrical power grid and market within the state is a complex interconnected system. The industry response to water shortages, and the resulting impact on the region, are not easily modeled using traditional input/output impact analysis and the IMPLAN model. Adverse impacts on the region will occur and are represented in this analysis by estimated additional costs associated with power purchases from other generating plants within the region or state. Consequently, the analysis employs additional power purchase costs as a proxy for the value-added impacts for the steam-electric power water use category, and these are included as a portion of the overall income impact for completeness.

For the purpose of this analysis, it is assumed that power companies with insufficient water will be forced to purchase power on the electrical market at a projected higher rate of 5.60 cents per kilowatt hour. This rate is based upon the average day-ahead market purchase price of electricity in Texas that occurred during the recent drought period in 2011. This price is assumed to be comparable to those prices which would prevail in the event of another drought of record.

Job Losses

The number of jobs lost due to the economic impact is estimated using IMPLAN output associated with each TWDB water use category. Because of the difficulty in predicting outcomes and a lack of relevant data, job loss estimates are not calculated for the steam-electric power category.

2.2 Financial Transfer Impacts

Several impact measures evaluated in this analysis are presented to provide additional detail concerning potential impacts on a portion of the economy or government. These financial transfer impact measures include lost tax collections (on production and imports), trucking costs for imported water, declines in utility revenues, and declines in utility tax revenue collected by the

state. These measures are not solely adverse, with some having both positive and negative impacts. For example, cities and residents would suffer if forced to pay large costs for trucking in potable water. Trucking firms, conversely, would benefit from the transaction. Additional detail for each of these measures follows.

Tax Losses on Production and Imports

Reduced production of goods and services accompanying water shortages adversely impacts the collection of taxes by state and local government. The regional IMPLAN model is used to estimate reduced tax collections associated with the reduced output in the economy. Impact estimates for this measure include the direct, indirect, and induced impacts for the affected sectors.

Water Trucking Costs

In instances where water shortages for a municipal water user group are estimated by RWPGs to exceed 80 percent of water demands, it is assumed that water would need to be trucked in to support basic consumption and sanitation needs. For water shortages of 80 percent or greater, a fixed, maximum of \$35,000¹ per acre-foot of water applied as an economic cost. This water trucking cost was utilized for both the residential and non-residential portions of municipal water needs.

Utility Revenue Losses

Lost utility income is calculated as the price of water service multiplied by the quantity of water not sold during a drought shortage. Such estimates are obtained from utility-specific pricing data provided by the Texas Municipal League, where available, for both water and wastewater. These water rates are applied to the potential water shortage to estimate forgone utility revenue as water providers sold less water during the drought due to restricted supplies.

Utility Tax Losses

Foregone utility tax losses include estimates of forgone miscellaneous gross receipts taxes. Reduced water sales reduce the amount of utility tax that would be collected by the State of Texas for water and wastewater service sales.

2.3 Social Impacts

Consumer Surplus Losses for Municipal Water Users

Consumer surplus loss is a measure of impact to the wellbeing of municipal water users when their water use is restricted. Consumer surplus is the difference between how much a consumer is willing and able to pay for a commodity (i.e., water) and how much they actually have to pay. The

¹ Based on staff survey of water hauling firms and historical data concerning transport costs for potable water in the recent drought in California for this estimate. There are many factors and variables that would determine actual water trucking costs including distance to, cost of water, and length of that drought.

difference is a benefit to the consumer's wellbeing since they do not have to pay as much for the commodity as they would be willing to pay. Consumer surplus may also be viewed as an estimate of how much consumers would be willing to pay to keep the original quantity of water which they used prior to the drought. Lost consumer surplus estimates within this analysis only apply to the residential portion of municipal demand, with estimates being made for reduced outdoor and indoor residential use. Lost consumer surplus estimates varied widely by location and degree of water shortage.

Population and School Enrollment Losses

Population loss due to water shortages, as well as the associated decline in school enrollment, are based upon the job loss estimates discussed in Section 2.1. A simplified ratio of job and net population losses are calculated for the state as a whole based on a recent study of how job layoffs impact the labor market population.² For every 100 jobs lost, 18 people were assumed to move out of the area. School enrollment losses are estimated as a proportion of the population lost based upon public school enrollment data from the Texas Education Agency concerning the age K-12 population within the state (approximately 19%).

² Foote, Andrew, Grosz, Michel, Stevens, Ann. "Locate Your Nearest Exit: Mass Layoffs and Local Labor Market Response." University of California, Davis. April 2015, <http://paa2015.princeton.edu/papers/150194>. The study utilized Bureau of Labor Statistics data regarding layoffs between 1996 and 2013, as well as Internal Revenue Service data regarding migration, to model the change in the population as the result of a job layoff event. The study found that layoffs impact both out-migration and in-migration into a region, and that a majority of those who did move following a layoff moved to another labor market rather than an adjacent county.

3 Socioeconomic Impact Assessment Methodology

This portion of the report provides a summary of the methodology used to estimate the potential economic impacts of future water shortages. The general approach employed in the analysis was to obtain estimates for income and job losses on the smallest geographic level that the available data would support, tie those values to their accompanying historic water use estimate, and thereby determine a maximum impact per acre-foot of shortage for each of the socioeconomic measures. The calculations of economic impacts are based on the overall composition of the economy divided into many underlying economic sectors. Sectors in this analysis refer to one or more of the 536 specific production sectors of the economy designated within IMPLAN, the economic impact modeling software used for this assessment. Economic impacts within this report are estimated for approximately 330 of these sectors, with the focus on the more water-intensive production sectors. The economic impacts for a single water use category consist of an aggregation of impacts to multiple, related IMPLAN economic sectors.

3.1 Analysis Context

The context of this socioeconomic impact analysis involves situations where there are physical shortages of groundwater or surface water due to a recurrence of drought of record conditions. Anticipated shortages for specific water users may be nonexistent in earlier decades of the planning horizon, yet population growth or greater industrial, agricultural or other sector demands in later decades may result in greater overall demand, exceeding the existing supplies. Estimated socioeconomic impacts measure what would happen if water user groups experience water shortages for a period of one year. Actual socioeconomic impacts would likely become larger as drought of record conditions persist for periods greater than a single year.

3.2 IMPLAN Model and Data

Input-Output analysis using the IMPLAN software package was the primary means of estimating the value-added, jobs, and tax related impact measures. This analysis employed regional level models to determine key economic impacts. IMPLAN is an economic impact model, originally developed by the U.S. Forestry Service in the 1970's to model economic activity at varying geographic levels. The model is currently maintained by the Minnesota IMPLAN Group (MIG Inc.) which collects and sells county and state specific data and software. The year 2016 version of IMPLAN, employing data for all 254 Texas counties, was used to provide estimates of value-added, jobs, and taxes on production for the economic sectors associated with the water user groups examined in the study. IMPLAN uses 536 sector-specific Industry Codes, and those that rely on water as a primary input were assigned to their appropriate planning water user categories (irrigation, livestock, manufacturing, mining, and municipal). Estimates of value-added for a water use category were obtained by summing value-added estimates across the relevant IMPLAN sectors associated with that water use category. These calculations were also performed for job losses as well as tax losses on production and imports.

The adjusted value-added estimates used as an income measure in this analysis, as well as the job and tax estimates from IMPLAN, include three components:

- **Direct effects** representing the initial change in the industry analyzed;
- **Indirect effects** that are changes in inter-industry transactions as supplying industries respond to reduced demands from the directly affected industries; and,
- **Induced effects** that reflect changes in local spending that result from reduced household income among employees in the directly and indirectly affected industry sectors.

Input-output models such as IMPLAN only capture backward linkages and do not include forward linkages in the economy.

3.3 Elasticity of Economic Impacts

The economic impact of a water need is based on the size of the water need relative to the total water demand for each water user group. Smaller water shortages, for example, less than 5 percent, are generally anticipated to result in no initial negative economic impact because water users are assumed to have a certain amount of flexibility in dealing with small shortages. As a water shortage intensifies, however, such flexibility lessens and results in actual and increasing economic losses, eventually reaching a representative maximum impact estimate per unit volume of water. To account for these characteristics, an elasticity adjustment function is used to estimate impacts for the income, tax and job loss measures. Figure 3-1 illustrates this general relationship for the adjustment functions. Negative impacts are assumed to begin accruing when the shortage reaches the lower bound 'b1' (5 percent in Figure 3-1), with impacts then increasing linearly up to the 100 percent impact level (per unit volume) once the upper bound reaches the 'b2' level shortage (40 percent in Figure 3-1).

To illustrate this, if the total annual value-added for manufacturing in the region was \$2 million and the reported annual volume of water used in that industry is 10,000 acre-feet, the estimated economic measure of the water shortage would be \$200 per acre-foot. The economic impact of the shortage would then be estimated using this value-added amount as the maximum impact estimate (\$200 per acre-foot) applied to the anticipated shortage volume and then adjusted by the elasticity function. Using the sample elasticity function shown in Figure 3-1, an approximately 22 percent shortage in the livestock category would indicate an economic impact estimate of 50% of the original \$200 per acre-foot impact value (i.e., \$100 per acre-foot).

Such adjustments are not required in estimating consumer surplus, utility revenue losses, or utility tax losses. Estimates of lost consumer surplus rely on utility-specific demand curves with the lost consumer surplus estimate calculated based on the relative percentage of the utility's water shortage. Estimated changes in population and school enrollment are indirectly related to the elasticity of job losses.

Assumed values for the lower and upper bounds 'b1' and 'b2' vary by water use category and are presented in Table 3-1.

Figure 3-1 Example economic impact elasticity function (as applied to a single water user’s shortage)

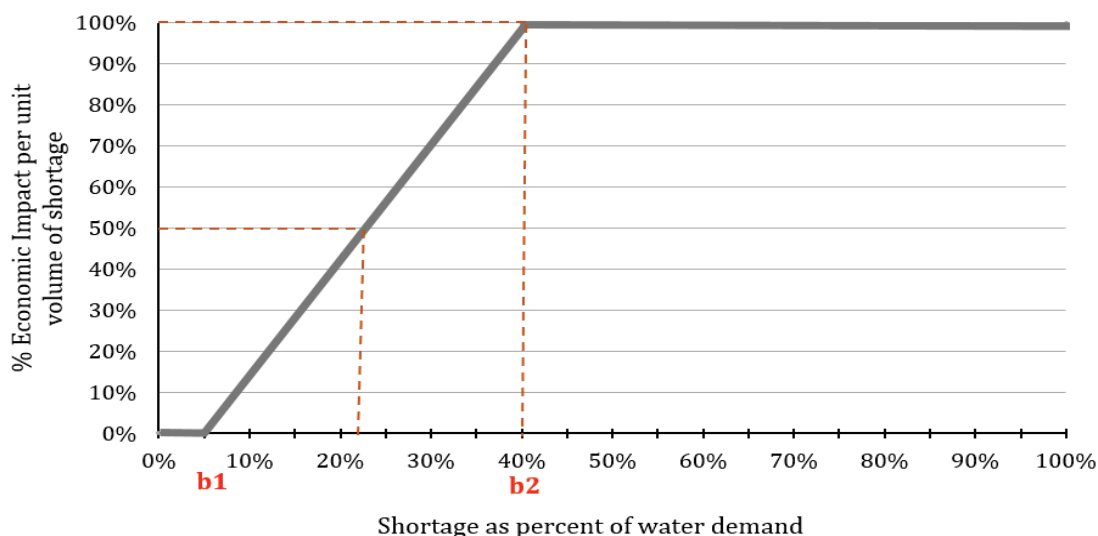


Table 3-1 Economic impact elasticity function lower and upper bounds

Water use category	Lower bound (b1)	Upper bound (b2)
Irrigation	5%	40%
Livestock	5%	10%
Manufacturing	5%	40%
Mining	5%	40%
Municipal (non-residential water intensive subcategory)	5%	40%
Steam-electric power	N/A	N/A

3.4 Analysis Assumptions and Limitations

The modeling of complex systems requires making many assumptions and acknowledging the model’s uncertainty and limitations. This is particularly true when attempting to estimate a wide range of socioeconomic impacts over a large geographic area and into future decades. Some of the key assumptions and limitations of this methodology include:

1. The foundation for estimating the socioeconomic impacts of water shortages resulting from a drought are the water needs (potential shortages) that were identified by RWPGs as part of the

regional water planning process. These needs have some uncertainty associated with them but serve as a reasonable basis for evaluating the potential impacts of a drought of record event.

2. All estimated socioeconomic impacts are snapshots for years in which water needs were identified (i.e., 2020, 2030, 2040, 2050, 2060, and 2070). The estimates are independent and distinct “what if” scenarios for each particular year, and water shortages are assumed to be temporary events resulting from a single year recurrence of drought of record conditions. The evaluation assumed that no recommended water management strategies are implemented. In other words, growth occurs and future shocks are imposed on an economy at 10-year intervals, and the resulting impacts are estimated. Note that the estimates presented are not cumulative (i.e., summing up expected impacts from today up to the decade noted), but are simply snapshots of the estimated annual socioeconomic impacts should a drought of record occur in each particular decade based on anticipated water supplies and demands for that same decade.
3. Input-output models such as IMPLAN rely on a static profile of the structure of the economy as it appears today. This presumes that the relative contributions of all sectors of the economy would remain the same, regardless of changes in technology, availability of limited resources, and other structural changes to the economy that may occur in the future. Changes in water use efficiency will undoubtedly take place in the future as supplies become more stressed. Use of the static IMPLAN structure was a significant assumption and simplification considering the 50-year time period examined in this analysis. To presume an alternative future economic makeup, however, would entail positing many other major assumptions that would very likely generate as much or more error.
4. This is not a form of cost-benefit analysis. That approach to evaluating the economic feasibility of a specific policy or project employs discounting future benefits and costs to their present value dollars using some assumed discount rate. The methodology employed in this effort to estimate the economic impacts of future water shortages did not use any discounting methods to weigh future costs differently through time.
5. All monetary values originally based upon year 2016 IMPLAN and other sources are reported in constant year 2018 dollars to be consistent with the water management strategy requirements in the State Water Plan.
6. IMPLAN based loss estimates (income-value-added, jobs, and taxes on production and imports) are calculated only for those IMPLAN sectors for which the TWDB’s Water Use Survey (WUS) data was available and deemed reliable. Every effort is made in the annual WUS effort to capture all relevant firms who are significant water users. Lack of response to the WUS, or omission of relevant firms, impacts the loss estimates.

7. Impacts are annual estimates. The socioeconomic analysis does not reflect the full extent of impacts that might occur as a result of persistent water shortages occurring over an extended duration. The drought of record in most regions of Texas lasted several years.
8. Value-added estimates are the primary estimate of the economic impacts within this report. One may be tempted to add consumer surplus impacts to obtain an estimate of total adverse economic impacts to the region, but the consumer surplus measure represents the change to the wellbeing of households (and other water users), not an actual change in the flow of dollars through the economy. The two measures (value-added and consumer surplus) are both valid impacts but ideally should not be summed.
9. The value-added, jobs, and taxes on production and import impacts include the direct, indirect and induced effects to capture backward linkages in the economy described in Section 2.1. Population and school enrollment losses also indirectly include such effects as they are based on the associated losses in employment. The remaining measures (consumer surplus, utility revenue, utility taxes, additional electrical power purchase costs, and potable water trucking costs), however, do not include any induced or indirect effects.
10. The majority of impacts estimated in this analysis may be more conservative (i.e., smaller) than those that might actually occur under drought of record conditions due to not including impacts in the forward linkages in the economy. Input-output models such as IMPLAN only capture backward linkages on suppliers (including households that supply labor to directly affected industries). While this is a common limitation in this type of economic modeling effort, it is important to note that forward linkages on the industries that use the outputs of the directly affected industries can also be very important. A good example is impacts on livestock operators. Livestock producers tend to suffer substantially during droughts, not because there is not enough water for their stock, but because reductions in available pasture and higher prices for purchased hay have significant economic effects on their operations. Food processors could be in a similar situation if they cannot get the grains or other inputs that they need. These effects are not captured in IMPLAN, resulting in conservative impact estimates.
11. The model does not reflect dynamic economic responses to water shortages as they might occur, nor does the model reflect economic impacts associated with a recovery from a drought of record including:
 - a. The likely significant economic rebound to some industries immediately following a drought, such as landscaping;
 - b. The cost and time to rebuild liquidated livestock herds (a major capital investment in that industry);
 - c. Direct impacts on recreational sectors (i.e., stranded docks and reduced tourism); or,
 - d. Impacts of negative publicity on Texas' ability to attract population and business in the event that it was not able to provide adequate water supplies for the existing economy.

12. Estimates for job losses and the associated population and school enrollment changes may exceed what would actually occur. In practice, firms may be hesitant to lay off employees, even in difficult economic times. Estimates of population and school enrollment changes are based on regional evaluations and therefore do not necessarily reflect what might occur on a statewide basis.
13. **The results must be interpreted carefully. It is the general and relative magnitudes of impacts as well as the changes of these impacts over time that should be the focus rather than the absolute numbers.** Analyses of this type are much better at predicting relative percent differences brought about by a shock to a complex system (i.e., a water shortage) than the precise size of an impact. To illustrate, assuming that the estimated economic impacts of a drought of record on the manufacturing and mining water user categories are \$2 and \$1 million, respectively, one should be more confident that the economic impacts on manufacturing are twice as large as those on mining and that these impacts will likely be in the millions of dollars. But one should have less confidence that the actual total economic impact experienced would be \$3 million.
14. The methodology does not capture “spillover” effects between regions – or the secondary impacts that occur outside of the region where the water shortage is projected to occur.
15. The methodology that the TWDB has developed for estimating the economic impacts of unmet water needs, and the assumptions and models used in the analysis, are specifically designed to estimate potential economic effects at the regional and county levels. Although it may be tempting to add the regional impacts together in an effort to produce a statewide result, the TWDB cautions against that approach for a number of reasons. The IMPLAN modeling (and corresponding economic multipliers) are all derived from regional models – a statewide model of Texas would produce somewhat different multipliers. As noted in point 14 within this section, the regional modeling used by TWDB does not capture spillover losses that could result in other regions from unmet needs in the region analyzed, or potential spillover gains if decreased production in one region leads to increases in production elsewhere. The assumed drought of record may also not occur in every region of Texas at the same time, or to the same degree.

4 Analysis Results

This section presents estimates of potential economic impacts that could reasonably be expected in the event of water shortages associated with a drought of record and if no recommended water management strategies were implemented. Projected economic impacts for the six water use categories (irrigation, livestock, manufacturing, mining, municipal, and steam-electric power) are reported by decade.

4.1 Impacts for Irrigation Water Shortages

Nine of the 32 counties in the region are projected to experience water shortages in the irrigated agriculture water use category for one or more decades within the planning horizon. Estimated impacts to this water use category appear in Table 4-1. Note that tax collection impacts were not estimated for this water use category. IMPLAN data indicates a negative tax impact (i.e., increased tax collections) for the associated production sectors, primarily due to past subsidies from the federal government. However, it was not considered realistic to report increasing tax revenues during a drought of record.

Table 4-1 Impacts of water shortages on irrigation in Region F

Impact measure	2020	2030	2040	2050	2060	2070
Income losses (\$ millions)*	\$4	\$6	\$6	\$7	\$8	\$8
Job losses	98	137	148	170	187	200

* Year 2018 dollars, rounded. Entries denoted by a dash (-) indicate no estimated economic impact. Entries denoted by a zero (\$0) indicate estimated income losses less than \$500,000.

4.2 Impacts for Livestock Water Shortages

One of the 32 counties in the region are projected to experience water shortages in the livestock water use category for one or more decades within the planning horizon. Estimated impacts to this water use category appear in Table 4-2.

Table 4-2 Impacts of water shortages on livestock in Region F

Impact measure	2020	2030	2040	2050	2060	2070
Income losses (\$ millions)*	\$-	\$0	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1
Jobs losses	-	11	26	41	52	63
Tax losses on production and imports (\$ millions)*	\$-	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

* Year 2018 dollars, rounded. Entries denoted by a dash (-) indicate no estimated economic impact. Entries denoted by a zero (\$0) indicate estimated income losses less than \$500,000.

4.3 Impacts of Manufacturing Water Shortages

Manufacturing water shortages in the region are projected to occur in seven of the 32 counties in the region for at least one decade of the planning horizon. Estimated impacts to this water use category appear in Table 4-3.

Table 4-3 Impacts of water shortages on manufacturing in Region F

Impacts measure	2020	2030	2040	2050	2060	2070
Income losses (\$ millions)*	\$457	\$535	\$576	\$684	\$821	\$982
Job losses	1,241	1,771	2,121	2,927	3,933	5,043
Tax losses on production and Imports (\$ millions)*	\$28	\$33	\$35	\$42	\$50	\$60

* Year 2018 dollars, rounded. Entries denoted by a dash (-) indicate no estimated economic impact. Entries denoted by a zero (\$0) indicate estimated income losses less than \$500,000.

4.4 Impacts of Mining Water Shortages

Mining water shortages in the region are projected to occur in seven of the 32 counties in the region for one or more decades within the planning horizon. Estimated impacts to this water use type appear in Table 4-4.

Table 4-4 Impacts of water shortages on mining in Region F

Impacts measure	2020	2030	2040	2050	2060	2070
Income losses (\$ millions)*	\$18,617	\$18,533	\$15,686	\$11,894	\$5,970	\$4,291
Job losses	94,650	94,226	79,758	60,489	30,375	21,842
Tax losses on production and Imports (\$ millions)*	\$2,604	\$2,592	\$2,194	\$1,663	\$834	\$599

* Year 2018 dollars, rounded. Entries denoted by a dash (-) indicate no estimated economic impact. Entries denoted by a zero (\$0) indicate estimated income losses less than \$500,000.

4.5 Impacts for Municipal Water Shortages

Nineteen of the 32 counties in the region are projected to experience water shortages in the municipal water use category for one or more decades within the planning horizon.

Impact estimates were made for two sub-categories within municipal water use: residential and non-residential. Non-residential municipal water use includes commercial and institutional users, which are further divided into non-water-intensive and water-intensive subsectors including car wash, laundry, hospitality, health care, recreation, and education. Lost consumer surplus estimates were made only for needs in the residential portion of municipal water use. Available IMPLAN and TWDB Water Use Survey data for the non-residential, water-intensive portion of municipal demand allowed these sectors to be included in income, jobs, and tax loss impact estimate.

Trucking cost estimates, calculated for shortages exceeding 80 percent, assumed a fixed, maximum cost of \$35,000 per acre-foot to transport water for municipal use. The estimated impacts to this water use category appear in Table 4-5.

Table 4-5 Impacts of water shortages on municipal water users in Region F

Impacts measure	2020	2030	2040	2050	2060	2070
Income losses¹ (\$ millions)*	\$121	\$220	\$362	\$426	\$515	\$637
Job losses¹	2,219	4,041	6,632	7,817	9,448	11,685
Tax losses on production and imports¹ (\$ millions)*	\$12	\$23	\$37	\$44	\$53	\$65
Trucking costs (\$ millions)*	\$29	\$29	\$29	\$30	\$31	\$32
Utility revenue losses (\$ millions)*	\$56	\$82	\$111	\$139	\$172	\$207
Utility tax revenue losses (\$ millions)*	\$1	\$1	\$2	\$3	\$3	\$4

¹ Estimates apply to the water-intensive portion of non-residential municipal water use.

* Year 2018 dollars, rounded. Entries denoted by a dash (-) indicate no estimated economic impact. Entries denoted by a zero (\$0) indicate estimated income losses less than \$500,000.

4.6 Impacts of Steam-Electric Water Shortages

Steam-electric water shortages in the region are projected to occur in four of the 32 counties in the region for one or more decades within the planning horizon. Estimated impacts to this water use category appear in Table 4-6.

Note that estimated economic impacts to steam-electric water users:

- Are reflected as an income loss proxy in the form of estimated additional purchasing costs for power from the electrical grid to replace power that could not be generated due to a shortage;
- Do not include estimates of impacts on jobs. Because of the unique conditions of power generators during drought conditions and lack of relevant data, it was assumed that the industry would retain, perhaps relocating or repurposing, their existing staff in order to manage their ongoing operations through a severe drought.
- Do not presume a decline in tax collections. Associated tax collections, in fact, would likely increase under drought conditions since, historically, the demand for electricity increases during times of drought, thereby increasing taxes collected on the additional sales of power.

Table 4-6 Impacts of water shortages on steam-electric power in Region F

Impacts measure	2020	2030	2040	2050	2060	2070
Income Losses (\$ millions)*	\$424	\$426	\$428	\$431	\$434	\$437

* Year 2018 dollars, rounded. Entries denoted by a dash (-) indicate no estimated economic impact. Entries denoted by a zero (\$0) indicate estimated income losses less than \$500,000.

4.7 Regional Social Impacts

Projected changes in population, based upon several factors (household size, population, and job loss estimates), as well as the accompanying change in school enrollment, were also estimated and are summarized in Table 4-7.

Table 4-7 Region-wide social impacts of water shortages in Region F

Impacts measure	2020	2030	2040	2050	2060	2070
Consumer surplus losses (\$ millions)*	\$87	\$93	\$149	\$183	\$227	\$286
Population losses	18,031	18,394	16,283	13,117	8,078	7,130
School enrollment losses	3,449	3,518	3,115	2,509	1,545	1,364

* Year 2018 dollars, rounded. Entries denoted by a dash (-) indicate no estimated economic impact. Entries denoted by a zero (\$0) indicate estimated income losses less than \$500,000.

Appendix A - County Level Summary of Estimated Economic Impacts for Region F

County level summary of estimated economic impacts of not meeting identified water needs by water use category and decade (in 2018 dollars, rounded). Values are presented only for counties with projected economic impacts for at least one decade.

(* Entries denoted by a dash (-) indicate no estimated economic impact)

County	Water Use Category	Income losses (Million \$)*						Job losses					
		2020	2030	2040	2050	2060	2070	2020	2030	2040	2050	2060	2070
ANDREWS	IRRIGATION	\$0.07	\$1.55	\$1.98	\$2.84	\$3.51	\$3.86	2	40	51	73	91	100
ANDREWS	LIVESTOCK	-	\$0.24	\$0.57	\$0.88	\$1.13	\$1.36	-	11	26	41	52	63
ANDREWS	MANUFACTURING	\$0.74	\$18.63	\$54.78	\$155.00	\$279.33	\$417.54	5	117	343	970	1,748	2,613
ANDREWS	MINING	\$2,415.23	\$2,211.91	\$1,774.79	\$1,228.20	\$754.04	\$299.20	12,260	11,228	9,009	6,234	3,828	1,519
ANDREWS	MUNICIPAL	\$0.00	\$0.49	\$1.84	\$6.40	\$13.72	\$24.41	0	9	34	117	251	448
ANDREWS Total		\$2,416.05	\$2,232.81	\$1,833.97	\$1,393.32	\$1,051.73	\$746.38	12,266	11,404	9,463	7,436	5,970	4,741
BORDEN	IRRIGATION	-	-	\$0.00	\$0.01	\$0.01	\$0.02	-	-	0	0	0	0
BORDEN Total		-	-	\$0.00	\$0.01	\$0.01	\$0.02	-	-	0	0	0	0
BROWN	IRRIGATION	\$1.14	\$1.15	\$1.14	\$1.15	\$1.14	\$1.14	27	28	28	28	28	28
BROWN	MINING	\$21.21	\$21.98	\$21.89	\$22.23	\$21.61	\$21.54	142	147	146	149	144	144
BROWN	MUNICIPAL	\$0.12	\$0.12	\$0.11	\$0.11	\$0.11	\$0.11	2	2	2	2	2	2
BROWN Total		\$22.46	\$23.24	\$23.14	\$23.48	\$22.86	\$22.79	171	177	176	178	174	174
COKE	MUNICIPAL	\$2.68	\$2.64	\$2.62	\$2.61	\$2.61	\$2.61	49	48	48	48	48	48
COKE Total		\$2.68	\$2.64	\$2.62	\$2.61	\$2.61	\$2.61	49	48	48	48	48	48
COLEMAN	IRRIGATION	\$0.17	\$0.17	\$0.17	\$0.17	\$0.17	\$0.17	5	5	5	5	5	5
COLEMAN	MANUFACTURING	\$1.22	\$1.22	\$1.22	\$1.22	\$1.22	\$1.22	10	10	10	10	10	10
COLEMAN	MUNICIPAL	\$7.62	\$7.53	\$7.34	\$7.29	\$7.28	\$7.28	140	138	135	134	133	133
COLEMAN Total		\$9.01	\$8.91	\$8.72	\$8.67	\$8.66	\$8.66	155	153	149	148	148	148
CONCHO	MUNICIPAL	\$0.07	\$0.07	\$0.07	\$0.08	\$0.08	\$0.08	1	1	1	1	1	1
CONCHO Total		\$0.07	\$0.07	\$0.07	\$0.08	\$0.08	\$0.08	1	1	1	1	1	1
ECTOR	MUNICIPAL	\$1.42	\$1.55	\$2.77	\$5.68	\$22.92	\$57.07	26	28	51	104	420	1,046
ECTOR	STEAM ELECTRIC POWER	\$2.16	\$3.83	\$5.72	\$8.75	\$11.35	\$13.61	-	-	-	-	-	-

		Income losses (Million \$)*						Job losses					
County	Water Use Category	2020	2030	2040	2050	2060	2070	2020	2030	2040	2050	2060	2070
ECTOR Total		\$3.58	\$5.38	\$8.50	\$14.44	\$34.27	\$70.68	26	28	51	104	420	1,046
HOWARD	MANUFACTURING	-	-	-	-	\$4.53	\$18.06	-	-	-	-	15	59
HOWARD	MUNICIPAL	\$0.98	-	-	\$1.07	\$8.98	\$22.90	18	-	-	20	165	420
HOWARD	STEAM ELECTRIC POWER	\$0.10	-	-	\$0.13	\$0.77	\$1.40	-	-	-	-	-	-
HOWARD Total		\$1.08	-	-	\$1.21	\$14.27	\$42.36	18	-	-	20	179	479
IRION	IRRIGATION	\$0.09	\$0.09	\$0.09	\$0.09	\$0.09	\$0.09	3	3	3	3	3	3
IRION	MINING	\$1,381.50	\$1,374.78	\$94.20	-	-	-	7,023	6,988	479	-	-	-
IRION Total		\$1,381.59	\$1,374.87	\$94.29	\$0.09	\$0.09	\$0.09	7,025	6,991	482	3	3	3
KIMBLE	IRRIGATION	\$0.26	\$0.26	\$0.26	\$0.26	\$0.26	\$0.26	8	8	8	8	8	8
KIMBLE	MANUFACTURING	\$104.49	\$121.99	\$121.99	\$121.99	\$121.99	\$121.99	312	364	364	364	364	364
KIMBLE	MUNICIPAL	\$4.77	\$4.72	\$4.64	\$4.61	\$4.60	\$4.60	87	87	85	85	84	84
KIMBLE Total		\$109.52	\$126.97	\$126.89	\$126.86	\$126.85	\$126.85	407	459	457	457	457	457
LOVING	MINING	\$3,202.78	\$3,202.78	\$2,463.99	\$1,202.04	\$427.69	\$571.91	16,281	16,281	12,525	6,110	2,174	2,907
LOVING Total		\$3,202.78	\$3,202.78	\$2,463.99	\$1,202.04	\$427.69	\$571.91	16,281	16,281	12,525	6,110	2,174	2,907
MARTIN	IRRIGATION	-	-	-	-	-	\$0.18	-	-	-	-	-	4
MARTIN	MUNICIPAL	\$0.04	\$0.08	\$0.19	\$0.57	\$1.11	\$1.75	1	1	3	10	20	32
MARTIN Total		\$0.04	\$0.08	\$0.19	\$0.57	\$1.11	\$1.93	1	1	3	10	20	36
MASON	MUNICIPAL	\$7.47	\$7.37	\$7.28	\$7.23	\$7.22	\$7.22	137	135	133	132	132	132
MASON Total		\$7.47	\$7.37	\$7.28	\$7.23	\$7.22	\$7.22	137	135	133	132	132	132
MCCULLOCH	MUNICIPAL	\$13.32	\$13.60	\$13.43	\$13.50	\$13.52	\$13.54	244	249	246	248	248	248
MCCULLOCH Total		\$13.32	\$13.60	\$13.43	\$13.50	\$13.52	\$13.54	244	249	246	248	248	248
MENARD	MUNICIPAL	\$1.68	\$1.62	\$1.57	\$1.56	\$1.56	\$1.56	31	30	29	29	29	29
MENARD Total		\$1.68	\$1.62	\$1.57	\$1.56	\$1.56	\$1.56	31	30	29	29	29	29
MIDLAND	MUNICIPAL	\$0.03	\$111.77	\$233.17	\$267.70	\$302.87	\$341.40	0	2,049	4,275	4,908	5,553	6,259
MIDLAND Total		\$0.03	\$111.77	\$233.17	\$267.70	\$302.87	\$341.40	0	2,049	4,275	4,908	5,553	6,259
MITCHELL	IRRIGATION	\$0.10	\$0.15	\$0.13	\$0.11	\$0.10	\$0.08	2	3	2	2	2	1
MITCHELL	MUNICIPAL	-	\$0.49	\$0.62	\$0.76	\$0.94	\$1.16	-	9	11	14	17	21
MITCHELL	STEAM ELECTRIC POWER	\$343.68	\$343.68	\$343.68	\$343.68	\$343.68	\$343.68	-	-	-	-	-	-
MITCHELL Total		\$343.78	\$344.32	\$344.43	\$344.55	\$344.71	\$344.92	2	12	14	16	19	23

		Income losses (Million \$)*						Job losses					
County	Water Use Category	2020	2030	2040	2050	2060	2070	2020	2030	2040	2050	2060	2070
PECOS	MANUFACTURING	\$156.91	\$148.60	\$148.60	\$148.60	\$148.60	\$148.60	352	334	334	334	334	334
PECOS	MINING	\$2,869.87	\$2,869.87	\$2,869.87	\$2,869.87	-	-	14,588	14,588	14,588	14,588	-	-
PECOS Total		\$3,026.79	\$3,018.47	\$3,018.47	\$3,018.47	\$148.60	\$148.60	14,940	14,922	14,922	14,922	334	334
REEVES	MINING	\$8,527.63	\$8,527.63	\$8,117.65	\$6,313.72	\$4,591.80	\$3,279.86	43,348	43,348	41,264	32,094	23,341	16,672
REEVES	MUNICIPAL	\$0.45	\$0.50	\$0.55	\$0.58	\$0.60	\$0.62	8	9	10	11	11	11
REEVES Total		\$8,528.08	\$8,528.13	\$8,118.19	\$6,314.30	\$4,592.40	\$3,280.48	43,356	43,357	41,274	32,105	23,352	16,684
RUNNELS	MUNICIPAL	\$4.00	\$3.77	\$3.59	\$3.56	\$3.59	\$3.77	73	69	66	65	66	69
RUNNELS Total		\$4.00	\$3.77	\$3.59	\$3.56	\$3.59	\$3.77	73	69	66	65	66	69
SCURRY	IRRIGATION	\$2.67	\$2.68	\$2.68	\$2.68	\$2.68	\$2.68	51	51	51	51	51	51
SCURRY	MANUFACTURING	\$187.78	\$225.33	\$225.33	\$225.33	\$225.33	\$225.33	415	498	498	498	498	498
SCURRY	MINING	\$198.43	\$323.89	\$343.57	\$258.29	\$174.65	\$118.07	1,009	1,646	1,746	1,313	888	600
SCURRY	MUNICIPAL	\$1.81	\$1.60	\$1.73	\$2.36	\$5.62	\$11.66	33	29	32	43	103	214
SCURRY Total		\$390.68	\$553.50	\$573.31	\$488.66	\$408.28	\$357.74	1,508	2,225	2,327	1,905	1,540	1,363
TOM GREEN	MANUFACTURING	\$6.18	\$18.84	\$24.06	\$31.54	\$40.49	\$48.95	147	449	573	751	964	1,166
TOM GREEN	MUNICIPAL	\$74.57	\$62.49	\$80.20	\$100.73	\$116.86	\$134.43	1,367	1,146	1,470	1,847	2,142	2,465
TOM GREEN Total		\$80.75	\$81.33	\$104.26	\$132.27	\$157.35	\$183.38	1,514	1,594	2,043	2,598	3,107	3,630
WARD	MUNICIPAL	-	-	-	-	\$1.19	\$1.22	-	-	-	-	22	22
WARD	STEAM ELECTRIC POWER	\$78.28	\$78.28	\$78.28	\$78.28	\$78.28	\$78.28	-	-	-	-	-	-
WARD Total		\$78.28	\$78.28	\$78.28	\$78.28	\$79.47	\$79.50	-	-	-	-	22	22
REGION F Total		\$19,623.72	\$19,719.90	\$17,058.36	\$13,443.46	\$7,749.80	\$6,356.45	98,208	100,186	88,685	71,444	43,995	38,833