

OUTLINE

- Review of GAM program
- Review of hydrogeology of aquifer and modeling process
- Transient model calibration results
- Revised GAM schedule





- <u>Purpose</u>: to develop the best possible groundwater availability model with the available time and money.
- <u>Public process:</u> you get to see how the model is put together.
- Freely available: standardized, thoroughly documented, and available over the internet.
- Living tools: periodically updated.







What is groundwater availability?

- ...the amount of groundwater available for use.
- The State does not decide how much groundwater is available for use: GCDs and RWPGs decide
- A GAM is a tool that can be used to assess groundwater availability once GCDs and RWPGs decide how to define groundwater availability.



Do we have to use GAM?

- Water Code & TWDB rules require that GCDs use GAM information. Other information can be used in conjunction with GAM information.
- TWDB rules require that RWPGs use GAM information unless there is better site specific information available



How do we use GAM?

- The model
 - Predict water levels and flow in response to pumping and drought
 - Effects of well fields
- Data in the model
 - Water in storage
 - Recharge estimates
 - Hydraulic properties
- GCDs and RWPGs can request runs



Living tools

- GCDs, RWPGs, TWDB, and others collect new information on aquifer
- This information can enhance the current GAMs
- TWDB plans to update GAMs every five years with new information
- Please share information and ideas with TWDB on aquifers and GAMs



Participating in the GAM process

- SAF meetings
 - hear about progress on the model
 - comment on model assumptions
 - offer information (timing is important!)
- Report review
 - at end of project
- Contact TWDB
 - Robert Mace
 - Ian Jones

HYDROGEOLOGY



LOCATION MAP



SURFACE GEOLOGY



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GEOLOGIC AND HYDROGEOLOGIC UNITS



CONCEPTUAL MODEL

MODELING PROCESS

- Define model objectives
- Develop conceptual model
- Design model
- Calibration and verification modeling
 - Comparison with observed data
- Predictive modeling
 - Predict impacts of projected growth
 - 2000 2050

MODELING PROCESS

- Three models
 - Steady-state
 - Transient (historic)
 - Transient (predictive)

TRANSIENT CALIBRATION

- Time-related parameters
 - Water-level fluctuations
 - Stream discharge

MODEL RESULTS



HYDROGRAPH LOCATIONS



MEASURED v. SIMULATED WATER LEVELS



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MEASURED v. SIMULATED STREAM DISCHARGE

GAM SCHEDULE

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Northern Segment of the Edwards Aquifer Stakeholder Advisory Forum 5 April 24, 2003

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NORTHERN SEGMENT OF THE EDWARDS AQUIFER GROUNDWATER AVAILABILITY MODEL Stakeholder Advisory Forum #5, April 24, 2003

Six people attended the fifth Stakeholder Advisory Forum for the northern segment of the Edwards aquifer groundwater availability model. This meeting was held at the Salado Civic Center, Salado, TX. The stakeholders present represented the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Clearwater UWCD, Salado WSC, and Central Texas WSC.

At the meeting, Dr. Ian Jones outlined the work conducted to calibrate the transient model. The presentation also included a brief review of the GAM program, hydrogeology of the aquifer and the modeling process, in addition to discussion of the transient model calibration results.

Questions asked during the presentation pertained to how calibration of the transient model was quantified, as well as, how the model would be used to aid GCDs in determining groundwater availability.