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H.B. No. 3801

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to desired future conditions for groundwater that are declared unreasonable.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 36.1071, Water Code, is amended by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsections (b-1) and (b-2) to read as follows:

(b) The management plan, or any amendments to the plan, shall:

(1) be developed using the district's best available data and forwarded to the regional water planning group for use in their planning process; and

(2) include the:

(A) most recently approved desired future conditions adopted under Section 36.108; and

(B) amount of modeled available groundwater corresponding to the most recently approved desired future conditions.

(b-1) A district shall amend a management plan before the second anniversary of the adoption of desired future conditions included under Subsection (b).

(b-2) If a petition challenging the reasonableness of a desired future condition is filed under Section 36.1083(b), the executive administrator shall consider the management plan

1 administratively complete if the district includes:

2 (1) the most recently approved desired future
3 conditions adopted under Section 36.108;

4 (2) the amount of modeled available groundwater
5 corresponding to the desired future conditions;

6 (3) a statement of the status of the petition
7 challenging the reasonableness of a desired future condition; and

8 (4) the information required by Subsections (a) and
9 (e).

10 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.