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H.B. No. 3609

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 3609:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to management plans adopted by groundwater conservation  
3 districts.

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

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

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

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

13 (2) include the:

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

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

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

22 (b-2) If a petition challenging the reasonableness of a  
23 desired future condition is filed under Section 36.1083(b) and  
24 until the district issues a final order under Section 36.1083(n)

1 or, if the desired future condition is found to be unreasonable in  
2 the final order, a new desired future condition is adopted under  
3 Section 36.108 or 36.1083(p), the executive administrator shall  
4 consider the management plan administratively complete if the  
5 district includes:

6           (1) the most recently approved desired future  
7 conditions adopted under Section 36.108;

8           (2) the amount of modeled available groundwater  
9 corresponding to the desired future conditions;

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

12           (4) the information required by Subsections (a) and  
13 (e).

14           SECTION 2. Section 36.1072(b), Water Code, is amended to  
15 read as follows:

16           (b) Within 60 days of receipt of a district's management  
17 plan adopted under Section 36.1071, readopted under Subsection (e)  
18 or (g) of this section, or amended under Section 36.1073, the  
19 executive administrator shall approve the district's plan if the  
20 plan is administratively complete. A management plan is  
21 administratively complete when it contains the information  
22 required to be submitted under Sections [Section] 36.1071(a) and  
23 (e) or meets the requirements of Section 36.1071(b-2), if  
24 applicable. The executive administrator may determine whether  
25 conditions justify waiver of the requirements under Section  
26 36.1071(e)(4).

27           SECTION 3. The changes in law made by this Act applicable to

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1 a petition filed under Section [36.1083](#), Water Code, apply only to a  
2 petition filed under that section on or after the effective date of  
3 this Act. A petition filed before the effective date of this Act is  
4 governed by the law in effect on the date the petition was filed,  
5 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

6 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.