

MEMORANDUM



To: Natalie Mast, AMA Director
From: Casey Allman, Madison Moreno
Date: 11/5/2024
Re: **Douglas Active Management Area (AMA) Municipal Programs – Stakeholder Input**

Comments: During the development of the Douglas AMA First Management Plan (1MP), the Department held a stakeholder workshop on February 13, 2024 to discuss the municipal conservation programs to be included within the 1st MP. Through stakeholder input, the Integrated Water Resource Plan was created. It is a new program designed to guide large municipalities in sustainable strategic planning for future growth, economic welfare, and to further the overarching goal of reducing the withdrawals of groundwater in the Douglas basin. Programs included in existing AMA Management Plans were proposed for the Douglas AMA but given the unique circumstances of the basin and the small number of municipal entities in the area it was agreed that a plan tailored to the needs of the Douglas basin, the Integrated Water Resource Plan, was the best path forward.

For example, the GPCD program was not favored by the City of Douglas because their customer demand has stabilized accounting for infrastructure and economic constraint over time. The City of Douglas also expressed their usage is already reaching an optimal demand without compromising health and safety of the community. Having this program in place would effectively help create plans for a change in how they withdraw, divert, or receive water with the potential of growth in the future.