

# Groundwater Management Area 15

## Meeting Minutes

The Groundwater Management Area 15 meeting convened on October 12, 2023 at the Dr. Pattie Dodson Health Center, 2805 N. Navarro St., Victoria, Texas 77901.

### Members GCD Representatives Present:

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| 1  | Bee Groundwater Conservation District             | Lonnie Stewart   |
| 2  | Calhoun County Groundwater Conservation District  | Tim Andruss      |
| 3  | Coastal Bend Groundwater Conservation District    | Neil Hudgins     |
| 4  | Coastal Plains Groundwater Conservation District  | Neil Hudgins     |
| 5  | Colorado County Groundwater Conservation District | Jim Brasher      |
| 6  | Corpus Christi ASR Conservation District          |                  |
| 7  | Evergreen Underground Water Conservation District | Aarin Teague     |
| 8  | Fayette County Groundwater Conservation District  | David Van Dresar |
| 9  | Goliad County Groundwater Conservation District   |                  |
| 10 | Pecan Valley Groundwater Conservation District    | Cindy Parma      |
| 11 | Refugio Groundwater Conservation District         | Tim Andruss      |
| 12 | Texana Groundwater Conservation District          | Tim Andruss      |
| 13 | Victoria County Groundwater Conservation District | Tim Andruss      |

### Agenda Item 1: Call to order and welcome guests.

Mr. Andruss called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM. A quorum was present.

No action was taken.

### Agenda Item 2: Receive public comment.

Mr. Andruss offered to accept public comment.

No action taken.

### Agenda Item 3: Consideration of and possible action on minutes of the previous meeting.

Mr. Andruss explained that the minutes of the previous meeting were sent to the GMA 15 representatives prior to this meeting.

**MOTION:** Mr. Stewart moved to approve the meeting minutes as drafted. Mr. Hudgins seconded the motion. The motion passed.

### Agenda Item 4: Consideration of and possible action on matters related to budget and financial reports of Groundwater Management Area 15.

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Mr. Andruss explained the Victoria County GCD will open an account with Prosperity Bank in October 2023 for the purpose of depositing the joint planning funds of the GMA 15 Committee.

No Action was taken.

### **Agenda Item 5: Consideration of and possible action on reports and communication from GMA 15 member districts and GMA 15 representatives to Regional Water Planning Groups.**

Mr. Andruss explained the Victoria County GCD received a copy of the resolution regarding the adoption of the 2021 GMA 15 DFC from Pecan Valley GCD on July 13, 2023.

No Action was taken.

### **Agenda Item 6: Consideration of and possible action on reports from Texas Water Development Board representatives to Groundwater Management Area 15.**

Mr. Andruss explained the following:

On July 14, 2023, Mr. Perez with TWDB responded to the inquiries of the members regarding the new Gulf Coast GAM. The message was forwarded to the general managers of the member districts.

On July 24, 2023, a message received from Mr. Dohmann of Goliad County GCD was forwarded to Mr. Perez of TWDB requesting additional information associated with the new GAM.

Mr. Perez provided comments regarding current activities underway at the Texas Water Development Board regarding groundwater resources and explained that the GAM comparison report was expected to be completed by the end of calendar year 2023.

No action taken.

### **Agenda Item 7: Consideration of and possible action on representatives of Groundwater Management Area 15 to the Regional Water Planning Groups.**

No Action Taken

### **Agenda Item 8: Consideration of and possible action on matters related to joint planning including the draft request for proposals for technical services for Groundwater Management, Area 15, the review of management plans, and accomplishments of Groundwater Management Area 15 member districts.**

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## **Topic 1 - Proposals for Technical Services**

Mr. Andruss explained the following:

On August 1, 2023, the Victoria County GCD posted on its website the RFQ/RFP for Technical Services for GMA 15 soliciting detailed proposals from qualified parties (respondents) regarding their recommended approach to and qualifications for supporting the GMA-15 Committee (Committee) in its efforts to conduct all necessary and appropriate activities to develop and adopt desired future conditions (DFCs) for the relevant aquifers within Groundwater Management Area 15 (GMA 15) during the 4<sup>th</sup> Joint Planning Cycle.

On September 14, 2023, the District received the following submittal to the RFP/RFQ for Technical Services for GMA 15 from Intera, Inc.

The deadline for submitting a response to the solicitation was September 15, 2023, at 3:00 PM.

The submittal from Intera, Inc. is considered responsive and was the only submittal received by the district.

Mr. Young gave a presentation regarding the proposal and responded to comments and questions from the representatives.

**Motion:** Mr. Hudgins moved to identify Intera, Inc as the preferred respondent of the GMA 15 Committee for the RFQ/RFP for Technical Services for GMA 15. Mr. Brasher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## **Topic 2 – Management Plans of the Member Districts**

Mr. Andruss explained the following:

On July 14, 2023, the Texas Water Development Board designated the management plan adopted by Victoria County GCD on April 21, 2023, as administratively complete.

On July 17, 2023, the Texas Water Development Board designated the management plan adopted by Calhoun County GCD on April 24, 2023, as administratively complete.

On July 17, 2023, the Texas Water Development Board designated the management plan adopted by Refugio GCD on April 17, 2023, as administratively complete.

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On July 17, 2023, the Texas Water Development Board designated the management plan adopted by Texana GCD on April 20, 2023, as administratively complete.

On August 28, 2023, Goliad County GCD notified GMA 15 of its management plan adopted on August 7, 2023.

Based on a review of the management plans of the Calhoun County GCD, the Goliad County GCD, the Refugio GCD, the Texana GCD, and the Victoria County GCD, the GMA Administrator has determined that the plans 1) would likely have a positive impact on planning, 2) would likely have a positive impact on conserving and protecting groundwater and preventing waste of groundwater, and 3) would likely achieve the Desired Future Conditions to an adequate degree.

**Motion:** Mr. Van Dresar moved to ratify the determination of GMA 15 Administrator that the management plans of the Calhoun County GCD, the Goliad County GCD, the Refugio GCD, the Texana GCD, and the Victoria County GCD 1) would likely have a positive impact on planning, 2) would likely have a positive impact on conserving and protecting groundwater and preventing waste of groundwater, and 3) would likely achieve the Desired Future Conditions to an adequate degree. Mr. Stewart seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Agenda Item 9: Consideration of and possible action on administrative and organizational matters of Groundwater Management Area 15 including administrative procedures of the GMA-15 Joint Planning Committee, By-Laws of GMA 15 Committee, Interlocal Agreement for Cost-Sharing By Member District of the GMA 15 Committee.**

Mr. Andruss explained the following:

The representatives of GMA 15 approved the distribution of the By-Laws of the GMA-15 Committee - Rev 20230413, GMA15 - Interlocal Agreement for Cost-Sharing - Rev 20230413a, as drafted, for consideration and adoption by the member districts by October 12, 2023.

The adopted version of the by-laws and interlocal agreement for cost-sharing were forwarded to the member districts of GMA 15 prior to the meeting.

As of September 18, 2023, Victoria County GCD had received executed copies of the resolutions for the GMA 15 By-Laws and GMA 15 Cost Sharing Agreement for the 4th Planning Cycle from the following member

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districts:

1. Calhoun County Groundwater Conservation District (Submitted: July 24, 2023)
2. Coastal Bend Groundwater Conservation District (Submitted: September 18, 2023)
3. Refugio Groundwater Conservation District (Submitted: July 17, 2023)
4. Texana Groundwater Conservation District (Submitted: July 20, 2023)
5. Victoria County Groundwater Conservation District (Submitted: July 21, 2023)

No Action Taken

### **Agenda Item 10: Consideration of and possible action on identification and scheduling of future agenda items and meetings.**

Mr. Andruss explained the next meeting of GMA 15 is scheduled for January 11, 2024, at 9:30 AM at the Dr. Pattie Dodson Health Center in Victoria, Texas.

No action taken.

### **Agenda Item 11: Receive public comment.**

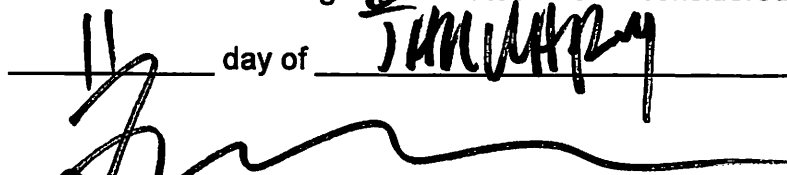
No Public Comment.

### **Agenda Item 12: Adjournment**

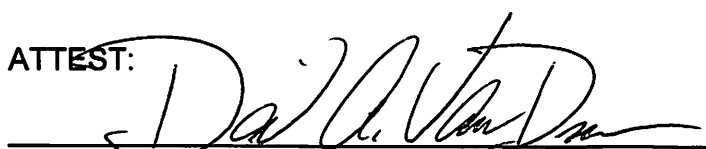
**MOTION:** At approximately 10:21 AM, Mr. Van Dresar moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Parma seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The above and foregoing minutes were considered and approved on this the

11 day of January a.d. 2024

  
Groundwater Management Area 15 Representative

ATTEST:

  
Groundwater Management Area 15 Representative