

Groundwater Management Area 15

Meeting Minutes

The Groundwater Management Area 15 meeting was convened on July 13, 2023, at the Dr. Pattie Dodson Health Center, 2805 N. Navarro St., Victoria, Texas 77901.

Members GCD Representatives Present:

1	Bee Groundwater Conservation District	
2	Calhoun County Groundwater Conservation District	Tim Andruss
3	Coastal Bend Groundwater Conservation District	
4	Coastal Plains Groundwater Conservation District	
5	Colorado County Groundwater Conservation District	Jim Brasher
6	Corpus Christi ASR Conservation District	Esteban Ramos
7	Evergreen Underground Water Conservation District	Russel Labus
8	Fayette County Groundwater Conservation District	David Van Dresar
9	Goliad County Groundwater Conservation District	Terrel Graham
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.

Attached to these minutes is a copy of the meeting sign-in sheet.

No action was taken.

Agenda Item 2: Receive public comment.

Mr. Andruss offered to accept public comment.

No action was 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.

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MOTION: Mr. Van Dresar moved to approve the meeting minutes as drafted. Ms. Parma 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.

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.

Topic 1 - 88th Regular Legislative Session of Texas

Mr. Andruss explained House Bill 3278 was passed during the legislative session and was not vetoed, becoming law. The bill significantly revises 36.108 of Chapter 36 of the Texas Water Code. The revisions impact the process through which proposed DFCs are considered by member districts of a GMA and the representatives of the member districts at the GMA.

Topic 2 - GMA 15 Webpage hosted by VCGCD

Mr. Andruss explained the VCGCD recently migrated its website to the webhosting service provided by Streamline. The VCGCD migrated the content hosted on its website related to GMA 15 to the new service.

With the new website, members of the public can manage their subscription to email lists maintained by the District by clicking on the "Join our mailing list" tab located at the bottom right corner of each page of our website. The email lists for GMA 15 that were manually maintained by the District have been imported into this new system. Subscribers can manage the lists to which they are subscribed or unsubscribe from a list from the link provided in the email messages delivered from this system. The VCGCD will develop and use the following internal email lists during the 4th cycle of joint planning for GMA 15:

- List 1: representatives of member districts of GMA 15 (e.g., email address for the presiding officer of a member district)
- List 2: administrative contacts of member districts of GMA 15 (e.g., the email address of the general manager of a member district or administrative staff member of a member district)

Topic 3 - TAGD Roundtable of GMA Chairs

Mr. Andruss explained on June 20, 2023, Tim Andruss participated in one of two roundtable discussion of GMA coordinators. The meeting was hosted by TAGD with participants from several GMAs and TWDB staff. The discussions focused

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on the DFC adoption process and outcomes associated with the 3rd joint planning cycle. The intention of this effort is to gather feedback from GMAs regarding improving the DFC development process. TWDB expressed frustration with a lack of notification of and the limited ability to track the adoption of DFCs by member districts as required under 36.108(d-4). Additional roundtable discussions regarding joint planning and DFC adoption are anticipated.

No Action Taken

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

Mr. Perez of the Texas Water Development Board provided an update on recent activities and developments at the Texas Water Development Board.

No action was taken.

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

Mr. Andruss explained the representatives last considered region water planning group representatives on July 14, 2022, and appointed Mr. Graham as the representative to the South Central Regional Water Planning Group (Region L).

The TWDB website identifies the following individuals as the Regional Water Planning Group Representatives from GMA 15: Region K: Jim Brasher; Region L: Art Dohmann; Region P: Neil Hudgins; and Region N: Mark Sugarek.

On June 29, 2023, TWDB was notified of the discrepancy associated with the the GMA's representative to Region L.

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.

Mr. Andruss explained on April 21, 2023, the Board of Directors of the Victoria County Groundwater Conservation District (VCGCD) agreed to serve as the GMA 15 Administrator for the purposes of a) holding the GMA 15 Joint Planning Funds, b) soliciting proposals from qualified entities to provide technical services to GMA 15 to support the development and adoption of desired future conditions and associated explanatory report for the 4th Joint Planning Cycle, and c) negotiating terms of an agreement for consulting services from the preferred

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respondent(s) identified by the members of the GMA-15 Committee.

A draft RFP for the purposes of soliciting qualifications and proposals to soliciting proposals from qualified entities to provide technical services to GMA 15 to support the development and adoption of desired future conditions and associated explanatory report for the 4th Joint Planning Cycle has been developed. The draft RFP was submitted to the member districts of GMA 15 prior to this meeting for review. The draft RFP is based on RFPs used in the past to obtain proposals during previous joint planning cycles. The RFP specifies the District will be soliciting proposals for (and potentially entering into agreements for) those member districts of GMA 15 that contribute funding to the joint planning effort through the cost sharing agreement developed and accepted by the representatives of GMA 15.

The final version of the RFP will be published by VCGCD after considering feedback from the representatives of GMA 15 at this meeting, if any, and the legal counsel of the Victoria County Groundwater Conservation District.

No Action Taken

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 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.

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 October 12, 2023, at 9:30 AM. The location of the meeting was to be determined at a future date.

Agenda Item 11: Receive public comment.

No Public Comment.

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Agenda Item 12: Adjournment

MOTION: At approximately 10:16 AM, Mr. Graham moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Van Dresar seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The above and foregoing minutes were considered and approved on this the 12th day of October a.d. 2023.



Groundwater Management Area 15 Representative

ATTEST:



Groundwater Management Area 15 Representative