

Groundwater Management Area 15

Meeting Minutes

The Groundwater Management Area 15 meeting convened on January 11, 2024 at the Dr. Pattie Dodson Health Center, 2805 N. Navarro St., Victoria, Texas 77901.

Members GCD Representatives Present:

1	Bee Groundwater Conservation District	Mark Sugarek
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	Terrell 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.

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. Van Dresar 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 on April 13, 2023, the representatives of GMA 15 established a framework for funding a project to obtain technical services for adopting a DFC during the 4th Cycle of Joint Planning with the adoption of the bylaws and a cost sharing agreement for the management area. The cost sharing agreement established the schedule of funding commitments for any member district that adopted the cost sharing agreement with a total of \$82,500.00 if all member districts of GMA 15 adopted the cost sharing agreement.

On July 17, 2023, the Board of Directors of the Refugio Groundwater Conservation District approved and adopted the resolutions authorizing the interlocal agreement for cost sharing by member districts of the GMA-15 Committee and approving the by-laws of the GMA-15 Committee.

On July 20, 2023, the Board of Directors of the Texana Groundwater Conservation District approved and adopted the resolutions authorizing the interlocal agreement for cost sharing by member districts of the GMA-15 Committee and approving the by-laws of the GMA-15 Committee.

On July 21, 2023, the Board of Directors of the Victoria County Groundwater Conservation District approved and adopted the resolutions authorizing the interlocal agreement for cost sharing by member districts of the GMA-15 Committee and approving the by-laws of the GMA-15 Committee.

On July 24, 2023, the Board of Directors of the Calhoun County Groundwater Conservation District approved and adopted the resolutions authorizing the interlocal agreement for cost sharing by member districts of the GMA-15 Committee and approving the by-laws of the GMA-15 Committee.

On August 13, 2023, Mr. Hudgins of CPGCD provided a copy of the resolutions authorizing the interlocal agreement for cost sharing by member districts of the GMA-15 Committee and approving the by-laws of the GMA-15 Committee.

On October 17, 2023, Ms. Parma of PVGCD provided a copy of the resolutions authorizing the interlocal agreement for cost sharing by member districts of the GMA-15 Committee and approving the by-laws of the GMA-15 Committee.

On October 20, 2023, Mr. Brasher of CCGCD provided a copy of the resolutions authorizing the interlocal agreement for cost sharing by member districts of the GMA-15 Committee and approving the by-laws of the GMA-15 Committee.

On October 27, 2023, Ms. Gonzales of EUWCD provided a copy of the resolutions authorizing the interlocal agreement for cost sharing by member districts of the GMA-15 Committee and approving the by-laws of the GMA-15 Committee.

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On November 6, 2023, Mr. Van Dresar of FCGCD provided a copy of the resolutions authorizing the interlocal agreement for cost sharing by member districts of the GMA-15 Committee and approving the by-laws of the GMA-15 Committee.

On November 14, 2023, Mr. Stewart of BGCD provided a copy of the resolutions authorizing the interlocal agreement for cost sharing by member districts of the GMA-15 Committee and approving the by-laws of the GMA-15 Committee.

The approved cost sharing agreement amounts were provided.

As of December 22, 2023, the Victoria County Groundwater Conservation District had processed the following financial transactions related to the joint planning efforts of the GMA 15 Committee:

1. Credit: \$7,500.00 - Deposit of VCGCD joint planning contribution
2. Credit: \$7,500.00 - Deposit of CBGCD joint planning contribution
3. Credit: \$7,500.00 - Deposit of CPGCD joint planning contribution

Members of the GMA-15 Committee (those districts that have adopted the by-laws and cost sharing agreement) should submit their joint planning fund contributions to VCGCD as soon as possible. Please ensure checks are made payable to Victoria County Groundwater Conservation District.

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 on December 19, 2023, Ms. Parma notified the GMA that the Pecan Valley GCD had adopted a revised management plan on December 14, 2023.

Mr. Van Dresar informed the committee that Fayette County GCD had adopted a revised management plan on January 8, 2024.

Mr. Graham informed the committee that Goliad County GCD had contested a uranium mining application in Goliad County.

Ms. Teague informed the committee that the Evergreen UWCD adopted an updated management plan in December 2023.

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

Mr. Andruss explained on December 9, 2023, GMA 15 learned, through correspondence between Mr. Stewart of Bee GCD and Mr. Perez of TWDB, that 1) TWDB's predictive model runs using the 2021 round of joint planning files and the new GAM for the central and southern Gulf Coast Aquifer did not produce similar predictive drawdowns produced using the Central Gulf Coast GAM, and 2) TWDB is currently performing a sensitivity analysis to determine if the new GAM should be altered. Previously, TWDB had committed to providing the comparison report by the end of December 2023.

Mr. Bradley presented updates to the committee regarding the operations of the Texas Water Development Board.

No action taken.

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

Mr. Andruss provided an update to the committee regarding Region L.
Mr. Van Dresar provided an update to the committee regarding Region K.
Mr. Sugarek provided an update to the committee regarding Region N.

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.

Topic 1 – Technical Services

Mr. Andruss explained the VCGCD has delayed its efforts to negotiate terms of an agreement with Intera for providing the proposed technical services to the GMA-15 Committee because 1) one or more of the member districts of GMA 15 have not adopted the by-laws and cost-sharing agreement, 2) one or more of the member district the GMA-15 Committee have not submitted their contributions to the fund for the the technical services for the 4th cycle of joint planning, and 3) TWDB has not provided the comparison report on the predictive runs of the previous and current GAM for GMA 15.

No action taken.

Topic 2 – Management Plans of the Member Districts

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Mr. Andruss explained based on a review of the management plans of the Pecan Valley GCD, the GMA 15 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 the GMA 15 Administrator that the management plan of the Pecan Valley 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. Graham seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Topic 3 – Accomplishments of the Member Districts.

None.

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.

None.

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 April 11, 2024 at 9:30 AM at a location other than the typical meeting location of the Dr. Pattie Dodson Health Center in Victoria, Texas, as the meeting room is unavailable.

The meeting will be held at the Goliad office.

No action taken.

Agenda Item 11: Receive public comment.

No Public Comment.

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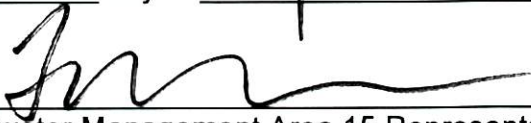
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Agenda Item 12: Adjournment

MOTION: At approximately 10:45 AM, Mr. Van Dresar moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Sugarek seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

17th day of April a.d. 2024.



Groundwater Management Area 15 Representative

ATTEST:



Groundwater Management Area 15 Representative