

Groundwater Management Area 15

Meeting Minutes

The Groundwater Management Area 15 meeting convened in the Pattie Dodson Health Center, 2805 N. Navarro St., Victoria, Texas, Classroom 108 at 9:30 AM on December 9, 2021.

Members GCD Representatives Present:

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	Russell Labus
8	Fayette County Groundwater Conservation District	Wendy Pyle
9	Goliad County Groundwater Conservation District	Art Dohmann
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 offer to accept any public comments.

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.

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

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

Mr. Andruss explained that an Ms. Parma of Pecan Valley GCD had submitted invoice for services provided to GMA 15 from LRE Water and a treasurer's report for November 30 2021.

MOTION: Mr. Stewart moved to accept and approve the GMA 15 treasurer's report the period ending November 30, 2021 and approve the payment of LRE Invoice TX-530 in the amount of \$2,800.00. Mr. Labus seconded the motion. The motion passed.

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.

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. 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 matters related to joint planning including the review of management plans and accomplishments of Groundwater Management Area 15 member districts; review and approval of explanatory report and submittal of DFC packet to TWDB.

Mr. Andruss explained that on November 12, 2021, the representatives passed a motion to incorporate within the explanatory report a request that TWDB use certain evaluation factors and the model run submitted by GMA 15 in its explanatory report when evaluating the feasibility of the desired future conditions adopted on October 14, 2021 for GMA 15. The representatives requested that GCGCD submit a memorandum documenting the justification for revised evaluation factors for Goliad County.

MOTION: Mr. Andruss moved to incorporate the memorandum related to evaluation factors from Goliad County GCD dated November 24, 2021 into the explanatory report for the desired future conditions adopted on October 14, 2021 for GMA 15 without expressing judgement regarding the validity or merit of the information provided by Goliad County GCD for such purpose. Mr. Stewart seconded the motion. The motion passed.

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Mr. Andruss explained that on December 3, 2021, Mr. Keester notified the member districts by email that the draft explanatory report was available for review and comment. On December 12, 2021, Mr. Keester forwarded revisions suggested by GMA 15 representatives to the member districts. The representatives suggested revisions to the draft report.

MOTION: Mr. Andruss moved to 1) accept and approve the revisions to the draft explanatory report as proposed by member districts including the incorporation of the memorandum related to evaluation factors from Goliad County GCD dated November 24, 2021; and 2) authorize the GMA 15 administrator and GMA 15 technical consultant to complete all necessary administrative activities to submit the adopted DFCs for GMA 15, the related explanatory report, and any requested technical information to TWDB on or before January 5, 2022. Mr. Dohmann seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Agenda Item 8: Consideration of and possible action on administrative and organizational matters of Groundwater Management Area 15 including review of the GMA 15 boundary and representatives to regional water planning groups.

Mr. Andruss explained that a map that was printed from the TWDB Groundwater Data Viewer application illustrates the apparent overlap of the boundaries of GMA 15 and the Corpus Christi ASR Conservation District. Furthermore, it appears that the inclusion of the Corpus Christi ASRCD in GMA 15 is based on what appears to be a minor and inconsequential overlap of the administrative boundary data used to represent Aransas County and the administrative boundary data used to represent the Corpus Christi ASR Conservation District. The inclusion of the Corpus Christi ASR Conservation District complicates the administration of GMA 15, increases the requirements of establishing a quorum, increases the requirement for passage of actions needing a 2/3 majority vote, and grants an interest in the joint planning activities of GMA 15 to a governmental entity apparently without an established responsibility regarding the management of the groundwater resources within the management area or constituency within the management area.

MOTION: Mr. Andruss moved to request that TWDB review the administrative boundaries of GMA 15 and the Corpus Christi ASR Conservation District and revise the membership of GMA 15 to exclude any member districts without any significant or consequential responsibility in the conservation, preservation, or protection of groundwater resources within the 14-county area of GMA 15 following the acceptance of the adopted DFCs of GMA 15. Mr. Hudgins seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Agenda Item 9: Consideration of and possible action on identification and scheduling of future agenda items and meetings.

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Mr. Andruss explained that the next regular meetings of GMA 15 is scheduled to occur on January 6, 2022 and April 7, 2022. Mr. Andruss informed the representatives that the GMA 15 committee would not meeting on January 6, 2022.

No action was taken.

Agenda Item 10: Receive public comment.

No public comment provided.

Agenda Item 11: Adjournment

MOTION: At approximately 10:02 AM, Mr. Stewart moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Labus seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Prepared by: Tim Andruss

The above and foregoing minutes were considered and approved on this the 9th day of December, 2021



Groundwater Management Area 15 Representative

ATTEST:



Groundwater Management Area 15 Representative

VCGCD - GRP - RP - GMA 15 - Meeting Sign-In Sheet

Meeting Date: December 9, 2021

Printed Name	Organization and Contact Information
ART DOHMAN	GCGCD
Heather Sumpter	CCGCD
Cindy Parma	Pecan Valley GCD
Melba Hooster	LRE Water
Carl Hummel	
Jim Brasher	CCGCD
Hennie Stewart	BCSD
Art	CBGCD/CPGCD
Russell Labus	Evergreen UWCD
Paul Kirby	DB SA
Jose Perez	Tu DB