

Groundwater Management Area 15

Meeting Minutes

The Groundwater Management Area 15 meeting convened on July 11, 2024, at the VFW Hall, 500 Veterans Memorial Drive, La Grange, Texas.

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	Daisy Fuentes
7	Evergreen Underground Water Conservation District	Aarin Teague
8	Fayette County Groundwater Conservation District	Wendi Labus
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	Kenneth Eller

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 taken.

Agenda Item 2: Receive public comment.

Mr. Andruss offered to accept public comment.

Public comments were received by the representatives.

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: Ms. Labus moved to approve the meeting minutes as drafted. Ms. Parma seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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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 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.

Mr. Andruss also gave an update on the payments received from each member district.

The approved cost sharing agreement included the following cost sharing schedule:

Member Districts of GMA 15	Minimum Contribution	Approved GMA 15 Cost Sharing Agreement (as of July 3, 2024)	Contributions Remitted to GMA 15 Administrator (as of July 3, 2024)
Bee GCD	\$3,750.00	Yes	Yes
Calhoun County GCD	\$7,500.00	Yes	Yes
Coastal Bend GCD	\$7,500.00	Yes	Yes
Coastal Plains GCD	\$7,500.00	Yes	Yes
Colorado County GCD	\$7,500.00	Yes	Yes
Corpus Christi ASRCD	\$3,750.00		
Evergreen UWCD	\$3,750.00	Yes	Yes
Fayette County GCD	\$3,750.00	Yes	Yes
Goliad County GCD	\$7,500.00		
Pecan Valley GCD	\$7,500.00	Yes	Yes

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Refugio GCD	\$7,500.00	Yes	Yes
Texana GCD	\$7,500.00	Yes	Yes
Victoria County GCD	\$7,500.00	Yes	Yes
Total	\$82,500.00		

VCGCD - Bank Statement - Act# 3881 - March 2024

Reporting Period Start: 3/1/24
Reporting Period Stop: 3/31/24
Beginning Balance: \$48,313.16
(1) Credit: \$6.14
(0) Debits: \$0.00
Ending Balance: \$48,319.30

VCGCD - Bank Statement - Act# 3881 - April 2024

Reporting Period Start: 4/1/24
Reporting Period Stop: 4/30/24
Beginning Balance: \$48,319.30
(3) Credit: \$5.94
(0) Debits: \$0.00
Ending Balance: \$48,325.24

VCGCD - Bank Statement - Act# 3881 - May 2024

Reporting Period Start: 5/1/24
Reporting Period Stop: 5/31/24
Beginning Balance: \$48,325.24
(4) Credit: \$22,506.97
(0) Debits: \$0.00
Ending Balance: \$70,832.21

No action 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 on May 30, 2024, a letter was sent to Dr. Hardwick of TWDB on behalf of the members of GMA 15 as requested at the April 11, 2024 meeting

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requesting authorization of "the use of the Groundwater Availability Model of the Central Gulf Coast Aquifer System, as used during the 3rd Joint Planning Cycle, for development of proposed and adopted desired future conditions for the relevant aquifers within GMA 15 during the 4th Joint Planning Cycle."

On May 30, 2024, Dr. Hardwick responded by stating that TWDB is "willing to allow for use of the previous model if absolutely necessary" while requesting that the representatives provide "additional time to allow us to complete this work before the GMA 15 member districts definitively decide to use the previous model."

Mr. Andruss provided an update on the activities of the South Central Texas Regional Planning Group (Region L).

Mr. Dohmann provided an update regarding the contested case involving GCGCD related to uranium mining in Goliad County.

No action taken.

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

Ms. Ballew, Groundwater Director for TWDB, provided an update regarding the technical work underway by the modeling section to review and adjust the new groundwater availability model for GMA 15 and GMA 16.

No action taken.

Agenda Item 7: Consideration of and possible action on matters related to joint planning including technical services for GMA 15, the review of management plans and accomplishments of Groundwater Management Area 15 member districts, and the identification of the best available science to be used in the proposal and adoption of desired future conditions for GMA 15.

Topic 1 – Technical Services

Mr. Andruss explained the VCGCD has resumed its efforts to negotiate terms of an agreement with Intera for providing the proposed technical services to the GMA-15 Committee because 1) the majority of the member districts of GMA 15 have adopted the by-laws and cost-sharing agreement, 2) the majority of the member district the GMA-15 Committee have submitted their contributions to the fund for the technical services for the 4th cycle of joint planning, and 3) the TWDB agreed to allow the use of the "GAM for the central portion of the Gulf Coast Aquifer System" by GMA 15.

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Due to the funding gap between GCD contributions and Intera's proposed cost, VCGCD and Intera are examining ways to alter the scope of the project to address the funding short fall. VCGCD gave suggested revisions for consideration by Intera.

After discussing options regarding funding of the technical work to be completed for the adoption of a new desired future condition for GMA 15, the member districts that previously contributed to the GMA 15 planning fund agreed to seek authorization to contribute additional money to fully the technical services proposed by Intera.

No action taken.

Topic 2 – Management Plans of the Member District

No discussion.

No action taken.

Topic 3 – Accomplishments of the Member Districts

No discussion.

No action taken.

Topic 4 – Identification of the best available science to be used in the proposal and adoption of the desired future conditions for GMA 15

No discussion.

No action taken.

Agenda Item 8: Consideration of and possible action on matters related to development of groundwater availability model for GMA 15.

Mr. Andruss explained on June 11, 2024, Mr. Dohmann requested the placement of this agenda item on the meeting notice for July 11, 2024, during a meeting regarding aquifer monitoring approaches.

No action taken.

Agenda Item 9: Consideration of and possible action on administrative and organizational matters of Groundwater Management Area 15.

No discussion.

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No action taken.

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

The next meeting of GMA 15 is scheduled for October 10, 2024, at 10:00 AM at EUWCD.

Agenda Item 11: Receive Public Comment.

No discussion.

No action taken.

Agenda Item 12: Adjournment.

No Discussion.

Ms. Labus moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:27 AM. Ms. Parma seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

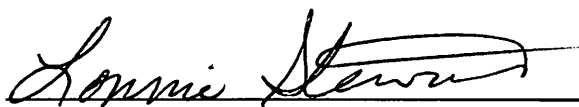
The above and foregoing minutes were considered and approved on this the

9th day of January a.d. 2025



Groundwater Management Area 15 Representative

ATTEST:



Groundwater Management Area 15 Representative