

Groundwater Management Area 15 Meeting Minutes for April 10, 2025

The Groundwater Management Area 15 meeting convened at the Texas AgriLife Extension Service Building, Wharton County, 315 E. Milam St., Wharton, Texas 77488 on April 10, 2025, at 9:30 AM.

Agenda Item 1 - Call to order and welcome guests.

Mr. Andruss called the roll of the representatives of member districts of Groundwater Management Area 15:

- Bee Groundwater Conservation District - Lonnie Stewart
- Calhoun County Groundwater Conservation District - Tim Andruss
- Coastal Bend Groundwater Conservation District - Neil Hudgins
- Coastal Plains Groundwater Conservation District - Neil Hudgins
- Colorado County Groundwater Conservation District - Aaron Weishuhn
- Corpus Christi ASR Conservation District - No Representative
- Evergreen Underground Water Conservation District - Darrell Brownlow
- Fayette County Groundwater Conservation District - Wendi Labus
- Goliad County Groundwater Conservation District - Terrell Graham
- Pecan Valley Groundwater Conservation District - Cindy Parma
- Refugio Groundwater Conservation District - Tim Andruss
- Texana Groundwater Conservation District - Tim Andruss
- Victoria County Groundwater Conservation District - Tim Andruss

Agenda Item 2 - Receive public comment.

Mr. Andruss offered to accept public comment. No public comment was provided to the representatives.

Agenda Item 3 - Consideration of and possible action on matters related to the minutes of the previous meeting.

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

Action: Mr. Brownlow moved to accept and approve the meeting minutes for January 9, 2025, as drafted. Ms. Labus seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Mr. Andruss provided a summary of contributions to the GMA 15 Joint Planning Fund:

Member Districts of GMA 15	Contribution
Bee GCD	\$4,750.00
Calhoun County GCD	\$9,500.00

Coastal Bend GCD	\$9,500.00
Coastal Plains GCD	\$9,500.00
Colorado County GCD	\$9,500.00
Corpus Christi ASRCD	\$0.00
Evergreen UWCD	\$4,750.00
Fayette County GCD	\$4,750.00
Goliad County GCD	\$0.00
Pecan Valley GCD	\$9,500.00
Refugio GCD	\$9,500.00
Texana GCD	\$9,500.00
Victoria County GCD	\$9,500.00
Total	\$90,250.00

Mr. Andruss provided the following information regarding the GMA 15 Joint Planning Fund Bank Account:

VCGCD - Bank Statement - Act# 3881 - January 2025

Reporting Period Start: 1/1/25

Reporting Period Stop: 1/31/25

Beginning Balance: \$89,903.48

(1) Credit: \$11.45

(0) Debits: \$0.00

Ending Balance: \$89,914.93

VCGCD - Bank Statement - Act# 3881 - February 2025

Reporting Period Start: 2/1/25

Reporting Period Stop: 2/28/25

Beginning Balance: \$89,914.93

(1) Credit: \$10.35

(0) Debits: \$0.00

Ending Balance: \$89,925.28

VCGCD - Bank Statement - Act# 3881 - March 2025

Reporting Period Start: 3/1/25

Reporting Period Stop: 3/31/25

Beginning Balance: \$89,925.20

(1) Credit: \$11.46

(0) Debits: \$0.00

Ending Balance: \$89,936.74

Action: Mr. Brownlow moved to accept the reported financial information for January, February and March 2025, as presented. Mr. Hudgins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 5 - Consideration of and possible action on reports and communication from Groundwater Management Area 15 member districts and Groundwater Management Area 15 representatives to Regional Water Planning Groups.

Topic 1 - Release of draft recalibration GAM for the central and southern portions of the Gulf Coast

Mr. Andruss explained on February 5, 2025, the GMA 15 Administrator received notice from Dr. Hardwick of TWDB of the release of the recalibration report related to the new GAM for the central and southern portions of the Gulf Coast and the deadline to provide comments on the report by April 5, 2025. In response, the GMA 15 Administrator contacted TWDB regarding the deadline for comments. Dr. Hardwick extended the deadline for comments on the report until July 31, 2025. Mr. Bradley of Texas Water Development Board notified the membership of TWDB's intent use the new GAM for the central and southern portions of the Gulf Coast.

Action: Mr. Andruss moved to authorize Dr. Young of Intera to complete the task described as "Evaluate Updated GAM and TWDB Benchmark Run with Current MAGs", by July 3, 2025, at a cost not to exceed \$7,500, to evaluate the utility of the recalibrated model for the joint planning processes and evaluating impacts of pumping scenarios in the jurisdictions of the member districts that have contributed funds to the joint planning fund of GMA 15. Mr. Stewart seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Topic 2 - GCGCD Report

Mr. Andruss explained on April 1, 2025, Mr. Graham of GCGCD forwarded a report to the GMA 15 Administrator for distribution to the representatives of GMA 15.

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

Mr. Bradley of Texas Water Development Board notified the members of recent activities of TWDB.

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 development of desired future conditions.

Topic 1 - Management Plans of the Member Districts.

Dr. Young gave a presentation on and facilitated the discussion regarding subsidence within GMA 15.

Action: Mr. Andruss moved to accept the report and presentation given by Intera regarding Subsidence Impacts. Ms. Parma seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Young gave a presentation on and facilitated the discussion regarding hydrologic conditions within GMA 15.

Action: Mr. Andruss moved to accept the report and presentation given by Inter regarding Hydrologic Conditions. Mr. Hudgins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Young gave a presentation on and facilitated the discussion regarding aquifer use and conditions in GMA 15.

The representatives agreed to submit the following information to Mr. Andruss within 60 days:

1. preliminary DFC statements,
2. pumping distributions to support the evaluation of the preliminary DFC statements,

Action: Mr. Andruss moved to proceed with Task 4 and Task 9 to be presented at the July 2025 meeting. Mr. Brownlow seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Action: Mr. Brownlow moved to request that TWDB 1) develop estimates of MAG values in GMA 15 based on the current desired future condition of GMA 15 using the new GAM for the central and southern portions of the Gulf Coast and 2) submit a report to GMA 15 documenting the comparison of those values to the existing MAG values for GMA 15. Mr. Stewart seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 8 - Consideration of and possible action on administrative and organizational matters of Groundwater Management Area 15.

Topic 1 - GMA 15 Delegates to Regional Water Planning Groups

Mr. Andruss explained on January 9, 2025, Mr. Brasher requested that an appropriate agenda items for considering and designating GMA 15 delegates to regional water planning groups be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

Action: Mr. Weishuhn moved to nominate himself for Region K. Ms. Labus seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Topic 2 - Email Distribution Lists for GMA 15

Mr. Andruss explained that he would maintain an email distribution list for the district representative and the administrative contact for each district within GMA 15. The current lists are provided below. Any changes to the list should be sent to tim.andruss@vcgcd.org by the presiding officer of the district or their designated representative to GMA 15.

District Representatives of GMA 15 Member Districts

Bee GCD: <trynefarm@aol.com>;
Calhoun County GCD: <dmay@tisd.net>;
Coastal Bend GCD: <ronald59@gmail.com>;
Coastal Plains GCD: <aquainfo@sbcglobal.net>;
Colorado County GCD: <tlw9@sbcglobal.net>;
Corpus Christi ASRCD: <gustavog@cctexas.com>;
Evergreen UWCD: <darrell@carrizoconsulting.com>;
Fayette County GCD: <info@fayettecountygroundwater.com>;
Goliad County GCD: <tgraham192@gmail.com>;
Pecan Valley GCD: <knips@swbell.net>;
Refugio GCD: <bordence@gmail.com>;
Texana GCD: <altsan@sbcglobal.net>;
Victoria County GCD: <dmarkmeek@yahoo.com>

Administrative Email Addresses of GMA 15 Member Districts

Bee GCD Administrative Email: <beegcd@yahoo.com>;
Calhoun County GCD Administrative Email: <admin@calhouncountygcd.org>;
Coastal Bend GCD Administrative Email: <thedistrict@cbgcd.com>;
Coastal Plains GCD Administrative Email: <shorris@co.matagorda.tx.us>;
Evergreen UWCD Administrative Email: <info@evergreenuwcd.org>;
Fayette County GCD Administrative Email: <info@fayettecountygroundwater.com>;
Goliad County GCD Administrative Email: <tgraham192@gmail.com>;
Pecan Valley GCD Administrative Email: <secretary@pvgcd.org>;

Refugio GCD Administrative Email: <admin@rgcd.org>;

Texana GCD Administrative Email: <admin@texanagcd.org>;

Victoria County GCD Administrative Email: <admin@vcgcd.org>

Agenda Item 9 - 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 July 10, 2025, at 9:30 AM at the Dr. Pattie Dodson Health Center, 2805 N. Navarro St, Room 108, Victoria, Texas 77901. VCGCD has secured meeting space at the Dr. Pattie Dodson Health Center for the GMA 15 meetings scheduled on October 9, 2025.

Agenda Item 10 - Receive public comment.

Mr. Andruss offered to accept public comment. No public comment was provided to the representatives.

Agenda Item 11 - Adjournment.

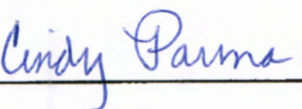
Action: Mr. Brownlow moved to adjourn the meeting after concluding all business of the groundwater management area at approximately 1:23 PM. Ms. Parma seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Prepared by: Tim Andruss

The above and foregoing minutes were considered and approved on this the 10th day of July a.d. 2025.

 Groundwater Management Area 15 Representative

ATTEST:

 Groundwater Management Area 15 Representative