

Groundwater Management Area 15

Meeting Minutes

The Groundwater Management Area 15 meeting convened in the at 9:30 AM on Thursday, October 8, 2020 at the Dr. Pattie Dodson Health Center, 2805 N. Navarro St., Victoria, Texas 77901.

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	Absent
7	Evergreen Underground Water Conservation District	Russell Labus
8	Fayette County Groundwater Conservation District	David Van Dresar
9	Goliad County Groundwater Conservation District	Heather Sumpter
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.

Administrator Discussion: Mr. Andruss called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM. A quorum was present.

Motion: None.

Agenda Item 2: Receive public comment.

Administrator Discussion: Mr. Andruss offer to accept any public comments.

Motion: None.

Agenda Item 3: Consideration of and possible action on minutes of the previous meeting.

Administrator Discussion: Mr. Andruss explained that the draft minutes of the previous meeting were sent to GMA 15 representatives prior to this meeting.

Motion: Mr. Brasher moved to approve the meeting minutes as drafted. Mr. Van Dresar seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Administrator Discussion: Mr. Andruss explained that on July 9, October 2, and October 6, 2020, Ms. Parma provided 1) a treasurer's report for the GMA 15 funds as of June 30, 2020, 2) a copy of previously-paid invoice TX-350 from LRE Water related to services provided in support of GMA 15's development of a DFC, 3) a treasurer's report

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for the GMA 15 funds as of September 30, 2020, and 4) a copy of unpaid invoice TX-379 from LRE Water related to services provided in support of GMA 15's development of a DFCs.

Motion: Mr. Andruss moved to 1) ratify the payment of LRE Invoice TX-350 by PVGCD; 2) accept the treasurer's reports for the GMA 15 funds as of June 30 and September 30, 2020 and 3) authorize the payment of invoice TX-379 from LRE by PVGCD on behalf of GMA 15. Mr. Brasher seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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.

Administrator Discussion: None.

Motion: None.

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

Administrator Discussion: Mr. Andruss explained that on October 7, 2020, Mr. Perez provided the following update regarding TWDB regarding groundwater joint planning:

- TWDB staff are still telecommuting, at least through December 31, 2020.
- TWDB Groundwater Technical Assistance staff are still processing management plans through an online review and routing process.
- Posted new guidance documents for desired future condition that can be found here: <http://www.twdb.texas.gov/groundwater/dfc/documents.asp>, including:
 - a flow chart depicting the joint planning timeline, and
 - a new checklist that includes items for non-relevant aquifers.
- TWDB has a new website, the Texas Water Newsroom (Texaswaternewsroom.org) was created to tell the stories of Texas water—the people, places, issues, and efforts—and to showcase the TWDB's expertise and resources.
- Our recorder specialist, Charles "Chuck" Crawford is now with the Edwards Aquifer Authority.

Motion: None.

Agenda Item 7: Consideration of and possible action on matters related to joint planning including professional services related to development and adoption of DFCs for aquifers within GMA 15, the review of management plans and accomplishments of Groundwater Management Area 15 member districts.

Topic 7.1 - Consultant Work Products

Administrator Discussion: Mr. Andruss explained that on September 25, 2020, Mr. Keester provided an updated work schedule and draft memos regarding the following topics to be addressed during the meeting:

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- Socioeconomic impacts,
- Impacts on private property, and
- DFC feasibility

Motion: None.

Topic 7.2 - TWDB GAM Development for GMA 15

Administrator Discussion: Mr. Andruss explained that on September 1, 2020, groundwater management districts within GMA 15 and GMA 16 were notified of a stakeholder meeting regarding TWDB's effort to develop a new groundwater availability model (GAM) for central and southern Gulf Coast Aquifer. The stakeholder meeting was held on September 29, 2020. The deadline for submitting comments on the conceptual model was originally set as October 16, 2020.

TWDB has expressed a willingness to accept comments after the October 16, 2020 deadline.

VCGCD, RGCD, TGCD, and CCGCD have agreed to share the costs for having a technical review of the conceptual report completed. These districts anticipate having the technical review completed and submitted to TWDB by January 2021.

Established a subcommittee composed of Mr. Andruss and Mr. Van Dresar to serve as a liaison to GMA 16.

Motion: None.

Topic 7.3 - District Achievements

Administrator Discussion: Mr. Andruss explained that the Refugio GCD submitted their annual report to the committee as a means to demonstrate each district's achievements during the previous year. Based on a review of the report it appears that the district is having a positive effect on conserving and protecting groundwater, preventing waste of groundwater, and making efforts to achieve the DFC.

Motion: None.

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

Administrator Discussion: None.

Motion: None.

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

Administrator Discussion: Mr. Andruss explained that the next meeting of GMA 15 is scheduled for January 14, 2021.

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Motion: None.

Agenda Item 10: Receive public comment.

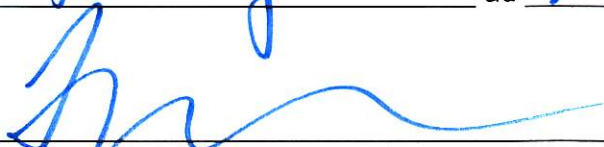
Administrator Discussion: None.

Motion: None.

Agenda Item 11: Adjournment

Motion: At approximately 10:56 AM, Mr. Van Dresar moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Hudgins seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

The above and foregoing minutes were considered and approved on this the 14th day
of January ad 2021.



Groundwater Management Area 15 Representative

ATTEST:



Groundwater Management Area 15 Representative

VCGCD - GRP - RP - Groundwater Management Area - GMA 15 - Meeting Management - Meeting Sign-In Sheet

Meeting Date: October 8, 2020

Printed Name	Organization and Contact Information
Heather Sumpter	GCGCD
, Mike Keester	LRE Water
DAVID A. VAN DREUSEN	FCGCD.
Jim Brasher	CCGCD
Louise Stewart	Bee GCD
Paul Kirby	DBS+A
Art Orkman	GCGCD
Cindy Parma	Pecan Valley
Russell Labus	Evergreen UWCD