

Groundwater Management Area 15

Meeting Minutes

The Groundwater Management Area 15 meeting convened on April 11, 2024 at the Goliad County GCD Office Building, 118 S. Market Street, Goliad, Texas.

Members GCD Representatives Present:

1	Bee Groundwater Conservation District	
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	Wendi Labus
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.

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: Mr. Hudgins 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.

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 on January 11, 2024, Ms. Teague of Evergreen UWCD notified GMA 15 of the approval of the management plan for Evergreen Underground Water Conservation District.

On January 24, 2024, members of GMA 15 were notified of an opportunity for feedback regarding the proposed RWPG-estimates for counties that reside within GMA 15.

On January 25, 2024, Mr. Stewart of Bee GCD notified GMA 15 of the approval of the management plan for Bee Groundwater Conservation District.

On February 21, 2024, Ms. Parma of Pecan Valley GCD notified GMA 15 of the approval of the annual report of Pecan Valley Groundwater Conservation District.

On February 26, 2024, Ms. Parma of Pecan Valley GCD notified GMA 15 of the approval of the management plan of Pecan Valley Groundwater Conservation District by the Texas Water Development Board.

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.

TWDB representatives were present and provided an update regarding developments at the agency.

No action taken.

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

Topic 1 – Technical Services

Mr. Andruss explained the VCGCD has suspended 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 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 District

Mr. Andruss explained based on a review of the management plans of the Evergreen UWCD and Bee 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: Ms. Teague moved to ratify the determination of the GMA 15 Administrator that the management plans of the Evergreen UWCD and Bee 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

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

Mr. Andruss explained that on March 22, 2024, Mr. Andruss, on behalf of representatives of GMA 15, requested an update from Mr. Hardwick of TWDB regarding his work to conduct a sensitivity analysis and development of a plan to

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alter the new GAM the covers GMA 15. Mr. Hardwick indicated that an explanation letter regarding the subject was being prepared by TWDB.

Mr. Hardwick provided a summary of the work efforts undertaken by the TWDB to review the new groundwater availability model for the central and southern portions of the Gulf Coast Aquifer and the TWDB's plan for making revisions and corrections to the model.

The representatives of the management area discussed the use of the new model at length with Mr. Hardwick.

Motion: Mr. Andruss moved to request that TWDB authorize 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. Mr. Hudgins seconded the motion. The motion passed.

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.

None.

No Action Taken.

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 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 representatives decided to meet at the office of the Fayette County Groundwater Conservation District on July 11, 2024.

No action taken.

Agenda Item 10: Receive public comment.

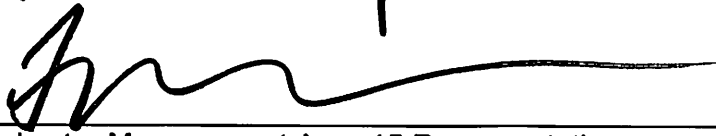
No Public Comment.

Agenda Item 11: Adjournment

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MOTION: At approximately 11:14 AM, Ms. Parma moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Hudgins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The above and foregoing minutes were considered and approved on this the
11th day of July a.d. 2024.



Groundwater Management Area 15 Representative

ATTEST:



Groundwater Management Area 15 Representative