

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 October 10, 2019.

Members GCD Representatives Present:

1	Aransas County Groundwater Conservation District	
2	Bee Groundwater Conservation District	Lonnie Stewart
3	Calhoun County Groundwater Conservation District	Tim Andruss
4	Coastal Bend Groundwater Conservation District	Neil Hudgins
5	Coastal Plains Groundwater Conservation District	Neil Hudgins
6	Colorado County Groundwater Conservation District	Jim Brasher
7	Corpus Christi ASR Conservation District	
8	Evergreen Underground Water Conservation District	Russell Labus
9	Fayette County Groundwater Conservation District	David Van Dresar
10	Goliad County Groundwater Conservation District	Heather Sumpter
11	Pecan Valley Groundwater Conservation District	Cindy Parma
12	Refugio Groundwater Conservation District	Tim Andruss
13	Texana Groundwater Conservation District	Tim Andruss
14	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.

Mr. Andruss explained that Section 36.108 of the Texas Water Code identifies the presiding officer or the presiding officer's designee as being the District Representative at joint planning meetings of the management area. Any district that has change presiding officer position of general manager position since the adoption of the previous desired future condition is encouraged to submit a letter to the Committee identifying the presiding officer and any designees of the presiding officer to GMA 15.

Mr. Andruss explained that he would attempt to confirm the status of the Aransas County Groundwater Conservation District as its existence relates to the joint-planning efforts of GMA 15.

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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. Van Dresar moved to accept and approve the meeting minutes for April 11, 2019, as drafted. Mr. Brasher seconded the motion. The motion passed.

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 Ms. Parma, General Manager of Pecan Valley Groundwater Conservation District, provided a financial report for the joint planning funds of GMA 15 and a copy of the invoices received and paid as of October 9, 2019.

MOTION: Mr. Hudgins moved to accept and approve the financial report for the joint planning funds of GMA 15 as of October 9, 2019 and ratify the expenditure of joint planning funds for the payment of LRE Water invoices 184, 196, 205, 213, 219, and 239. Mr. Van Dresar 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, and representatives from other Groundwater Management Areas.

Mr. Andruss explained that the South Central Regional Water Planning Group (Region L) is currently working to revise and propose new legislative policy recommendations related to regional water planning for inclusion in the next regional water plan. The workgroup established to develop recommendations for consideration by the full planning group has met on several occasions and is working, in part, on potential recommendations related to the use of Modeled Available Groundwater values in the regional water planning process.

Mr. Van Dresar and Mr. Brasher explained that work had begun at Region K to address Chapter 8 policy recommendations.

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Mr. Andruss explained that Refugio Groundwater Conservation District received notice of a petition filed on behalf of a number of districts within Groundwater Management Area 16 to Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to inquire into the failure of Starr County GCD to participate in joint planning and to adopt desired future conditions. Groundwater Management Area 16 was offered an opportunity to brief the members during this meeting.

After Mr. Van Dresar recused himself and left the meeting room, Mr. Stewart and Mr. Felix Saenz of GMA 16 provided details regarding the petition filed on behalf of a number of districts within Groundwater Management Area 16 to Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to inquire into the failure of Starr County GCD.

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 to the members regarding recent personnel changes 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.

Mr. Andruss explained that on October 8, 2019, Mr. Keester of LRE Water transmitted to the members of GMA 15 committee via email 1) a memo regarding aquifer uses and conditions, 2) a memo regarding modeling results, and 3) an updated schedule for the DFC adoption process.

Mr. Keester presented summary information and answered questions regarding the topics of the memos previously submitted. Mr. Keester notified the members of the need to specify the modeling scenario to be used to develop the desired future condition and explanatory report no later than January 2020.

Mr. Andruss suggested holding an interim GMA 15 meeting on December 12, 2019, to provide ample opportunity for the members to consider the information transmitted by Mr. Keester via the memos.

No action was taken.

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

No action was taken.

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

Mr. Andruss explained that the next meetings of Groundwater Management Area 15 is scheduled for January 9, 2020, and arrangements would be made for an interim meeting of GMA 15.

No action was taken.

Agenda Item 10: Receive public comment.

No public comment provided.

Agenda Item 11: Adjournment

MOTION: Mr. Van Dresar moved to adjourn at 11:17 AM. Mr. Stewart seconded the motion. The motion passed.

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

14 day of NOVEMBER a.d. 2019.


Groundwater Management Area 15 Representative

ATTEST:


Groundwater Management Area 15 Representative



GMA 15

DATE: October 10, 2019

NAME	COMPANY OR ORGANIZATION
Davis A. Van Dresar	FCGCD
Mike Keester	LKE Water
Andy Donnelly	DBS+A
Felix Saenz	BEGCD GMA 16
Stephane J. Moore	DBS&A
Lonnie Stewart	Bee GCD
Paul Wiley	DBS+A
Heather Simpton	GCGCD
Kenneth Ellen	VCGCD
Jim Brashers	CCGCD
Mel Feltz	CBGCD/CPGCA
Cindy Gamma	Pecan Valley GCD
Russell Talus	Evergreen UWCD
London Yost	Evergreen UWCD
Jean Perez	TWDB