

Groundwater Management Area 15

Meeting Minutes for January 9 , 2025

The Groundwater Management Area 15 meeting convened at the office of the Evergreen Underground Water Conservation District, 110 Wyoming Boulevard, Pleasanton, Texas on January 9, 2025, at 9:30 AM.

Agenda Item 1 - Call to order and welcome guests.

Mr. Andruss called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM and determined a quorum of representatives of the member districts of Groundwater Management Area 15 were present.

Representatives present:

- 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 - Jim Brasher
- Corpus Christi ASR Conservation District -
- Evergreen Underground Water Conservation District - Aarin Teague
- 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. Stewart moved to accept and approve the meeting minutes for July 11, 2024, and October 15, 2024 as drafted. Mr. Brasher 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:

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 - September 2024

Reporting Period Start: 9/1/24
Reporting Period Stop: 9/30/24
Beginning Balance: \$79,859.16
(6) Credit: \$10,010.43
(0) Debits: \$0.00
Ending Balance: \$89,869.59

VCGCD - Bank Statement - Act# 3881 - October 2024

Reporting Period Start: 10/1/24
Reporting Period Stop: 10/31/24
Beginning Balance: \$89,869.59
(1) Credit: \$11.42
(0) Debits: \$0.00
Ending Balance: \$89,881.01

VCGCD - Bank Statement - Act# 3881 - November 2024

Reporting Period Start: 11/1/24
Reporting Period Stop: 11/30/24
Beginning Balance: \$89,881.01
(1) Credit: \$11.05

(0) Debits: \$0.00

Ending Balance: \$89,892.06

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.

Mr. Andruss reported that on December 11, 2024, Michelle Shelton of Goliad County GCD forwarded a copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of the Goliad County GCD on November 18, 2024 regarding the District's position on Groundwater Availability Modeling to each member district 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. Andruss reported that on December 17, 2024, Katie Dahlberg of TWDB notified GMA 15 of its intended approach for developing the draft water demand projections for the next planning cycle (2031 RWPs) which is affected by the development of DFCs and the calculation of MAGs. Specifically, Ms. Dahlberg explained about the approach:

- "Acknowledging the mismatch in the DFC/RWP timelines, if DFC/MAGs are not coordinated with our draft projections development timeline, TWDB will use a rate of change approach based on the current irrigation demand projections (link below) in order to release draft projections to the Regional Water Planning Groups (RWPGs) by March 2027.
- RWPGs can request revisions to the draft projections, including the use of updated MAGs. However, to incorporate the updated MAGs into the final projections for the 2031 RWPs, MAGs would need to be available by August 2027. As you know, MAG development is dependent upon administratively complete explanatory reports and then subsequent capacity of TWDB groundwater staff."

Mr. Andruss reported additional information regarding current irrigation water demand projections for the 2026 RWPs and high-level regional water planning and groundwater planning timelines. See:

<https://www.twdb.texas.gov/waterplanning/data/projections/2027/projections.asp>.

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 3 - Development of Desired Future Conditions.

Dr. Young of Intera presented slides and guided discussions regarding the development of the 3rd cycle of joint planning and the process for developing desired future conditions during the current planning cycle.

The representatives of GMA 15:

- a. discussed the method and outcomes of developing the DFCs for GMA 15 during the 3rd planning cycle including corrections needed to certain slides regarding the current DFC and related MAG values;
- b. requested that Dr. Young begin work on the consideration of the aquifer uses and condition factor, the water needs (and water management strategies) factor, the hydrologic condition factor, and the environmental conditions factor for the current joint planning cycle in a similar fashion as considered during previous joint planning efforts;
- c. requested that Dr. Young begin work on the consideration of the socioeconomic factor by:
 - i. assigning aquifer designations, where possible, to the registry of wells consisting of a GIS dataset of well locations and well depths provided by the funding members of GMA 15; and
 - ii. assigning water level and drawdown estimates, where possible, to the registry of wells provided by the funding members of GMA 15;
- d. requested that Dr. Young begin work on the consideration of the subsidence factor by:
 - i. reviewing previous work related to subsidence developed by or for funding members of GMA 15;
 - ii. identifying areas with significant subsidence, if any, based on the model runs selected by the GMA 15 representatives to demonstrate the proposed DFC is feasible;
- e. requested the Dr. Young provide each member district of GMA 15 with the TWDB estimates of historical groundwater pumping for their jurisdiction by aquifer from year 2016 through year 2022; and
- f. agreed to review and provide any necessary corrections to Dr. Young identified for the historical groundwater pumping estimates from year 2016 through year 2022.

Action: Mr. Andruss moved to instruct the technical consultant to use TWDB's 2004 groundwater availability model for the Central Gulf Coast for performing predictive model runs for the 4th Joint Planning Cycle for GMA 15. Ms. Labus seconded the motion. The motion passed with opposition by Mr. Graham.

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

The representatives did not discuss or take action regarding this item.

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

Mr. Andruss reported the next meeting of GMA 15 is scheduled for April 10, 2025, at 9:30 AM at the UHV Northwest Campus, Room 129, 1604 E. Airline Rd., Victoria, Texas 77901.

VCGCD has secured meeting space at the UHV Northwest Campus in Victoria for the GMA 15 meetings scheduled on July 10, 2025 and October, 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.

Agenda Item 10 - Receive public comment.

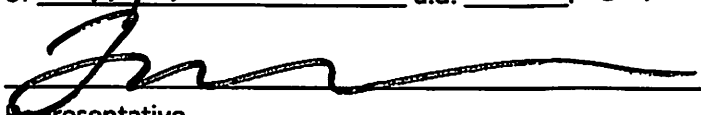
Mr. Andruss offered to accept public comment. No public comment was provided to the representatives.

Agenda Item 11 - Adjournment.

Action: Mr. Hudgins moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:45 PM. Ms. Labus seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

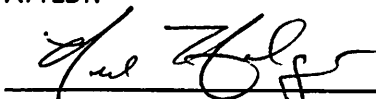
Prepared by: Tim Andruss

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



Representative Groundwater Management Area 15

ATTEST:



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