

Groundwater Management Area 15 Meeting Minutes for July 10, 2025

The Groundwater Management Area 15 meeting convened at the Victoria County Groundwater Conservation District Office, 1501 E. Mockingbird Lane, Suite 104, Victoria, Texas, on July 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 - Ed Griffin
- Fayette County Groundwater Conservation District - David Van Dresar
- 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 April 10, 2025. Mr. Van Dresar 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	

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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 ¹	\$2,500.00
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

Note 1: GCGCD contribution is not to be used for technical work utilizing the groundwater availability model.

Reporting Period Ending Balance: \$69.971.21

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 - Evaluation of the Groundwater Availability Model for the Central and Southern Portions of Gulf Coast Aquifer System (CSGC-GAM) for District Uses

Mr. Andruss explained in an effort to complement the work to be completed by Intera to evaluate the utility of the new groundwater availability model (GAM) developed by the Texas Water Development Board for use by GMA 15, Victoria County, Calhoun County, Refugio, and Texana GCDs have sponsored a project to be completed by Intera to evaluate the utility of the GAM for district uses. In particular, the GCDs are interested in assessing the utility of the draft CSGC-GAM for GCD purposes such as developing district-level DFCs, evaluating aquifer impacts associated with production permit requests, assessing and predicting subsidence, assessing and predicting saltwater intrusion, or assessing and predicting the consequences of incentivizing deep saline groundwater production. Each district is contributing \$12,500 to fund the project.e the new GAM for the central and southern portions of the Gulf Coast.

Topic 2 - Characterization of Brackish Groundwater Resources in Calhoun, Refugio, and Jackson Counties.

Mr. Andruss explained in an effort to prepare for significant, new development of groundwater resource in Calhoun, Refugio, and Jackson Counties, Calhoun County GCD, Refugio GCD, and Texana GCD have sponsored a project to be completed by Intera to characterize the brackish groundwater resources within their respective jurisdictions. The completion of the project will support their efforts

to consider and possibly adopt rules intended to incentivize brackish groundwater development in lieu of fresh groundwater development. Each district is contributing \$20,000 to fund the project.

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

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

Action: Mr. Stewart moved to authorize Mr. Andruss submit a letter on behalf of GMA 15 expressing GMA 15's opposition of the use the Groundwater Availability Model for the Central and Southern Portions of the Gulf Coast Aquifer System (CSGCA-GAM) for water planning purposes as public comment to the draft update to the groundwater availability model (GAM) for the central and southern portions of the Gulf Coast Aquifer System. Mr. Graham seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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 - House Bill 2078, 89th Regular Session of the Texas Legislature

Mr. Andruss explained House Bill 2078 relating to the joint planning of desired future conditions in groundwater management areas is effective September 1, 2025. The bill creates significant changes to Sections 36.1071 and Section 36.108 of Chapter 36 of the Texas Water Code. Section 108 relates to the joint planning in groundwater management areas. The revisions to 36.108 alter 1) the requirements of GMAs related to what and how the representatives review member district's accomplishments and achievement of DFCs and 2) process for adopting DFCs and development of the explanatory report.

Topic 2 - Annual Review of Accomplishments of the Member Districts.

The representatives neither discussed nor took action regarding this topic.

Topic 3 - Review of Management Plans during Current Joint Planning Cycle

The representatives neither discussed nor took action regarding this topic.

Topic 4 - Development of Desired Future Conditions.

Dr. Young and Mr. Lamkey of Intera presented Intera's findings regarding the 1) Impacts on the Interests and Rights in Private Property, 2) Pumping Scenarios, 3) Review of the GMA 15 and GMA 16 GAM, and 4) Consideration of Water Supply Needs and Management Strategies.

Action: Mr. Graham moved to accept the presentation titled *Impacts on the Interests and Rights in Private Property* provided by Intera. Mr. Brownlow seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The representatives identified several errors and omissions within the presentation and discussed GCGCD's concerns with the model runs. Mr. Graham agreed to provide GCGCD's explanation and justification for its request for special consideration in the use of the predictive GAM runs in support of the joint planning process.

Action: Mr. Stewart moved to authorized Mr. Andruss to submit a letter on the behalf of GMA 15 expressing opposition to the intention of TWDB to utilize the draft GAM for joint planning or regional water planning purposes. Mr. Graham seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Action: Mr. Dresar moved to accept the presentation titled *Consideration of Water Supply Needs and Management Strategies* provided by Intera with correction of identified errors. Mr. Hudgins 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.

The representatives neither discussed nor took action regarding this item.

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 October 9, 2025, at 9:30 AM at 1501 E. Mockingbird Lane, Suite 104, Victoria, Texas. A special meeting may be held on July 24, 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.

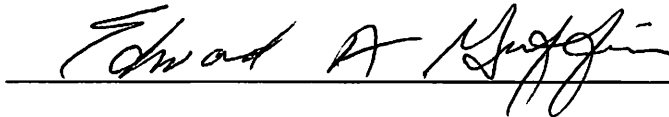
Action: Mr. Van Dresar moved to adjourn the meeting after concluding all business of the groundwater management area at approximately 11:54 AM. Ms. Parma seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Prepared by: Tim Andruss

The above and foregoing minutes were considered and approved on this the 9th day of October a.d. 2025

 Groundwater Management Area 15 Representative

ATTEST:

 Groundwater Management Area 15 Representative