

GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AREA 12 MEETING
March 27, 2015 – 10:00 a.m.
Milano Civic Center
120 West Ave. E
Milano, Texas

MINUTES

GMA 12 Members Present

Nathan Ausley	POSGCD
Jim Totten	LPGCD
David Van Dresar	FCGCD
David Bailey	METGCD
Alan Day	BVGCD

GMA 12 Members Absent

None

Others Present	Entity
Gary Westbrook	POSGCD
Bobby Bazan	POSGCD
Meredith Earwood	POSGCD
Larry Hoffmann	Concerned Citizen
David Wheelock	Lower Colorado River Authority
Monique Norman	BVGCD & FCGCD
Steve Box	Environmental Stewardship
Jayson Barfknecht	City of Bryan
Mike Sutherland	City of Bryan
Cynthia Lopez	BVGCD
Dave Coleman	City of College Station
James Bene	RWH
Robert Bradley	TWDB Staff
Ann Stanislaw	SWMWSC
Kirk Holland	self
Rick Morgan	Abengoa
Barret Lyne	Lyne Ranch
Steve Young	Intera
Amy Muttoni	BRA
Andy Donnelly	DBS&A
Kodi Sawin	
John Seifert	LBG Guyton

MEETING

1. **Call meeting to order and establish quorum:**

Nathan Ausley, President, called the Groundwater Management Area 12 Meeting to order and established a quorum at 10:04 am.

2. **Welcome and introductions:**

President Nathan Ausley asked each member to introduce themselves to the general public.

3. **Minutes of February 26, 2015 GMA 12 Meeting:**

After reviewing the draft minutes, Alan Day of Brazos Valley GCD moved to accept the February 26, 2015 GMA 12 meeting minutes. Jim Totten of Lost Pines GCD 2nd the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

4. **Update and report from consultants regarding ongoing evaluations and studies**

John Seifert of LBG-Guyton and Associates gave a review of ongoing evaluations and studies. Mr. Seifert reminded the public of the deadline of April the 2nd for comments.

5. **Receive comments on GMA 12 Groundwater Availability Model Run PS2a, later renamed PS4**

Steve Box Environmental Stewardship, Exec. Director:

Steve Box reviewed the packet given to the board as written comments for the DFC. He noted he would like the board to consider to hold the DFC as it currently is without movement increasing or decreasing. He noted that the Colorado and Brazos rivers are gaining rivers, and he urged the board to look into groundwater and surface water interactions near those rivers. He requested the board research the significance of the interaction and include findings in the DFC.

Barret Lyne, Citizen Brazos Valley:

Barret Lyne of Brazos County emphasized the nexus between surface and groundwater interactions. He explained that flow across the soil is interrupted as groundwater pumping occurs. He noted that the lack of flow across the surface effects crop growth due to limited soil moisture, and requested more data on the relationship of groundwater and surface water.

Steve Young, Intera:

Steve Young gave a presentation on behalf of POSGCD on the results of the PS1-4 GAM runs.

6. **Updates to Pumping Files used in Central Queen City-Sparta/Carrizo-Wilcox Groundwater Availability Model**

President Ausley asked for reports from the districts. Mr. Totten noted that Lost Pines was taking comments on the pumping files to be used in the GAM. No other updates were given.

7. **Receive comments on Demands and DFC options for GMA 12**

David Wheelock, LCRA:

Mr. Wheelock commented that there is a built in bias in the current model that says more pumpers have a higher drawdown and a greater effect to the MAG. He commented that he is still learning the 9 criteria and is interested in the Use Category. He noted that storage depletion is appropriate for the DFC in the view of the LCRA, and the GMA should only limit a small percent of depletion.

Nathan Ausley, POSGCD Director:

Mr. Ausley commented on Post Oak Savannah GCD's work on the DFC process, and reported what the POSGCD DFC committee had discussed, and noted that POSGCD would prefer to hold DFCs at the current levels at this time, and that POSGCD would maintain a separate DFC for the unconfined area of the Simsboro in the District.

Barret Lyne, Brazos Valley Citizen:

Mr. Lyne asked about the development of a firm yield for the aquifer using the drought of record. Steve Young from Intera commented on the history of sustainable yields, and stated that firm yields are a term for surface water and not used in the same way for groundwater.

Mr. Westbrook noted that Curtis Chubb, Concerned Citizen, and David Coleman of the City of College Station had provided written comments.

8. Update from Groundwater Conservation Districts of GMA 12 on joint planning and compliance with Chapter 36.108, State Water Code

John Seifert with LBG Guyton provided an update to the joint planning process with respect to the list in Chapter 36.108. He also provided a list of other GMA's use of websites. The GMA 12 representatives agreed that more information was needed on different costs associated with the different options for a future website. They requested that Mr. Seifert gather more information. Mr. Westbrook noted that POSGCD would continue to host all GMA 12 information and presentations and that the new POSGCD website would be published soon, and that other GCDs in GMA 12 could link to the POSGCD GMA 12 page from their websites.

9. Update on Legislative issues of possible interest to the Districts of GMA 12

Monique Norman of BVGCD and FCGCD recommended each District to address legislative issues individually, except a bill relating to regional water planning groups. She noted this bill would control areas that are not under a GCD, known as "unprotected areas", and this might need further review by the GMA as a whole.

10. Report on Monitoring activities by Districts of GMA 12

Each District commented on the monitoring activities. Brazos Valley GCD stated that they are developing a monitoring network for both the Hooper and Simsboro unconfined areas. Mid-East Texas GCD stated the same, and that a report would be available soon. Lost Pines GCD reported current monitoring information. Fayette County GCD and Post Oak Savannah GCD both stated that their annual monitoring activities were currently in process.

11. Desired Future Conditions of aquifers in GMA 12

President Ausley noted there were no further information at the time, and the topic would be continued through public comments and future meetings.

12. Process for addressing requirements of Chapter 36.108 in adopting Desired Future Conditions

President Ausley noted this item was addressed in a previous presentation.

13. Improvements to current Central Queen City-Sparta/Carrizo-Wilcox Groundwater Availability Model

No comments were given at this time.

14. Public Comment

Larry Hoffman, Spicewood TX, concerned citizen:

Mr. Hoffman stated that he does not want to mine the aquifer, and does not like the current DFC process as it should be expressed by acre-feet per year instead of drawdown. He pushed for groundwater/surface water interaction research and noted that current rate payers should not be subsidizing growing populations.

15. Agenda items and Date for next meeting

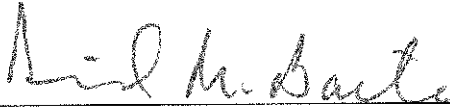
The next meeting was tentatively set for April 30, 2015, with the current agenda items less item 9, and changing item 5 from "receiving comments" to "discussing comments received" on GMA 12 GAM Run PS4. Also the addition of adding an item to adopt a form for receiving comments on DFCs should be added.

16. Adjourn

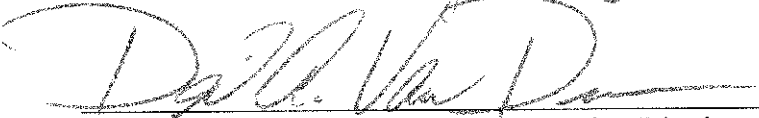
The meeting was adjourned at 12:05pm.

THE ABOVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AREA 12 HELD ON MARCH 27, 2015 WERE APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY GMA 12 AT A MEETING ON APRIL 30, 2015.

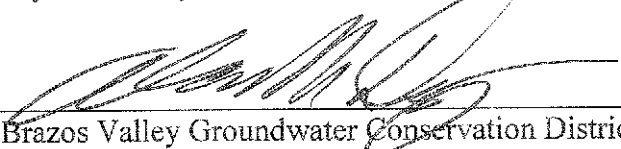
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Mid-East Texas Groundwater Conservation District



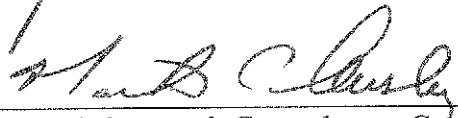
Fayette County Groundwater Conservation District



Brazos Valley Groundwater Conservation District



Lost Pines Groundwater Conservation District



Post Oak Savannah Groundwater Conservation District