

**GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AREA 12 MEETING
OCTOBER 22, 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

Others Present	Entity
Gary Westbrook	POSGCD
Bobby Bazan	POSGCD
Elaine Gerren	POSGCD
Meredith Earwood	POSGCD
Barney Knight	POSGCD
Steve Young	Intera
John Seifert	LBG Guyton
Steve Box	Environmental Stewardship
Dave Coleman	City of College Station
John Schnautz	Office of the Speaker of the House
Stephen Allen	TWDB
David Wheelock	LCRA
Joan Eichgerberger	Burleson Co. landowner
Gary Eichgerberger	Burleson Co. landowner
Andrew Donnelly	DBS&A
James Bene	RW Harden
Monique Norman	BVGCD, FCGCD
Tyler Lewis	KHA
Tim Skoglund	SAWS
Keith Hawsberger	LPGCD
B Sherrill	LPGCD
Amy Muttoni	BRA
Kodi Sawin	

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

Chairman Nathan Ausley called the meeting to order and established quorum at 10:02am.

2. **Welcome and introductions**

Head table – Gary Westbrook from POSGCD serving as secretary, David Bailey representing METGCD, Alan Day representing BVGCD, Nathan Ausley representing POSGCD, Jim Totten representing LPGCD, and David Van Dresar representing FCGCD.

3. **Minutes of September 24, 2015 GMA 12 Meeting**

Chairman Ausley asked for corrections or additions to the minutes of the previous GMA 12 meeting of May 28, 2015. None were offered. Chairman Ausley moved and David Van Dresar seconded the minutes be approved as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

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

John Seifert, hydrology consultant, requested item be covered in item 8.

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

No comments were offered or received.

6. **Presentation from the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) on characteristics of the Central Queen City/Sparta Groundwater Availability Model, as well as the role of TWDB in improvements to the model**

At the request of Larry French of TWDB, this item was tabled, and deferred to next meeting.

7. **Receive comments on requirements of Chapter 36.108(d) in adopting Desired Future Conditions**

No comments received.

8. **Review and Discuss Previous Presentations and Comments received on requirements of Chapter 36.108(d) in adopting Desired Future Conditions:**

A. socioeconomic impacts reasonably expected to occur;

A presentation was given by John Siefert on behalf of the GMA 12 consulting team summarizing the previous presentation and comments received to date on this item. Discussion and questions ensued on subject matter, including whether real estate values in GMA 12 would be affected by water leaving the area. Steve Box mentions needs of evaluation and comprehensive look at the counties where water is transported from and other counties receiving the water. Jim Totten noted that where there are shortages there is economic impact, and that concern should be addressed. Mr. Box noted that Bastrop County could experience a shortage of water available in the future, and thus an economic impact, if water is exported. James Bene noted that GMA 12 could assess impacts caused in the event water levels are lowered. Billy Sherrill stated that Lee County needed to keep enough water in the county to allow for growth.

Next, a presentation was given by David Coleman, representing the City of College Station, on their previous socioeconomic impact study for groundwater management. Mr. Coleman noted that an updated and current presentation and comments would be given at the appropriate time during the comment period, and would include ASR project discussions. Mr. Coleman noted that the report would only focus on the Simsboro aquifer. David Wheelock asked if the current GMA 12 DFCs allowed for Bryan/College Station

demands to be met with no alternate sources of water needed. Mr. Coleman said yes, they do, and no alternate sources are necessary.

B. other environmental impacts, including impacts on spring flow and other interactions between groundwater and surface water;

A presentation was given by Andy Donnelly on behalf of the GMA 12 consulting team summarizing the previous presentation and comments received to date on this item. Discussion ensued about the future planning and input for the DFC process. Mr. Ausley asked if this information included water quality. Mr. Donnelly answered it did. Mr. Box asked Mr. Donnelly to explain the difference between volumes of water available from the unconfined versus the confined. Mr. Day noted that TERS was required to be considered. Mr. Box asked about the process of reviewing and responding to comments received.

C. hydrological conditions, including for each aquifer in the management area the total estimated recoverable storage as provided by the executive administrator, and the average annual recharge, inflows, and discharge

A presentation was given by Steve Young on behalf of the GMA 12 consulting team summarizing the previous presentation and comments received to date on this item, as well as feasibility of a DFC. Discussion ensued, including improvements to the GAM.

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

Jim Totten informed the GMA that the Lost Pines GCD Board of Directors approved and signed off to declare the Trinity Aquifer not relevant for joint planning in GMA 12.

10. Desired Future Conditions of aquifers in GMA 12

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

Steve Young reported on the process to date. James Bene added comments on process and accuracy of model.

12. Public Comment

Chairman Ausley invited public comment. No public comment was offered.

13. Agenda items and Date for next meeting

After discussion, the next agenda items will include the presentation from TWDB which was tabled from this meeting, considerations of model runs and aquifer conditions, and potential DFC suggestions. The meeting was set for December 17th, 2015 at 10am.

14. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 12:15pm.

THE ABOVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AREA 12 HELD ON OCTOBER 22, 2015 WERE APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY GMA 12 AT A MEETING ON DECEMBER 17, 2015.

ATTEST:

Bill M. Butler

Mid-East Texas Groundwater Conservation District

David R. Van Dine

Fayette County Groundwater Conservation District

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Brazos Valley Groundwater Conservation District

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Lost Pines Groundwater Conservation District

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Post Oak Savannah Groundwater Conservation District
