

**Meeting of the  
Groundwater Management Area 8  
September 29, 2016 in Cleburne, TX**

**Minutes**

The Groundwater Management Area 8 (GMA 8) district representatives (referred to herein collectively as "the Committee" for easy reference), which consists of representatives from the Central Texas Groundwater Conservation District, Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District, Middle Trinity Groundwater Conservation District, North Texas Groundwater Conservation District, Northern Trinity Groundwater Conservation District, Post Oak Savannah Groundwater Conservation District, Prairielands Groundwater Conservation District, Red River Groundwater Conservation District, Saratoga Underground Water Conservation District, Southern Trinity Groundwater Conservation District, and Upper Trinity Groundwater Conservation District, held a **Joint Planning meeting at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, September 29, 2016**, in the Liberty Event Center in Cleburne, Texas.

*Groundwater Conservation District Representatives Present:*

Central Texas GCD: Charles Shell	Red River GCD: David Gattis
Clearwater UWCD: Judy Parker	Middle Trinity GCD: Joe Cooper
Northern Trinity GCD: Bob Patterson	Upper Trinity GCD: Mike Massey
North Texas GCD: Eddy Daniel	Saratoga UWCD: Jason Jones
Post Oak Savannah GCD: Gary Westbrook	Southern Trinity GCD: Peter Kultgen
Prairielands GCD: Jim Conkwright	

*Groundwater Conservation District Representatives Absent:*

No Groundwater Conservation District Representatives were absent.

**1. Invocation**

Gary Westbrook provided the invocation for the meeting.

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

Chairman Daniel established that a quorum was present and called the GMA 8 meeting to order at 10:08 am.

**3. Welcome and introductions.**

Chairman Daniel welcomed the guests present at the meeting.

**4. Public Comments.**

Chairman Daniel asked if any of the attendees had public comments to present to the GMA 8. There were no public comments.

**5. Approve minutes of April 1, 2016, GMA 8 meeting.**

The Committee reviewed the minutes of the April 1, 2016 meeting. David Gattis made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 1, 2016 meeting. Bob Patterson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**6. Presentation of DFC summary reports by each district representative.**

Chairman Daniel stated each District's summary report will be placed in an appendix in the Final Explanatory Report. Summary Reports were summarized to the Committee by each District Representative.

**7. Discussion and consideration of any changes requested to proposed DFC.**

Motion was made by Mike Massey, and seconded by David Gattis to adopt Recommendations #1 and #2 of Upper Trinity GCD's Summary Report for the four counties in Upper Trinity GCD only. Discussion ensued by the Committee concerning the recommendations made by Upper Trinity GCD in the Upper Trinity GCD Summary Report. Chairman Daniel asked for a vote on the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

**8. Consider and act upon authorizing LBG Guyton Associates to perform work associated with drafting memo for Model Run 10 for inclusion in explanatory report**

Chairman Eddy Daniel informed the Committee the North Texas GCD has authorized LBG Guyton Associates to perform work associated with Model Run 10 for inclusion in the Explanatory Report for the DFCs. North Texas GCD authorized LBG Guyton to begin drafting the memo with the understanding that each of the GMA 8 District's will pay their fair share of the costs associated with the task. Peter Kultgen made a motion to authorize LBG Guyton Associates to perform the tasks associated with drafting a memo for Model Run 10 for inclusion in the Explanatory Report. Jim Conkwright seconded the motion, and motion passed unanimously.

**9. Discussion and consideration of authorizing GMA-8 consultant to continue drafting explanatory report**

Chairman Eddy Daniel stated that the Explanatory Report will involve discussion and coordination. Bill Mullican of Mullican and Associates, the firm preparing the Explanatory Report required for submittal to the TWDB for the GMA 8, stated there are some decisions each District will need to make.

1. Summary reports have been provided by each District for the DFCs. Each District will need to consider providing Mr. Mullican with a statement regarding the considerations taken regarding the nine statutory factors considered for the proposed DFCs as stipulated in the Texas Water Code, Section 36.108(d) when considering adopting the DFCs proposed by GMA 8 (i.e. District's Management Plan, Rules, etc.). This document will be considered as supporting documentation for the summary report.
2. Any anticipated changes to the Explanatory Report will need to be submitted to Mr. Mullican.
3. The draft Explanatory Report will be provided to the GMA 8 Committee Members between Thanksgiving and December 1<sup>st</sup>.
4. Each District will need to review the draft Explanatory Report and submit comments by December 15<sup>th</sup>.
5. GMA 8 will need to meet again in late January to discuss voting on the draft Resolution and the draft Explanatory Report.
6. Comments regarding the final draft Explanatory Report will be required to be provided to Mr. Mullican at least 2 weeks before January meeting. Draft to be distributed, comments received, and a redline version provided by Mr. Mullican, addressing all comments received.
7. Legal representatives to review sections of the report concerning policy and technical justification.
8. January 31 agenda item for approval of submission of Explanatory Report with discretion for North Texas GCD General Manager to make general minor edits as necessary for the Committee.
9. Any District specific information that a District may want included in the Explanatory Report needs to be forwarded to Bill Mullican by the 1<sup>st</sup> week in November.

Mike Massey made a motion to authorize Bill Mullican to continue drafting the Explanatory Report for the GMA 8. The motion was seconded by David Gattis, and passed unanimously.

**10. Discussion of possible agenda items and dates for next GMA-8 meeting.**

Bill Mullican stated the GMA 8 Committee needs an item on the next agenda to formally vote on the three aquifers that have been designated as non-relevant aquifers. This item has been addressed previously by the Committee, but needs to be formally considered before voting on the DFCs. Approval of the Explanatory Report also needs to be included on the next agenda, as well as adoption of the DFCs.

It was the consensus of the Board that the date for next meeting be Tuesday January 31, 2017 10:00 am, pending room availability.

**11. Closing comments.**

Mr. Robert Bradley stated the Texas Water Development Board has adopted final DFCs for GMA 9, GMA 14 and GMA 15. The Water for Texas Conference will be held January 23 - 25, 2017. The Groundwater Management Districts Association is meeting in the Fort Worth Stockyards January 9 - 11, 2017.

Chairman Eddy Daniel stated the GMA 8 Committee is near the end of the first DFC process, and expressed his appreciation for the Committee's cooperation and efforts in accomplishing this task.

The Committee expressed their appreciation for Eddy Daniel chairing GMA 8 and performing all the tasks necessary to work with staff to get the DFC process accomplished.

**12. Adjourn**

Chairman Daniel declared the meeting adjourned at 10:58am.

The GMA 8 Committee unanimously approved the minutes on this 31<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2017.

Carolyn Bennett  
Recording Secretary

Eddy Daniel  
Chairman