
GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AREA 12 MEETING
August 2, 2019 – 10:00 am
Post Oak Savannah GCD Offices
310 East Avenue C
Milano, Texas

GMA 12 Members Present

Gary Westbrook	POSGCD
Jim Totten	LPGCD
David Van Dresar	FCGCD
David Bailey	METGCD
Alan Day	BVGCD

GMA 12 Members Absent

None

Others Present

	Entity
Elaine Gerren	POSGCD
Bobby Bazan	POSGCD
Doug Box	POSGCD
John Seifert	WSP
Jevon Harding	Intera
James Bene'	RW Harden
Rebecca Batchelder	Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA)
George Rice	Environmental Stewardship
Sidney Youngblood	POSGCD
Aaron Abel	Brazos River Authority (BRA)
James Beach	WSP
Paul Kirby	DBSA
Amy Muttoni	BRA
Robert Bradley	TWDB
Blaire Parker	SAWS
Andy	LPGCD
Matt Uliana	Intera / METGCD
Bill Riley	Self

MINUTES

1. Invocation

The invocation was given by David Van Dresar.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Alan Day lead the pledges to the flags of the United States and Texas.

3. Call meeting to order and establish quorum

Gary Westbrook, serving as chair for this meeting, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. and noted that all voting members of GMA 12 were present.

4. Welcome and introductions

Each of the five District voting representatives introduced themselves.

5. Public Comment on Agenda Items

Mr. Westbrook invited public comment on agenda items. There was no public comment offered on the Agenda Items.

6. Minutes of May 30, 2019 GMA 12 Meeting

The minutes of the May 30, 2019 meeting were presented. After brief discussion, a motion was made by Alan Day to approve the minutes. The motion was 2nd by David Van Dresar. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Status Update on Texas Water Development Board Study on Groundwater-Surface Water interaction

Rebecca Batchelder of the LCRA gave a brief summary of the study and introduced James Bene' with R.W. Hardin, and Assoc. as the consultant in charge of the study. Mr. Bene' presented a slideshow on the Study including the purpose of the Study, GAM Limitations, Study Goals, Study Area, and he discussed Test Site # 1, which had proved unsuitable. He stated that they are currently looking for other test sites. A question was asked by George Rice wanting to know how many sites had been selected. Mr. Bene indicated that was ongoing work. James Beach commented on how to discern between the sites. No action was taken.

8. Update from Groundwater Conservation Districts (GCDs) of GMA 12 on joint planning, water level monitoring, and compliance with Chapter 36.108, State Water Code

Mr. Westbrook stated that the Post Oak Savannah GCD will review the annual evaluations on DFC and PDL compliance at the next DFC Committee and Board Meeting, both on August 6, 2019. Alan Day stated that the Brazos Valley GCD will start their Summer measurements the 3rd week in August. David Bailey with the Mid-East Texas GCD stated METGCD had completed measurements in April. Jim Totten of the Lost Pines GCD stated LPGCD is converting to WellIntel for these purposes. David Van Dresar noted that Fayette County GCD was continuing current monitoring practices. No action was taken.

9. Discussion of comments received from stakeholders

A letter of June 25, 2019 from Environmental Stewardship was presented for discussion. Mr. Seifert gave a brief and overview of the request, and reported on how the request was being considered in ongoing GMA 12 work. No further action was taken.

10. Evaluation and discussion of future pumping scenarios using the Sparta/Queen City/Carrizo Wilcox GAM and results including predicted water levels and water budgets

Mr. Seifert presented a slideshow on the preliminary Modeling results for the Sparta, Queen City, and Carrizo Wilcox Aquifers. Gary Westbrook commented that the pumping files were preliminary and some would need to be updated. Mr. Seifert noted the three different model runs as outlined by GMA 12 at the previous meeting, and discussed each as runs named S1, S2, and S3. He then reminded the GMA had instructed the addition of two periods of drought, which had been added to each of these GAM runs by adding the periods during 2026-2030 and 2051-2060. He then noted the three GAM runs which included the additional drought periods as S4-S6, respectively. He also noted nearly identical results for GAM runs with and without the drought periods included.

Discussion of the three primary GAM runs ensued. Mr. Westbrook noted necessary adjustments to POSGCD pumping files and estimated ramp-up times. Mr. Seifert noted a next run could be selected from the first three and returned with updated pumping information, and which could then be considered at the next meeting. He also noted this run could be considered at GAM Run S4. Mr. Totten asked when S4 would be completed and available for consideration. Mr. Seifert was unsure, but estimated maybe 2-3 months. George Rice asked when the pumping files for the next GAM run will be available. Mr. Seifert estimated 2-3 weeks after the updates were made to the files. George Rice asked if all pumping shown included proposed projects? Mr. Seifert stated, yes the total in the Simsboro went from 37,000 to 130,000 acre feet per year in Lost Pines GCD. James Bene' asked who to contact for these new files. John Seifert replied himself or Andy Donnelly will have the files. After discussion, a motion was made by David Van Dresar for each District to make adjustments to their pumping files in GAM Run S2 and the consultants perform a new run as P4 and return for consideration by early October. The motion was 2nd by Alan Day. Mr. Westbrook asked for discussion. None was offered. The motion carried unanimously.

11. Discussion on expressions of Desired Future Conditions (DFC's) and compatibility between GCD's in GMA 12

Mr. Westbrook noted several differences in expression of DFCs among the GCDs in the GMA, most specifically POSGCD's conversion from water levels as expressed as drawdown compared to previous water levels, to water level expressed in comparison to mean sea level (MSL), as well as POSGCD's use of restrictions on water level change in the shallow parts of the District's aquifers. All agreed this would need to be considered as this work progressed.

12. Public Comment on non-agenda items

Mr. Westbrook invited comment from the public. Robert Bradley requested that an agenda item be included in the future for updates from the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB). He further noted there may be more rigorous GCD Management Plan reviews which may require additional information even when plans are considered administratively complete. He also updated all on recent legislative activities and the increases in the budget and staffing of TWDB related to scientific work.

13. Agenda items and Date for next meeting

The GMA will consider the next GAM Run S4 as returned by the consultants as well as any additional items as appropriate at that time, and an update from TWDB as requested. Date to be determined.

14. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:49 pm.

THE ABOVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AREA 12 HELD ON AUGUST 2, 2019, WERE APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY GMA 12 ON _____, 2019.

ATTEST:

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



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