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## GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AREA 12 MEETING

This meeting was held virtually and the meeting recording may be viewed at  
<https://posgcd.org/gma-12-agendas-minutes/>

February 12, 2021 – 10:00 am

### 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

Others Present	Entity
Steve Box	Environmental Stewardship
John Seifert	Groundwater Consultants, LLC
Steve Young	Intera
Doug Box	POSGCD
Elaine Gerren	POSGCD
Bobby Bazan	POSGCD
Blaire Parker	SAWS
Darren Thompson	SAWS
James Bene	R.W. Harden, & Assoc.
Jennifer Nations	City of College Station
David Wheelock	LCRA
Sydney Weitkunat	TWDB
Liz Ferry	R.W. Harden, & Assoc.
Natalie Ballew	TWDB
Jaclyn Robertson	TAMU AgriLife
Eric Allmon	
Steven Seibert	SAWS
Shirley Wade	TWDB
Shan Rutherford	Terrill, Waldrop
Barbara Boulware-Wells	The Knight Firm, LLC
Robert Bradley	TWDB
James Beach	
Jayson Barfknecht	City of Bryan
Jean Perez	TWDB
George Rice	
Andy Wier	SAWDF
Grayson Dowlearn	TWDB
Kristie Laughlin	TWDB
Lyn Clancy	LCRA
Olga Bauer	TWDB
Milam County Landowner	
Radu B.	
Robert Bradley	TWDB

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## MINUTES

### **1. Invocation**

The invocation was given by Alan Day.

### **2. Pledge of Allegiance**

David Bailey led 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 online.

### **4. Welcome and introductions**

Mr. Westbrook welcomed everyone to the virtual meeting and thanked them for their attendance.

### **5. Public Comment on Agenda Items**

Mr. Westbrook reminded everyone the GMA encouraged comment and questions on each item and invited public comment on agenda items at this time. No public comment was offered.

### **6. Minutes of January 15, 2021 Groundwater Management Area (GMA 12) Meeting**

Mr. Westbrook asked for consideration of the minutes of the January 15, 2021 meeting. After brief discussion, a motion was made by Alan Day to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by David VanDresar. Mr. Westbrook ask for comment and dissenting votes, there were none. The motion passed unanimously.

### **7. 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 POSGCD is continuing Winter/Spring measurements and are approximately 50% complete. He asked for updated from any other Districts. Alan Day with Brazos Valley GCD stated they had completed their late fall measurements and they would begin their next round in the middle of March. Mr. Westbrook ask if any other GCDs in GMA 12 had any additional reports. No additional reports were offered. Mr. Westbrook asked for questions or comments from anyone else. There were no comments or questions.

### **8. Discussion on expressions of Desired Future Conditions (DFC's) and compatibility, including acceptable variances in values between GCD's in GMA 12**

Mr. Westbrook asked if there were any specific statements or additional discussion or actions any Districts would like to make on this item at this time. No comment or discussion was given.

### **9. Discussion of comments received from stakeholders**

Mr. Westbrook stated that comments had been received from the Simsboro Aquifer Defense Fund (SAWDF) and are posted on the POSGCD website. Andy Weir representing SAWDF gave a presentation titled "SAWDF GMA12 DFC Considerations." Mr. Westbrook asked if there were any questions or comments. Mr. Day thanked Mr. Weir for the presentation and asked if it is SAWDF's position is that no wells within the Carrizo Aquifer would be allowed to go dry or be mitigated? He said they would wish to preserve and protect the water as much as possible. Mr. Day asked if it should be the responsibility of the GCD's to protect every well? Andy stated that mitigation is reasonable and it should be decided at a GMA level. Mr. Day asked if the information provided was broken down by decade level or 50-year horizon level. He stated that it was based on the S-7 GAM Run.

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**10. Evaluation and discussion and consideration of past and future pumping scenarios using the Sparta/Queen City/Carrizo-Wilcox Groundwater Availability Model (GAM) and results, including predicted water levels and water budgets**

A presentation was given by Steve Young with Intera titled “GMA 12 GAM Runs S-7, S-20, and S-11 for Sparta, Queen City, and Carrizo-Wilcox Aquifers.” He stated GMA 12 had instructed the consultants to prepare this presentation and he compared the results of the three GAM Runs.

Next, a presentation was given by Mr. Westbrook titled, “GMA 12 Desired Future Conditions.” Mr. Day asked that the one slide be corrected to state the S-11 was requested by GMA 12. Mr. Westbrook stated the POSGCD Board requested the S-10 GAM run be used for consideration of DFCs for GMA 12. Discussion of the use of the 10% variance for values of DFCs ensued. A motion was made by Mr. Westbrook to move forward with the values of the S-10 GAM Run for consideration of DFCs for GMA 12. The motion died for a lack of a second. Mr. Van Dresar stated he would like time to consider this information and vote on this at the next meeting. After brief discussion, all GMA 12 members agreed to discuss this at the next meeting.

Steve Box noted there was no report on the consideration of the impacts to surface water in this report and requested a water budget for the three GAM Runs which included surface water impacts.

**11. Discuss requirements of Chapter 36.108(d) in adopting Desired Future Conditions:**

- a. **The feasibility of achieving the desired future conditions**
- b. **Any other information relevant to the specific DFC’s**

Mr. Westbrook noted these items would be more appropriate to be considered at the next GMA 12 meeting. All agreed.

**12. Consider Proposed DFC’s for Brazos Alluvium Aquifers in GMA 12**

A presentation was given by Steve Young with Intera. Both POSGCD and BVGCD desire to maintain current DFCs from the previous joint planning cycle. Mr. Westbrook suggested this item be discussed at a future meeting and acted on at the same time as other DFCs for other aquifers in the GMA. All agreed.

**13. Update on Proposed DFC’s for Yegua-Jackson Aquifer in GMA 12**

Mr. Westbrook stated that even though proposed DFCs for the Yegua-Jackson had been approved at the previous GMA 12 meeting, he would delay mailing the notices to each GCD if all were in agreement, so the process might be simplified for all. He stated he would like to send out the necessary information on this action at the same time as the other DFCs for other aquifers in the GMA. All agreed.

**14. Declaration of Non-Relevant aquifers by GCD’s in GMA 12 for current round of joint planning**

Mr. Day stated BVGCD had declared the Gulf Coast Aquifer non-relevant in 2019 and had presented GMA 12 with that documentation. Mr. VanDresar stated they have for the last 2 cycles stated the Wilcox portion has been non-relevant for Fayette County GCD and he will provide this information again for this cycle at the next GMA 12 meeting. A motion was made by Jim Totten to approve the submission of Lost Pines GCD declaring the Yegua Jackson and Trinity Aquifers non-relevant for joint planning within the Lost Pines GCD. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alan Day. The motion passed unanimously.

**15. Schedule and process moving forward for adoption of DFCs**

Mr. Westbrook asked if there were any updates to the schedule or process. No information was give and no action was taken.

**16. Public Comment on non-agenda items**

Mr. Westbrook invited comment from the public on non-agenda items. No public comment was offered.

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**17. Update from Texas Water Development Board**

Mr. Westbrook asked Natalie Ballow of the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) for an update. She stated in January the TWDB adopted the 2021 State Regional Water Plans, and also adopted rules to amend brackish groundwater production zones and published the Priority Groundwater Management Area Legislative Report. She then Ms. Sydney Weitkunat who gave a presentation titled "Brackish Groundwater Data Collection Upper Coastal Plain: Sparta Aquifer, East Texas."

**18. Agenda items and Date for next meeting**

Mr. Westbrook reviewed the agenda items for the next meeting. The next meeting was scheduled for March 18<sup>th</sup> @ 10 am. Mr. Westbrook thanked all for their attendance and participation.

**19. Adjourn**


The meeting was adjourned at 12:34 am


THE ABOVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AREA 12 HELD ON FEBRUARY 12, 2021, WERE APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY GMA 12 ON MARCH 18, 2021.

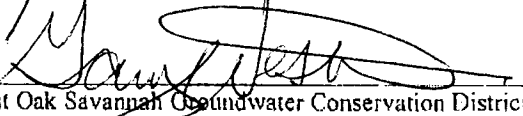
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