
GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AREA 12 MEETING

This meeting was held in person with virtual attendance and participation.

The meeting recording may be viewed at
<https://posgcd.org/gma-12-agendas-minutes/>

June 24, 2021 – 10:00 am

GMA 12 Members Present in person

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

GMA 12 Members absent

None

Others Present in person

	Entity
Steve Box	Environmental Stewardship
John Seifert	Groundwater Consultants, LLC
Andy Donnelly	DB Stephens
Doug Box	POSGCD
Bobby Bazan	POSGCD
Becky Goetsch	POSGCD
Jim Briggs	Utility Management Consulting
Natalie Ballew	TWDB
Doug Fike	Greathouse

Others Present online

Steve Young	Intera
Ross Kushnereit	Intera
Phil Cook	LPGCD
James Bene	RW Harden, & Assoc.
Darren Thompson	SAWS
David Wheelock	LCRA
Liz Ferry	R.W. Harden, & Assoc.
Steven Seibert	SAWS
Eric Allmon	Perales, Allmon, & Ice, P.C.
Barbara Boulware-Wells	The Knight Firm, LLC
Shirley Wade	TWDB
Andy Wier	SAWDF
Lyn Clancy	LCRA
Jim Matthews	
Linda Curtis	
Robert Bradley	TWDB
Amy Muttoni	
Blaire Parker	SAWS
Craig Andrews	POSGCD
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MINUTES

1. Invocation

The invocation was given by Gary Westbrook.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Alan Day 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 10:06 a.m. and noted that all voting members of GMA 12 were present in person.

4. Welcome and introductions

Mr. Westbrook welcomed everyone to the hybrid meeting, both available in person and with virtual attendance and participation, 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.

Steve Box of Environmental Stewardship discussed comments he submitted the previous day. Mr. Westbrook thanked Mr. Box for his discussion and informed everyone the submitted comments were available on the POSGCD website.

Andy Wier of the Simsboro Aquifer Defense Fund (SAWDF), attending online, briefly discussed options for the GMA to consider in adoption of DFCs and encouraged the GMA members to review recent articles from the Texas Water Journal and The Baker Institute for Public Policy. Mr. Westbrook thanked Mr. Wier for his discussion and asked Mr. Wier to send the articles so POSGCD could make them available on the POSGCD website.

Mr. Westbrook asked for additional comments. Linda Adair, attending online, asked if she could ask questions later. Mr. Westbrook assured her she would be able to do so.

Mr. Westbrook asked for additional comments. No additional comments were offered.

6. Minutes of April 20, 2021 Groundwater Management Area (GMA 12) Meeting

Mr. Westbrook asked for confirmation of the minutes. After brief discussion, a motion was made by David Bailey to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was 2nd by Jim Hotten. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Discussion of past, current, and future processes for adoption of Desired Future Conditions (DFCs)

Mr. Westbrook asked the GMA members if they were agreeable to open agenda items 7, 8, and 9 simultaneously so all items might be able to be discussed in a more fluid effort. All agreed.

8. Discuss requirements of Chapter 36.108 in adopting DFCs

9. Evaluation and discussion 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

Mr. Westbrook reminded all that the purpose of this meeting was to review the processes used to date in setting DFCs and to discuss the process moving forward. He again thanked the districts of GMA 12 for meeting today to have this discussion.

He then stated he would present discussion of the past GMA 12 DFC adoption efforts from POSGCD's perspective and encouraged questions and discussion as he covered the material. He then gave a presentation entitled, "POSGCD Discussion Regarding Proposed Desired Future Conditions." Mr. Westbrook covered the material, answering questions for clarification as well as for discussion. He then expressed POSGCD's concerns, as identified in the presentation, with the current process. After extended discussion, all GMA 12 members agreed this was a valuable effort and agreed to meet again to continue the discussions.

10. Public Comment on non-agenda items

Mr. Westbrook invited comment on non-agenda items.

Linda Adair asked about concerns in GMA 12 related to subsidence. He stated that a presentation had been given to the GMA at an earlier meeting on that concern, and he invited Andy Donnelly to answer the question. Mr. Donnelly responded with clarification.

Ms. Adair then asked about data available concerning prevention of waste. Mr. Westbrook stated that since the previous question was an agenda item an answer could be given, but this question was not an agenda item so it could not be discussed. He then invited her to contact him after the meeting to be able to provide that information. He thanked her for her questions.

Mr. Westbrook invited additional comment on non-agenda items.

No further comments were offered.

11. Update from Texas Water Development Board

Mr. Westbrook invited Natalie Ballew of the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) to discuss any updates from TWDB. Ms. Ballew informed the GMA TWDB is developing guidelines for the process of amending a brackish groundwater production zone and would soon publish a draft and seek input from GCDs possibly by the end of Summer.

12. Agenda items and Date for next meeting

Mr. Westbrook invited discussion on topics to discuss at the next GMA 12 meeting to discuss the process of developing DFCs in GMA 12. Topics discussed included Regional Planning, review and comparison of Management Plans and strategies as required in Chapter 36.108, TWC, methodology discussed during this meeting and effects on of that methodology on individual districts, and updates from GMA 12 consultants.

Mr. Totten requested these discussions on future process of adoption of LFCs for the next joint planning cycle be clearly defined as separate from the current round of joint planning and take place in separate meetings. All agreed.

13. Adjourn


The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

THE ABOVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AREA 12 HELD ON JUNE 24, 2021, WERE APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY GMA 12 ON 10-6-, 2021.

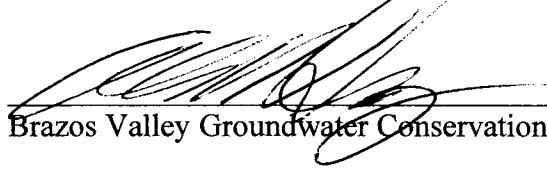
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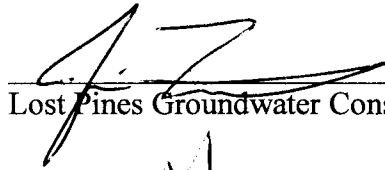
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