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**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/>**

**October 6, 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 Young	Intera
John Seifert	Groundwater Consultants, LLC
Andy Donnelly	DB Stephens
Doug Box	POSGCD
Bobby Bazan	POSGCD
Billy Sherrill	Lost Pines GCD
Andy Wier	SAWDF
Natalie Ballew	TWDB
Monique Norman	BVGCD, FCGCD
Shan Rutherford	Terrill & Waldrop

**Others Present online**

Jevon Harding	TWDB
Jean Perez	TWDB
Ki Cha	TWDB
Darren Thompson	SAWS
Paul Brandenburg	BRA
Paul K	
Sheril Smith	Lost Pines GCD
Steven Seibert	SAWS
Stefan Schuster	EPCOR
Lyn Clancy	LCRA
Robert Bradley	TWDB
Shirley Wade	TWDB
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## **MINUTES**

### **1. Invocation**

The invocation was given by Billy Sherrill.

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

Billy Sherrill 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 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. He then 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.

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

Mr. Westbrook reminded everyone the GMA encouraged comment and questions on each item. He then invited public comment on agenda items from those in person at this time.

Andy Wier of the Simsboro Aquifer Defense Fund (SAWDF) briefly discussed Agenda Item 8 and suggested the districts in the GMA to survey landowner's wells in their districts and evaluate the impacts. He also encouraged additional considerations of groundwater-surface water impacts in adoption of DFCs. He requested a different methodology for naming pumping files.

No additional comments were offered from those attending in person.

Mr. Westbrook asked for comments from those attending virtually. No comments were offered.

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

Mr. Westbrook asked for consideration of the minutes. After brief discussion, a motion was made by Jim Totten to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by David Bailey. The motion passed unanimously.

### **7. Discussion and comparison of Management Plans, Rules, and Management Strategies of the Districts in GMA 12 as required by Chapter 36.108**

Mr. Westbrook asked the GMA members if they were agreeable to open agenda items 7, 8, 9, and 10 simultaneously so all items might be able to be discussed in a more fluid effort. All agreed.

Mr. Westbrook invited statements from each district representative in GMA 12 on the management plan and rules of each GCD. Each statement was discussed. These items included but were not limited to required spacing of wells from other wells, required spacing of wells from property lines, limits on production of Exempt wells, maximum limits of production for non-exempt wells including requirements of contiguous acreage, and rules concerning curtailment.

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Presentations were provided by Dr. Steve Young of Intera on behalf of POSGCD. Those discussions are entitled, "Update on POSGCD Aquifer Science: Groundwater Modeling", "Review of POSGCD Management Plan and Rules," and, "Review of POSGCD Approach for Developing DFCs." Questions were invited and points in all three presentations were discussed.

The process used for the current round of planning, including creation of pumping files and the methodology for use of those files was discussed. The process for development of the pumping files and methodology to be used to develop DFCs in the next round of joint planning was discussed at length. Mr. Totten agreed to write a draft of what that process would look like for the upcoming round of joint planning. After additional discussion, all district representatives agreed to return later this year or early next year to review this work and continue discussions.

**8. Discussion of past, current, and future processes for adoption of Desired Future Conditions (DFCs) and affects of these processes on management of groundwater in the Districts in GMA 12**

**9. Discuss requirements of Chapter 36.108 in adopting DFCs**

**10. 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**

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

Mr. Westbrook invited additional comment on non-agenda items. No comments were offered.

**12. 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 district representatives the 2022 State Water Plan is available on the TWDB website, as well as updated maps.

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

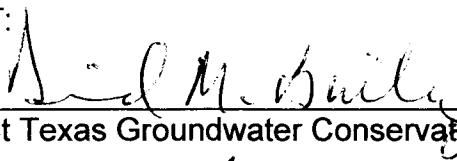
After brief discussion it was agreed to continue this discussion at the next GMA 12 meeting one week from today.

**14. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

THE ABOVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AREA 12 HELD ON OCTOBER 6, 2021, WERE APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY GMA 12 ON 10-13-, 2021.


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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