
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/>

November 30, 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

<u>Others Present in person</u>	<u>Entity</u>
John Seifert	Groundwater Consultants, LLC
John DeGomez	Landowner
Don Hardy	Self
Steve Box	Environmental Stewardship
Bill Rhodes	Self
Andy Wier	SAWDF
Natalie Ballew	TWDB
Paul Kirby	DB Stephens
Billy Sherrill	Lee County Landowner
Steve Young	Intera
Barbara Boulware-Wells	The Knight Law Firm

Others Present online

Andrew Donnelly	
Blaire Parker	SAWS
Doug Box	POSGCD
James Bené	R.W. Harden
Jim Mathews	
Lyn Clancy	
Paul Brandenburg	BRA
Robert Bradley	
Sarah Gruen	
Shan Rutherford	Terrill & Waldrop
Sheril Smith	
Shirley Wade	
Stefan Schuster	EPCOR
Steven Siebert	SAWS

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MINUTES

1. Invocation

The invocation was given by David Bailey.

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 am and noted that all voting members of GMA 12 were present in person.

4. Welcome and introductions

GM Westbrook welcomed everyone to the hybrid meeting, both available in person and with virtual attendance and participation and thanked them for their attendance. Gary Westbrook introduced each of the voting representatives of the districts in GMA 12. Jim Totten introduced LPGCD Board Member Billy Sherrill and Gary Westbrook introduced Natalie Ballew with TWDB.

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.

John DeGomez purchased a ranch in 2011 and has a 960' well. Mr. DeGomez's well was gauged at approximately 166'. He had his wells measured again in August; they were gauged at 183.3' which is almost a 20-foot drop. This loss has caused Mr. DeGomez great concern. Jim Totten visited Mr. DeGomez in October and measured the well once again, resulting in another 4.1' loss. Mr. DeGomez is concerned about where the water has gone and the future of his well.

No additional comments were made by those attending in person or online.

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

Mr. Westbrook stated there were necessary corrections to the draft minutes which had been previously circulated. He added attendees to the minutes that were accidentally left

off and made corrections to the public comment section. Section #7 on the agenda was edited to reflect correct information. Section #11 on the agenda was edited to change the wording per advice of counsel. After discussion, Alan Day moved to accept the changes to the November 12th GMA 12 Meeting Minutes and approve as corrected. That motion was seconded by Jim Totten. The motion carried unanimously.

7. Discussion of and possible action on finalizing and approving resolution for adoption of Desired Future Conditions (DFCs) for relevant aquifers in GMA 12 authorized at November 12, 2021 GMA 12 Meeting

- (a) Sparta
- (b) Queen City
- (c) Carrizo
- (d) Calvert Bluff
- (e) Simsboro
- (f) Hooper
- (g) Yegua-Jackson
- (h) Brazos River Alluvium

Mr. Westbrook introduced the draft resolution which had been prepared by the GMA 12 consultant team to reflect actions taken at the November 12, 2021 GMA 12 meeting. he then discussed recommended amendments to DFCs, dates, and clarifying language in applicable areas. He then referenced the summary table clarifying the November 12th GMA meeting minutes and process. After discussion, a recess was called at 10:28 am to allow for finalizing the resolution with the discussed amendments so it could be approved and signed at this meeting. The meeting reconvened at 10:49 am. After review of the amended resolution, questions for clarification were briefly discussed regarding values used from the last round of joint planning. Jim Totten posed questions regarding how variances apply. Mr. Westbrook and Alan Day provided clarification. Natalie Ballew of the Texas Water Development Board and Barbara Boulware-Wells, General Counsel representing POSGCD, provided further clarification. Jim Totten requested, and a recess was granted, at 11:00 am. The meeting reconvened at 11:12 am. Jim Totten and Steve Box had questions regarding the timeline for the Modeled Available Groundwater and Ms. Ballew advised.

After discussion, David Van Dresar moved to accept and approve the amendments to the draft resolution and adopt the resolution as presented in the final draft before the members. Mr. Day seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Schedule and process moving forward for adoption of DFCs

Much of the schedule and process moving forward was previously discussed during Agenda Item 7 by Ms. Ballew and Ms. Boulware-Wells. Ms. Ballew clarified that the requirement in statute that an explanatory report be presented to the TWDB within 60 days of adoption of DFCs begins today, November 30, 2021.

9. Public Comment on non-agenda items

Andy Wier owns a Simsboro well. He wanted to bring to the attention of the board two recent reports. One report is from Robert Mace, where he looks at the use of aquifers in Texas. Mr. Weir states that the report from Robert Mace should be the guiding document

for DFCs and the best way to protect aquifers is to protect domestic and livestock wells. The second report is from Environmental Defense Fund.

John DeGomez posed a question in regards to the water requirements for the new Samsung plant coming to Taylor and how the new plant will affect his well.

No additional comments were made by those attending in person or online.

10. Update from Texas Water Development Board

Ms. Ballew with TWDB did not provide any additional updates at this time.

11. Agenda items and Date for next meeting

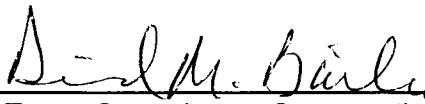
After discussion it was agreed an Agenda with appropriate content will be prepared for the next meeting to be scheduled sometime in Mid-January to consider the draft of the explanatory report for GMA 12.

12. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:28 am.

THE ABOVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AREA 12 HELD ON NOVEMBER 30TH, WERE APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY GMA 12 ON 1/21/2022, 2021.

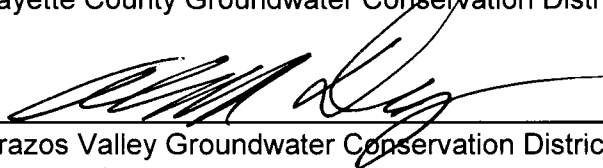
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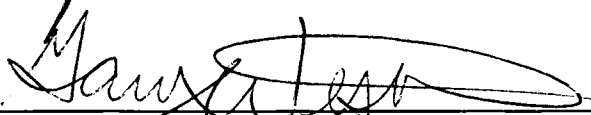
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