

**Meeting of the
Groundwater Management Area 8
May 15, 2020**

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Minutes

The Groundwater Management Area 8 (GMA 8) district representatives (referred to herein collectively as “the Committee” for easy reference), which consists of representatives from the Central Texas Groundwater Conservation District, Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District, Middle Trinity Groundwater Conservation District, North Texas Groundwater Conservation District, Northern Trinity Groundwater Conservation District, Post Oak Savannah Groundwater Conservation District, Prairielands Groundwater Conservation District, Red River Groundwater Conservation District, Saratoga Underground Water Conservation District, Southern Trinity Groundwater Conservation District, and Upper Trinity Groundwater Conservation District, held a **Joint Planning meeting at 10:00 A.M. on Friday, May 15, 2020, via telephone and video conference call.**

Notice is hereby given that, in accordance with Governor Abbott’s March 16, 2020, action to temporarily suspend certain provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act, a Joint Planning Meeting will be held via telephone and video conference call beginning at 10:00 a.m. on May 15, 2020. Any member of the public who wishes to participate remotely may do so through the remote access options provided above.

Groundwater Conservation District Representatives Present:

Central Texas GCD: Mitchell Sodek	Prairielands GCD: Charles Besda
Clearwater UWCD: Dirk Aaron	Red River GCD: David Gattis
Middle Trinity GCD: Joe Cooper	
North Texas GCD: Ronny Young	Southern Trinity GCD: Rodney Kroll
Northern Trinity GCD: Bob Patterson	Upper Trinity GCD: Doug Shaw
Post Oak Savannah GCD: Gary Westbrook	

Groundwater Conservation District Representatives Absent:

Saratoga UWCD

1. Invocation

Gary Westbrook, Post Oak Savannah GCD, provided the invocation for the meeting.

2. Call meeting to order and establish quorum

Chairman Joe Cooper, Middle Trinity GCD, established that a quorum was present and called the GMA 8 meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

3. Welcome and introductions.

Chairman Joe Cooper, Middle Trinity GCD welcomed the guests present at the meeting.

4. Public Comments.

There were no public comments.

5. Consider and act upon approval of minutes from the February 26, GMA 8 meeting

Doug Shaw, Upper Trinity GCD, made the motion to approve the February 26, 2020, GMA 8 meeting minutes. David Gattis, Red River GCD, seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Discussion and possible action on results from updated NTWGAM run related to Joint Planning in GMA 8. Discussion will include changes made in Upper Trinity GCD, Prairielands GCD, Southern Trinity GCD, Clearwater UWCD, Central Texas GCD, and Williamson and Travis County.

James Beach provided presentation Updated results with Run 11 included changes made by Upper Trinity GCD, Prairielands GCD, Southern Trinity GCD, Clearwater UWCD, Central Texas GCD, Williamson and Travis Counties. Clearwater UWCD was more detailed, they funded their changes. Separate Llano Uplift and Central Texas will be discussed at next meeting. MAGS from this round of planning will be used in 2027 State Water Plan. Run 11 begins in 2010 and model is extended to 2080. Pumping has been updated as provided by GCDs. One drought of record is included from 2078-2080. Discussion was held regarding whether to include drought of record, leave where at, move, or remove. Dirk Arron, Clearwater UWCD, made the motion to leave the GAM Run as is currently set up. Mitchell Sodek, Central Texas GCD, seconded the motion. David Gattis, Red River GCD, opposed the motion. Motion passed.

The following updates were received by WSP: Upper Trinity GCD Pumping changes were explained by Doug Shaw. Southern Trinity GCD changes were reduction of pumping. Prairielands GCD had no change to overall pumping. Clearwater UWCD Pumping shifted pumping and made adjustments. Dirk Aaron explained Williamson and Travis County increased number of wells in Clearwater District and Williamson and Travis counties. Williamson and Travis requested to shift to Hosston Aquifer for wells. Mitchell Sodek Central Texas, working with Clearwater did change total distribution between layers adjusted figures.

James Beach, WSP, reviewed Run 11 Results – DFC, Run 10 and 11 compare 2070 results, and DFC differences. There were some increase in drawdowns and some less drawdowns based on changes made. Run 11 Result was drawdown (2010-2080).

An agenda item for the next time is the Central Texas changes. GCDs make sure no other changes and discuss at next meeting proposed DFCs.

7. Presentations and discussions regarding Socioeconomic Impacts, Feasibility of Desired Future Conditions (DFCs), and Other Relevant Information factors as they relate to Desired Future Conditions (DFCs) adoption pursuant to Texas Water Code Section 36.108(d).

James Beach, WSP, provided the presentation regarding Socioeconomic Impacts, Feasibility of Desired Future Conditions (DFCs), and Other Relevant Information factors as they relate to Desired Future

Conditions adoption pursuant to Texas Water Code Section 36.108(d). First six factors were discussed in November 2019 and February 2020. Propose DFC consider how these nine factors play into the decisions for the DFCs.

James Beach, WSP, reviewed the following: Feasibility of Achieving the DFC. Physical Achievability is the DFC physically possible within the aquifer. Regulatory Achievability Can the DFC be achieved via GCD management plan and rules/ does the regulated community and stakeholders agree with the management approach required to achieve the DFC? Standard for Desired Future Conditions, Highest Practical Level of Groundwater Production, Conservation preservation, Protection, Recharging, and Prevention. Previous Runs done, the impact on public water supply wells, Socioeconomic Impacts is on Public Water supply wells run used. Group decided on run some impacts.

Socioeconomic Impacts presented by Velma Danielson, Blanton & Associates, Inc. and Second Round information was reviewed. GMA 8 to decide if impacts of DFC in second round are still relevant.

8. Update on similar rules surveys.

General Manager Drew Satterwhite provided updated summary of responses on the similar rules surveys from all districts. A survey will be sent to Districts regarding differences that districts have no control over.

9. Receive update from the Texas Water Development Board.

Jean Perez provided update on Texas Water Development Board. Reviewing management plans. Ground water program monitoring springs and wells water level monitoring group.

10. Discussion of possible agenda items and dates for next GMA 8 meeting.

Presentation about slivers resolutions working with neighboring GMA. Discussion on Llano Uplift results, Northern Trinity Woodbine and Non relevant aquifers

13. Closing comments.

14. Adjourn

Gary Westbrook, Post Oak Savannah GCD, made motion to adjourn. Bob Patterson, Northern Trinity GCD, seconded motion. Chairman Joe Cooper, Middle Trinity GCD, declared the meeting adjourned at 11:28 a.m.

The GMA 8 Committee unanimously approved the minutes on this 7th day of August, 2020

Velma Starka
Recording Secretary

Joe Cooper
Chairman