

***Meeting of the
Groundwater Management Area 8
November 22, 2019 in Cleburne, TX***

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, November 22, 2019***, at the Cleburne Conference Center in Cleburne, Texas.

Groundwater Conservation District Representatives Present:

Central Texas GCD: Mitchell Sodek	Prairielands GCD: Charles Beseda
Clearwater UWCD: Dirk Aaron	Red River GCD: David Gattis
Middle Trinity GCD: Joe Cooper	Saratoga UWCD: Chad Pechak
Northern Trinity GCD: Bob Patterson	Southern Trinity GCD: Glen Thurmon
Post Oak Savannah GCD: Gary Westbrook	Upper Trinity GCD: Doug Shaw

Groundwater Conservation District Representatives Absent:

North Texas GCD: Ronny Young

1. Invocation

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

2. Call meeting to order and establish quorum

Chair Joe Cooper, Middle Trinity GCD, established that a quorum was present and called the GMA 8 meeting to order at 10:05 am.

3. Welcome and introductions.

Chair Joe Cooper 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 July 26, 2019, GMA 8 meeting

Charles Beseda, Prairielands GCD, made the motion to approve the May 6, 2019, GMA 8 meeting minutes. Bob Patterson, Northern Trinity GCD, seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Discussion and possible action of upcoming model run inputs.

James Beach, WSP, informed Districts that Mitchell Sodek, Drew Satterwhite, Dirk Aaron and Joe Cooper met with the TWDB. WSP has received pumping updates from Upper Trinity GCD and Southern Trinity GCD. James Beach will update run and present results at February meeting.

James Beach, WSP provided a summary of the meeting held with TWDB. MAGs from this round of planning will be used in 2027. MAG takes 8 years to get into state water plans. Subsidence vulnerability report should be used when considering the subsidence factor in setting DFCs in this round of joint planning. For non-relevant aquifers, RWPGs provide groundwater availability estimates (reviewed by TWDB staff).

The Cross Timbers will be added to Nacatoch, Blossom and Brazos River Alluvium aquifers as non-relevant aquifers for the purposes of joint planning.

7. Presentations and discussions regarding Environmental Impacts, Subsidence Impacts, and Hydrological Conditions factors as they relate to Desired Future Conditions pursuant to Texas Water Code Section 36.108(d).

James Beach, WSP provided presentation regarding Hydrological Conditions, Subsidence Impacts and Environmental Impacts.

Mr. Beach provided a Hydrological Conditions Summary: Water Level Data.

Key Factors Impacting Subsidence were discussed. Mr. Beach explained the TWDB Subsidence Tool.

Environmental Impacts were discussed.

8. Update on similar rules surveys.

Chair Joe Cooper provided information regarding differences and similar rules surveys. Paul Sigle reported that all eleven districts turned in their surveys and the initial results. Paul is planning to send a round of follow up questions to the Districts in the coming days in order to refine the survey.

Charles Beseda, Prairielands GCD, made the motion to look at similar rules at the next meeting. Gary Westbrook, Post Oak Savannah GCD seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

9. Receive update from the Texas Water Development Board.

Jean Perez, TWDB, provided an update to the group including discussion on the GAM and GMA boundaries. He will provide a more detailed presentation at the next GMA 8 meeting.

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

The next three factors will be discussed at the Wednesday, February 26, 2020 meeting. The factors are: Aquifer Uses or Conditions, Supply Needs & Management Strategies, and Private Property Rights.

11. Closing comments.

12. Adjourn

Chair Joe Cooper declared the meeting adjourned at 11:11 a.m.

The GMA 8 Committee unanimously approved the minutes on this 26 day of February, 2019.

Velma Starks
Recording Secretary

Mitch Soper
Vice Chairman