

**Meeting of the
Groundwater Management Area 8
February 26, 2020 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 Wednesday, February 26, 2020**, at the Cleburne Conference Center in Cleburne, Texas.

Groundwater Conservation District Representatives Present:

Central Texas GCD: Mitchell Sodek	Prairielands GCD: Kathy Turner Jones
Clearwater UWCD: Dirk Aaron	Red River GCD: David Gattis
Middle Trinity GCD: Charles Ferguson	Southern Trinity GCD: Glen Thurmon
North Texas GCD: Ronny Young	Upper Trinity GCD: Doug Shaw
Northern Trinity GCD: Bob Patterson	
Post Oak Savannah GCD: Gary Westbrook	

Groundwater Conservation District Representatives Absent:

Saratoga UWCD: Chad Pechak

1. Invocation

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

2. Call meeting to order and establish quorum

Vice Chair Mitchell Sodek, Central Texas GCD, established that a quorum was present and called the GMA 8 meeting to order at 10:05 am.

3. Welcome and introductions.

Vice Chair Mitchell Sodek welcomed the guests present at the meeting. Natalie Ballew, TWDB was introduced.

4. Public Comments.

There were no public comments.

5. Consider and act upon approval of minutes from the November 22, 2019, GMA 8 meeting

Dirk Aaron, Clearwater UWCD, made the motion to approve the November 22, 2019, GMA 8 meeting minutes. Kathy Turner Jones, Prairielands GCD, seconded the motion. Ronny Young, North Texas GCD abstained. Motion passed.

6. Discussion and possible action on results from updated NTWGAM run related to Joint Planning in GMA 8.

James Beach, WSP, informed the Committee that pumping updates were received from Upper Trinity GCD, Southern Trinity GCD and Prairielands GCD. Central Texas GCD is funding a separate effort to complete simulations related to impacts in the Llano Uplift aquifers using the Llano Uplift GAM related only to their district. The data from all of these is to be incorporated into the next run if received in time. The DFC differences between Run 10 and Run 11 were explained in the changes resulting from the pumping updates from Upper Trinity GCD, Southern Trinity GCD and Prairielands GCD. Run 11 results were based on 2010 – 2080. A discussion was held.

7. Presentations and discussions regarding Aquifer Uses or Conditions, Supply Needs & Management Strategies, and Private Property Rights factors as they relate to Desired Future Conditions pursuant to Texas Water Code Section 36.108(d).

James Beach, WSP, provided the presentation regarding Aquifer Uses or Conditions, Supply Needs & Management Strategies.

Velma Danielson, Blanton & Associates, Inc., provided the presentation regarding Private Property Rights.

8. Update on similar rules surveys.

Paul Sigle, E.I.T., Groundwater Technical Lead, NTGCD and RRGCD, informed the Committee that 6 of the 11 Districts have completed the similar rules survey. A reminder will be sent out requesting the survey to be completed by those 5 Districts who have not completed the survey.

General Manager Drew Satterwhite, P.E., NTGCD and RRGCD, suggested to the Committee that a survey to explain the factors of district differences and why different, along with a map, would be less complicated. Doug Shaw, Upper Trinity GCD provided an example.

9. Receive update from the Texas Water Development Board.

The update was included in Item 10 presentation.

10. Receive presentation from Texas Water Development Board on Groundwater Availability Model Slivers.

Natalie Ballew, TWDB, corrected Item 10 to read **Groundwater GMA Boundaries** instead of **Groundwater Availability Model Slivers**. She provided presentation regarding aquifer slivers, misaligned boundaries and new aquifer – Cross Timbers. Trinity Aquifer slivers boundaries in Jack County, Palo Pinto County, and Shackelford County were moved from GMA 6 to GMA 8. Trinity Aquifer slivers in Taylor County were moved from GMA 7 to GMA 8. Edwards-Trinity (Plateau) Aquifer slivers were moved from GMA 8 to GMA 7. Cross Timber Aquifer was moved to GMA 6. Upper Trinity GCD was the District most affected by the moves. Upper Trinity GCD is now only member of GMA 8.

11. Discussion and possible action regarding all matters incident and related to Groundwater Availability Model Slivers.

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

The remaining 3 factors will be discussed at the May 15, 2020 meeting.

13. Closing comments.

14. Adjourn

Vice Chair Mitchell Sodek declared the meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

The GMA 8 Committee unanimously approved the minutes on this 15th day of May, 2020.

Velma Starks
Recording Secretary

Joe B Cooper
Chairman