

**Meeting of the
Groundwater Management Area 8
August 7 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, August 7, 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 August 7, 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 Beseda
Clearwater UWCD: Dirk Aaron	Red River GCD: David Gattis
Middle Trinity GCD: Joe Cooper	
North Texas GCD: Ronny Young	Southern Trinity GCD: Peter Kultgen
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

Doug Shaw, Upper Trinity 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.

Kathleen Jackson, TWDB, thanked GMA 8 for the work they do. She gave a brief update on the TWDB.

5. Consider and act upon approval of minutes from the May 15, 2020, GMA 8 meeting

Bob Patterson, Northern Trinity GCD, made the motion to approve the May 15, 2020, GMA 8 meeting minutes. Charles Beseda, Prairielands GCD, seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Discussion and possible action on results from the Central Texas Llano Uplift model run.

James Beach, WSP, provided a presentation regarding the Llano Uplift model run. Mitchell Sodek, Central Texas GCD, provided background information as to why they requested model run through TWDB GAM to help them understand new model. Central Texas GCD paid for the model run. Mitchell Sodek, Central Texas GCD, made the motion that GMA 8 adopts the results from Scenario B using the Llano Uplift Aquifer GAM as the DFCs for the Llano Uplift Aquifers. Doug Shaw, Upper Trinity GCD seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

7. Discuss and possible action regarding GMA 8 declaration of non-relevant aquifers.

James Beach, WSP, provided a presentation regarding non-relevant aquifers. Peter Kultgen, Southern Trinity GCD, made the motion that Nacatoch, Blossom, Brazos River Alluvium and Cross Timbers Aquifers be declared non-relevant for purposes of Joint Groundwater Planning. Bob Patterson, Northern Trinity GCD, seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

8. Presentation, discussion and possible action on options for Desired Future Conditions statements and next steps to establish proposed Desired Future Conditions.

James Beach, WSP, provided presentation. Clearwater UWCD recommends re-adopting current DFCS for the Edwards Balcones Fault Zone Aquifer. Dirk Aaron, Clearwater UWCD provided background and update information. Natalie Ballew, TWDB, informed committee that TWDB is working on model. James Beach, WSP, briefly reviewed Run 11 and DFCs in Explanatory Report. Dirk Aaron, Clearwater UWCD, made the motion for the current round of planning GMA 8 adopts the results of Run 11 as proposed DFCs for the Northern Trinity and Woodbine Aquifers. Charles Beseda, Prairielands GCD, seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Regarding the Edwards (BFZ) Aquifer, today we are approving this DFC identical resolution to last time with Run 11 and updated numbers for proposed DFCs. For the current round planning GMA 8 proposed the current DFCs for the Edwards BFZ aquifer as defined in Resolution 2017-01 as the proposed DFCs At a later date an updated resolution will be brought back to GMA 8 to be adopted as proposed DFC s David Gattis, Red River GCD made motion to adopt plan to go forward with resolution as presented by Kristen Fancher. Charles Beseda, Prairielands GCD seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

9. Discussion and possible action on margin of error language for the Desired Future Conditions Statement.

James Beach, WSP, provided presentation. Due to the nature of the drawdown calculations, TWDB suggests that the GMA provide "variance assumptions." For example if the variation of averaged drawdowns calculated by the TWDB is within 5 percent of the proposed DFCs values, then the TWDB assumes the model results are consistent with the proposed DFCs. Question was asked: is 5 percent or 5 feet? Next time confirm whether 5 percent or 5 feet. Next time revisit as agenda item with more detail.

10. Consider and act upon adopting a resolution regarding the reassignment of GMA boundaries between GMA 8 and GMA 6.

Doug Shaw, Upper Trinity GCD provided resolution information. The resolution amends the boundary between GMA 6 and GMA 8: (1) the western portions of Montague, Parker, and Wise Counties that do not overlie the Trinity Aquifer to GMA 6; and (2) the northeastern and southeastern portions of Jack, southeastern portion of Palo Pinto, and southern portion of Shackelford Counties that overlie the Trinity Aquifer to GMA 8. This will put Upper Trinity GCD into both GMA 6 and GMA 8. Doug Shaw, Upper Trinity GCD, made motion to adopt resolution changing GMA 8 and GMA 6 boundaries. Peter Kultgen, Southern Trinity GCD, seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

11. Consider and act upon adopting a resolution regarding the reassignment of GMA boundaries between GMA 8 and GMA 7.

Drew Satterwhite, provided resolution information. The resolution amends the boundary between GMA 7 and GMA 8 to reassign: (1) the sliver in Southeastern Taylor County of the Edwards-Trinity Aquifer to GMA 7; and (2) the sliver in Eastern Taylor County of the Trinity Aquifer to GMA 8. David Gattis, Red River GCD, made motion to adopt resolution reassigning GMA 7 and GMA 8 boundaries. Doug Shaw, Upper Trinity GCD, seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

12. Consider and act upon adopting a resolution regarding the reassignment of GMA boundaries between GMA 8 and GMA 9.

Drew Satterwhite, provided resolution information. The resolution amends the boundary between GMA 9 and GMA 8 to reassign the boundaries based on the delineation of STCGCD's (Southwestern Travis County Groundwater Conservation District) boundaries: (1) the slivers in Central Travis County outside of the boundaries of STCGCD be reassigned to GMA 8; and (2) the slivers in Central Travis County inside the boundaries of STCGCD be reassigned to GMA 9. Mitchell Sodek, Central Texas GCD, made motion to adopt resolution reassigning the boundaries between GMA 8 and GMA 9. Gary Westbrook, Post Oak Savannah GCD, seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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

James Beach, WSP, DFCs resolutions with redlined language. Review 9 Factors again as we are adopting proposed DFCs. Discuss Run 11. Discuss margin of error language. Discuss Similar Rules survey. Next meeting, need to reserve Cleburne Conference Center late October time frame.

14. Closing comments.

Chairman Joe Cooper, Middle Trinity GCD, thanked everyone for attending.

15. Adjourn

Bob Patterson, Northern Trinity GCD, made motion to adjourn. Dirk Aaron, Clearwater UWCD, seconded the motion. Chairman Joe Cooper, Middle Trinity GCD, declared the meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

The GMA 8 Committee unanimously approved the minutes on this 27th day of October, 2020

Velma Starks
Recording Secretary

Joe B Cooper
Chairman