

**Meeting of the
Groundwater Management Area 8
October 27 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 Tuesday October 27, 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 October 27, 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: Kathy Turner Jones
Clearwater UWCD: Dirk Aaron	Red River GCD: David Gattis
Middle Trinity GCD: Joe Cooper	Saratoga UWCD: Randy McGuire
Northern Trinity GCD: Bob Patterson arrived 10:11 a.m.	Southern Trinity GCD: Peter Kultgen
Post Oak Savannah GCD: Gary Westbrook	Upper Trinity GCD: Doug Shaw

Groundwater Conservation District Representatives Absent:

North Texas GCD: Ronny Young

1. Invocation

Chairman Joe Cooper, Middle 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 10:06 a.m.

3. Welcome and introductions.

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

4. Public Comments.

Mark Harral, representing Felps LLC, made comments on the Central Texas GCD Board decisions regarding GMA 8 models.

5. Consider and act upon approval of minutes from the August 7, 2020, GMA 8 meeting

David Gattis, Red River GCD, made the motion to approve the August 7, 2020, GMA 8 meeting minutes. Kathy Turner Jones, Prairielands GCD, seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Receive update from the Texas Water Development Board.

Jean Perez, TWDB, provided update. TWDB staff is working from home until December 31, 2020. Texas Water news room is a new application providing news on current water events. Andy Weinberg is the new Groundwater Team Lead.

7. Presentation and discussion of the 9 factors pursuant to Texas Water Code Section 36.108(d).

James Beach, WSP, and Velma Danielson, Blanton & Associates, Inc., reviewed the 9 factors discussed in previous meetings. There have been minor changes to DFC due to changes in GAM runs. GMA 8 has been working to achieve the standard for Desired Future Conditions which consists of balancing the highest practicable level of groundwater production with conservation, preservation, protection, recharging, and prevention of waste of groundwater, and control of subsidence.

8. Discussion and possible action on margin of error language for the Desired Future Conditions Statements.

James Beach, WSP, informed GMA 8 that due to the nature of the drawdown calculations, TWDB suggests that the GMA provide "variance assumptions". The proposed language for DFC Model Run submittal to TWDB is "GMA 8 assumes the model results are consistent with the proposed DFCs if the average drawdowns calculated by the TWDB are within 5 percent or 5 feet (whichever is larger) of the proposed DFCs drawdown values." David Gattis, Red River GCD, made the motion to accept the language presented. Doug Shaw, Upper Trinity GCD, seconded the motion. District representatives were individually polled. Motion passed unanimously.

9. Discussion and possible action on a resolution to adopt proposed Desired Future Conditions.

James Beach, WSP, reviewed the resolution. Kristen Fancher, legal counsel, informed GMA 8 that the resolution is the same as was approved at the prior Board meeting with conforming changes made. Mitchell Sodek, Central Texas GCD, made the motion to adopt the proposed DFC resolution. Dirk Aaron, Clearwater UWCD, seconded the motion. District representatives were individually polled. Motion passed unanimously.

10. Discussion and possible action regarding next steps in adopting Desired Future Conditions.

Ty Embrey, Lloyd Gosselink Attorneys At Law, reviewed the Process – Path Forward presentation as Chapter 36 directs. Kristen Fancher, legal counsel, recommended starting the 90-day action. NTGCD will mail out the proposed schedule on November 5 indicating the beginning of the 90-day timeframe with the deadline being February 3, 2021. Gary Westbrook, Post Oak Savannah GCD, made the motion for GMA 8 to move forward with the 90-day timeline as set forth by Kristen Fancher. Kathy Turner Jones, Prairielands GCD, seconded the motion. District representatives were individually polled. Motion passed unanimously.

11. Discuss similar rules survey.

Drew Satterwhite reported we have 8 of the 11 Districts responses. As soon as all responses are received, the information will be sent out.

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

The next GMA8 meeting is to be held in the summer of 2021 based on DFC timeline. The deadline is June 1, 2021 for Districts to receive their summary reports, obtain board approval and for those reports to be received by GMA 8. A date request will be sent in March for meeting in late June. Send time line to GMA 8 representatives.

13. Closing comments.

Gary Westbrook, Post Oak Savannah GCD, thanked consultants and Drew Satterwhite for their work.

14. Adjourn

Gary Westbrook, Post Oak Savannah GCD, made motion to adjourn. Kathy Turner Jones, Prairielands GCD, seconded the motion. Chairman Joe Cooper, Middle Trinity GCD, declared the meeting adjourned at 11:41 a.m.

The GMA 8 Committee unanimously approved the minutes on this 4/12 day of November, 2021

Velma Starks
Recording Secretary

Matt Starks
Chairman