

# **GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AREA 8**

## **JOINT PLANNING MEETING**

Prairielands Groundwater Conservation District Office  
208 Kimberly Dr.  
Cleburne, Texas 76031

**THURSDAY**  
January 29, 2026  
10:00 AM

**NOTICE OF MEETING  
GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AREA 8**

Notice is hereby given that the groundwater conservation districts located wholly or partially within Groundwater Management Area (GMA) 8, as designated by the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB), consisting of 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 will hold a **Joint Planning meeting at 10:00 A.M. on January 29, 2026 at the Prairielands Groundwater Conservation District Office located at 208 Kimberly Dr., Cleburne, Texas 76031**. The meeting will be open to the public. The following items of business will be discussed and potentially acted upon:

1. Invocation.
2. Call meeting to order and establish quorum.
3. Welcome and introductions.
4. Public comment.
5. Consider and act upon approval of minutes from the November 14, 2025, GMA 8 meeting.
6. Discussion and possible action on the overview and timeline for DFC Joint Planning.
7. Discussion and possible action on the Northern Trinity and Woodbine Aquifer Groundwater Availability Model Update and review timeline.
8. Discussion and possible action on Model Run 4.6 for DFC Planning.
9. Discussion and possible action on additional model runs for DFC Planning.
10. Discussion and possible action on how to state the Desired Future Conditions for this round of planning.
11. Presentations and discussions relate to Desired Future Conditions pursuant to Texas Water Code Section 36.108(d) for (8) the feasibility of achieving the desired future condition.
12. Discussion and possible action on an explanation in the explanatory report for how each district is monitoring, tracking and performing in achieving the Desired Future Conditions.
13. Discussion and possible action on an explanation in the explanatory report on why a Desired Future Conditions is different from the Desired Future Conditions adopted in the previous planning period.
14. Consider and act upon a resolution declaring the Cross Timbers formation within Erath and Comanche Counties contained within Groundwater Management Area 8 to be non-relevant for joint planning purposes.

15. Consider and act upon a resolution declaring the Brazos River Alluvium formation within Groundwater Management Area 8 to be non-relevant for joint planning purposes.
16. Discussion and possible action on the Northern Segment of the Edwards (Balcones Fault Zone) Aquifer Groundwater Availability Model for Joint Planning.
17. Updates from the TWDB.
18. Discussion of possible agenda items and dates for next GMA 8 meeting.
19. Closing comments.
20. Adjourn.

Dated this 9th day of January, 2026

Mitchell Sodek, Chair  
Groundwater Management Area 8

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**Meeting of the  
Groundwater Management Area 8  
November 14, 2025**

**Minutes**

The Groundwater Management Area (GMA 8) district representatives (referred to herein collectively as “the Committee” for easy reference), which consists of 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 November 14, 2025** at the **Prairielands Groundwater Conservation District Office** located at **208 Kimberly Dr., Cleburne, Texas 76031**.

**Groundwater Conservation District Representatives Present:**

Central Texas GCD: Mitchell Sodek  
Clearwater UWCD: Whitney Ingram  
Middle Trinity GCD: Patrick Wagner  
North Texas GCD: Paul Sigle  
Northern Trinity GCD: Corey Jones

Post Oak Savannah GCD: Gary Westbrook  
Prairielands GCD: Kathy Turner Jones  
Red River GCD: David Gattis  
Southern Trinity GCD: Scooter Radcliffe  
Upper Trinity GCD: Doug Shaw

**Groundwater Conservation District Representatives Absent:**

Saratoga UWCD

**1. Invocation.**

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

**2. Call meeting to order and establish quorum.**

Chairman Mitchell Sodek, Central Texas GCD, established that a quorum was present and called the GMA 8 meeting to order at 10:01 am.

**3. Welcome and introductions.**

Chairman Mitchell Sodek, Central Texas GCD, welcomed TWDB and consultants.

4. Public comment.

No public comment.

5. Consider and act upon approval of minutes from the August 29, 2025, GMA 8 meeting.

Motion by Kathy Turner Jones to approve, second by Davis Gattis. Motion passed.

6. Discussion and possible action on the overview and timeline for DFC Joint Planning.

John Ellis with Intera presented the timeline for DFC joint planning.

7. Discussion and possible action on the Northern Trinity and Woodbine Aquifer

Groundwater Availability Model Update and review timeline.

John Ellis with Intera provided an update on the GAM model update. Discussion was held on the report addressing each GCD individually on the GCD/county level.

8. Discussion and possible action on Model Run 4.3 and 4.5 for DFC Planning.

John Ellis with Intera provided an overview of the Model Runs (4.1b, 4.2, 4.3, 4.5).

Discussion was held on what should appear on the explanatory report.

9. Discussion and possible action on other model runs for DFC Planning

Discussion was held on Run 4.4's methods and possible alternatives.

Motion by Kathy Turner Jones to proceed with Model Run 4.4 as proposed, no second.

Motion by Patrick Wagner to proceed with Model Run 4.4 as proposed, second by Doug Shaw. Motion failed.

Motion by Patrick Wagner to let each GCD set their MAG numbers individually for Run 4.4, and let each GCD individually consider Williamson County and Non-District counties, second by Doug Shaw. Motion failed.

Motion by Paul Sigle to release data of Williamson County from Central Texas GCD's model run, to model a run towards certain percentages of drawdown and saturated thickness as needed, and to authorize a technical committee to develop the next run. Second by Doug Shaw. Motion passes.

Motion by Paul Sigle to form a technical committee (Kathy Turner Jones, Paul Sigle, Mitchell Sodek, Doug Shaw, Whitney Ingram). Second by Doug Shaw. Motion passes.

10. Presentations and discussions relate to Desired Future Conditions pursuant to Texas Water Code Section 36.108(d) for (6) socioeconomic impacts reasonably expected to occur; (8) the feasibility of achieving the desired future condition; and (9) any other information relevant to the specific desired future conditions.

James Beach with Advanced Groundwater Solutions presented findings on socioeconomic impacts.

John Ellis with Intera presented findings on non-relevant aquifers and the feasibility of achieving the DFCs.

11. Consider and act upon appointing a representative for Region C Regional Water Planning Group.

Motion by Whitney Ingram to appoint Corey Jones as a representative and Harold Latham as alternate for Region C Regional Water Planning Group. Second by Patrick Wagner. Motion passes.

12. Updates from the TWDB.

Jean Perez provided an update on new management plan requirements, GMA meeting requirements, GMA DFC requirements, and explanatory report requirements from TWDB, and an update on GCD grant funding.

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

Discuss and act upon designating current non-relevant aquifers as relevant.

Discuss and act upon findings of technical committee.

Next meeting is planned to be in late January.

14. Closing comments.

No closing comments.

15. Adjourn.

Chairman Mitchell Sodek declared the meeting adjourned at 12:48 p.m.

ADJOURN