

**Meeting of the  
Groundwater Management Area 8  
June 24, 2025**

**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, June 24 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: Dirk Aaron  
Middle Trinity GCD: Patrick Wagner  
Southern Trinity GCD: Scooter Radcliffe  
Upper Trinity GCD: Doug Shaw

Prairielands GCD: Kathy Turner Jones  
Red River GCD: David Gattis  
Saratoga UWCD: Tasha Bates  
Northern Trinity GCD: Corey Jones  
Post Oak Savannah GCD: Michael Redman

**Groundwater Conservation District Representatives Absent:  
North Texas GCD**

***1. Invocation***

Dirk Aaron provided the 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 10:00 a.m.

***3. Welcome and introductions.***

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

***4. Public Comments.***

No public comment.

***5. Consider and act upon approval of minutes from the February 25, 2025, GMA 8 meeting***

Motion by David Gattis and seconded by Dirk Aaron. Motion passed.

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

John Ellis provided an update on the timeline and overview of the DFC Joint Planning.

**7. Discussion and possible action on the Northern Trinity and Woodbine Aquifer Groundwater Availability Model Update and review timeline.**

John Ellis provided an update on the Model Update and review timeline. TWDB had begun public comment period on June 11<sup>th</sup> and will run through August 11<sup>th</sup>. John discussed the use of the Model as a draft for model runs. Dirk Aaron discussed his concerns with model update. Intera has worked to address the concerns from Clearwater UWCD. John Ellis provides additional information on Intera's plan to address Clearwater concerns. Discussion was held.

**8. Discussion and possible action on model runs for DFC Joint Planning.**

John Ellis discussed the two possible runs for the DFC planning. Discussion was held. Mitchel Sodek asked about the production in non-GCDs counties. Intere requested Run 4-1 based on the inclusion of estimated groundwater use through 2080. Use default projections from the spreadsheet or incorporate district-supplied projections. Additional use to be spread across existing well locations unless additional use locations provided. The run would begin in 2020 and end in 2080. Dirk Aaron motion to approve the Run 4-1 with data sent to Intera by July 18<sup>th</sup>. Patrick Wagner 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed. Discussion was held on a second run and possibility of adding a third run. Kathy Jones motion for a baseline run with the Technical Committee determining the year. Doug Shaw second the motion. Motion passed.

**9. Presentations and discussions relate to Desired Future Conditions pursuant to Texas Water Code Section 36.108(d) for (2) the water supply needs and water management strategies included in the state water plan; (3) hydrological conditions, including for each aquifer in the management area the total estimated recoverable storage as provided by the executive administrator, and the average annual recharge, inflows, and discharge; and (7) the impact on the interests and rights in private property, including ownership and the rights of management area landowners and their lessees and assigns in groundwater as recognized under Section 36.002.**

John Ellis presented on factor three, and James Beach presented on factor two and seven. Discussion was held.

**10. Discussion and possible action on a request from Region C Planning Group related to Brackish Groundwater Water Management Strategies.**

Mitchel Sodek introduced the issue to the committee. Discussion was held. David Gattis motion to send a letter to TWDB. Motion failed due to lack of second. Dirk Aaron motion to provide a letter address the concerns of GMA 8. Doug Shaw second the motion. Discussion was held. Motion passed.

**11. Updates from the TWDB.**

Jean Perez provided an update from TWDB. Discussion was held.

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

The committee will look to schedule the next meeting for late August.

**12. Closing comments.**

Dirk Aaron thank Intera for help address his concerns.

**13. Adjourn**

Chairman Mitchell Sodek, Central Texas GCD, declared the meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

The GMA 8 Committee unanimously approved the minutes on this 29<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2025



Recording Secretary



Chairman