

**GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AREA 12 MEETING
JUNE 25, 2015 – 10:00 a.m.
Milano Civic Center
120 West Ave. E
Milano, Texas**

MINUTES

GMA 12 Members Present

Nathan Ausley	POSGCD
Jim Totten	LPGCD
David Van Dresar	FCGCD
David Bailey	METGCD
Alan Day	BVGCD

GMA 12 Members Absent

Others Present	Entity
Gary Westbrook	POSGCD
Bobby Bazan	POSGCD
Meredith Earwood	POSGCD
John Seifert	LBG Guyton
Barney Knight	POSGCD
Steve Box	Environmental Stewardship
Stephen Allen	TWDB
Phil Cook	Sierra Club
David Wheelock	LCRA
Richard Morgan	Abengoa
Pat Reilly	Blue Water
Andrew Donnelly	DBS&A
Michael J. Simmang	Lost Pines
Monique Norman	BVGCD, FCGCD
Tyler Lewis	KHA
Tim Skoglund	SAWS
Steven Siebert	SAWS
Keith Hansberger	LPGCD
Billy Sherrill	LPGCD
Neil Deeds	Intera
Bob Harden	RW Harden
Michele Ganges	League Independent Voters
Amy Muttoni	BRA
Scott Shoemaker	The Terrill Firm, P.C.

1. Call meeting to order and establish quorum:

Chairman Ausley called the meeting to order at 10:10 am.

2. Welcome and introductions

Head table – Gary Westbrook from POSGCD serving as secretary, David Bailey representing METGCD, Alan Day representing BVGCD, Nathan Ausley representing POSGCD, Jim Totten representing LPGCD, and David Van Dresser representing FCGCD.

3. Minutes of May 28, 2015 GMA 12 Meeting

Chairman Ausley asked for corrections or additions to the minutes of the previous GMA 12 meeting of May 28, 2015. None were offered. Alan Day moved and Jim Totten seconded the minutes be approved as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Update and report from consultants regarding ongoing evaluations and studies

John Seifert, hydrology consultant, noted this item would be handled under item 7.

5. Receive comments on Demands and DFC options for GMA 12

Steve Box of Environmental Stewardship summarizing written comments he had submitted recently.

6. Receive comments on requirements of Chapter 36.108(d) in adopting Desired Future Conditions

No comments were heard and no action was taken.

7. Discuss requirements of Chapter 36.108(d) in adopting Desired Future Conditions:

- A. the water supply needs and water management strategies included in the state water plan;
Neil Deeds of Intera presented strategies and needs for the upcoming adoption of Desired Future Conditions. Discussion ensued from presentation, Mr. Deeds answered questions from audience.
- B. the impact on subsidence;
Andy Donnelly of DB Stephens reported that subsidence was not an issue for any district in GMA 12 at this time.
- C. the impact on the interests and rights in private property, including ownership and the rights of management
Monique Norman gave a presentation on current private property law, including changes to Chapter 36, TWC, in the most recent legislative session, and how it affects groundwater management. Discussion ensued from the presentation, Ms. Norman answered questions from the audience.

Keith Hansberger asked if the GMA should consider changes in water levels as relative to property values.

Steve Box asked the GMA to consider the Texas Conservation Act in deliberations.

Bob Harden stated that he believed the GMA 12 consultants had given excellent presentations, and requested that the GMA consider DFCs in a different way than the traditional change in water levels based on pressure change as adopted in the past by GMA 12 and other GMAs. He then asked the GMA to consider adopting one DFC for the area being managed.

Steve Box noted that Environmental Stewardship had concerns with groundwater-surface water interactions in the current groundwater availability model (GAM), and stated that he supported maintaining current DFCs for aquifers in GMA 12 until the improvements to the GAM are completed.

8. Update from Groundwater Conservation Districts of GMA 12 on joint planning and compliance with Chapter 36.108, State Water Code

Jim Totten mentioned the option of the GMA building a website, and the members agreed to continue this discussion at a later date.

9. Report on Monitoring activities by Districts of GMA 12

All districts reported that monitoring activities are ongoing and each district continues to add monitoring to their respective networks.

10. Desired Future Conditions of aquifers in GMA 12

No discussion or action was taken.

11. Improvements to current Central Queen City-Sparta/Carrizo-Wilcox Groundwater Availability Model

Neil Deeds of Intera gave a brief report on this process.

12. Public Comment

Steve Box, Environmental Stewardship – Mr. Box made brief comments on his appreciation of transparency by the GMA, as well as the GMA's willingness to accept comment and discuss issues in open meetings, and applauded the group for its dedication for conservation of the aquifers.

13. Agenda items and Date for next meeting

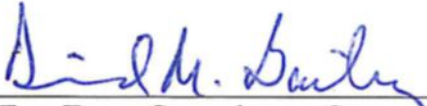
The next agenda items will include environmental and socioeconomic impacts. The meeting was set for August 13, 2015 10:00 am.

14. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 11:17 pm.

THE ABOVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AREA 12 HELD ON JUNE 25, 2015 WERE APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY GMA 12 AT A MEETING ON AUGUST 13, 2015.

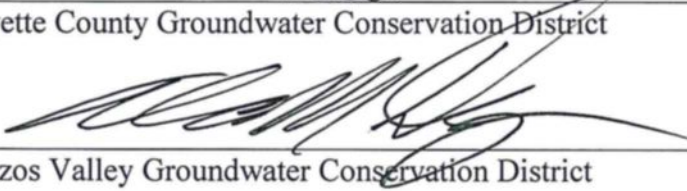
ATTEST:



Mid-East Texas Groundwater Conservation District



Fayette County Groundwater Conservation District



Brazos Valley Groundwater Conservation District



Lost Pines Groundwater Conservation District



Post Oak Savannah Groundwater Conservation District