Meeting of the
Groundwater Management Area 8
February 17, 2016 in Cleburne, TX

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 Wednesday, February 17, 2016,*** in the Cleburne Conference Center in Cleburne, Texas.

Groundwater Conservation District Representatives Present:

Central Texas GCD: Charles Shell
Clearwater UWCD: Judy Parker
Northern Trinity GCD: Bob Patterson
North Texas GCD: Eddy Daniel
Post Oak Savannah GCD: Gary Westbrook
Prairielands GCD: Charles Beseda
Red River GCD: David Gattis
Middle Trinity GCD: Joe Cooper
Upper Trinity GCD: Mike Massey
Saratoga UWCD: Jason Jones
Southern Trinity GCD: Peter Kultgen

Groundwater Conservation District Representatives Absent:

No Groundwater Conservation District Representatives were absent.

1. Invocation

Gary Westbrook provided the invocation for the meeting.

2. Call meeting to order and establish quorum.

Chairman Eddy Daniel, North Texas GCD, established that a quorum was present and called the GMA-8 meeting to order at 10:05am.

3. Welcome and introductions.

Chairman Daniel introduced Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) Director Kathleen Jackson. Director Jackson addressed the group regarding the TWDB activities including programs offered for funding of water and sewer infrastructure projects. Director Jackson also expressed, on behalf of the TWDB, her appreciation for the interest and service of those participating in the joint-planning process.

Robert Bradley, also with the TWDB, was also present at the meeting and updated the group on the TWDB website and the groundwater section that is now updated to reflect new submitted drillers' reports, which can be searched by county.

4. Public Comments.

Chairman Daniel asked if any of the attendees had public comments to present to the GMA-8. There were no public comments.

5. Approve minutes of November 18, 2015, GMA 8 meeting.

The draft minutes were presented for review. Chairman Daniel provided corrected copies of the draft meeting minutes to the GMA-8 members, stating two paragraphs required correction in the originally submitted draft minutes for the November 18, 2015 meeting. David Gattis made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected by Chairman Daniel. Charles Beseda seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

6. Review and discussion of activities accomplished since November 18, 2015, GMA 8 meeting – Eddy Daniel

Chairman Daniel stated that model runs have been completed since the last meeting, in an effort to gather more data for the proposed Desired Future Conditions ("DFCs"). These runs will be discussed at today's meeting.

7. Review of proposed desired future conditions statements submitted in accordance with GMA 8 Administrative Procedures – Bill Mullican and designated statement submitters

Bill Mullican informed the group that four (4) proposed DFC statements had been submitted to him and the district representatives in a timely manner in order to be considered for possible formal consideration under the GMA-8 administrative procedures. Those received were from Central Texas GCD and Saratoga UWCD (for the Ellenburger San-Saba, Hickory and Marble Falls aquifers), Clearwater UWCD (Edwards BFZ Aquifer), North Texas GCD (Trinity and Woodbine aquifers), and Upper Trinity GCD (Trinity and Woodbine aquifers). Each submission was reviewed in detail. Mr. Mullican expressed the need to define which tools are to be used by the TWDB to determine the MAG after the DFCs and Explanatory Report are submitted to the TWDB. The Ellenburger San-Saba, Hickory, Marble Falls and Edwards BFZ aquifer submittals currently lack this information. This was discussed and the submitting districts intend to provide this information to Mr. Mullican.

At this time Chairman Daniel asked that the group move out of the normal order of the agenda and address Item 9.

9. Presentation of Northern Trinity and Woodbine Aquifer GAM Run 10 results – LBG Guyton

This item was taken up out of order to facilitate a complete presentation of all DFC options proposed by the GMA 8 District Representatives prior to formal consideration. Mike Keester and James Beach, LBG Guyton, provided a presentation to the group on GAM Run 10 for the Northern Trinity and Woodbine aquifers.

8. Updates from individual member districts of GMA-8 regarding other studies, reports, data, or developments relevant to GMA-8 joint planning activities.

Wade Oliver, INTERA, provided a presentation to the group on GAM Run 10.1 for the Northern Trinity and Woodbine aquifers, which was requested by Upper Trinity GCD. Mr. Oliver explained the slight differences between Runs 10 and 10.1, with a particular focus on the differences in the pumping distribution between the model layers between the two runs.

Upper Trinity GCD representative Mike Massey explained to the district representatives the reasons why Upper Trinity GCD has requested GAM Run 10.1, and explained the importance to Upper Trinity GCD of including pumping distribution in the upper layers of the model as in earlier GAM runs because of Upper Trinity's location over the outcrop of the Trinity Aquifer. Mr. Massey expressed the Upper Trinity GCD's desire to order another

model run which would be a hybrid of run 10 and 10.1. The request was to utilize the Run 10 input methodology for GMA-8 with a modification to use the pumping distribution in Run 10.1 for Upper Trinity GCD and any other District requesting the same. Mr. Massey noted that the proposed schedule would not be affected by the additional model run and the cost would be paid by Upper Trinity GCD. Discussion amongst the GMA-8 representatives ensued regarding this request.

At this time, the group moved back into the posted order of the agenda.

9. Presentation of Northern Trinity and Woodbine Aquifer GAM Run 10 results – LBG Guyton (presented earlier– see above)

10. Discussion and possible action on proposed options for desired future condition statements– GMA 8 – Districts

David Gattis made a motion for formal consideration of the Run 10 DFC statement for the Northern Trinity and Woodbine aquifers under the GMA-8 administrative procedures. Charles Shell seconded the motion. The group discussed Run 10.

Mike Massey made a motion to amend the motion on the floor for formal consideration of Run 10, but to change the pumping distribution among the model layers for Upper Trinity GCD and any other District requesting same as it had been distributed in Run 10.1. Chairman Daniel seconded the motion. Discussion ensued regarding the amendment to the motion. Chairman Daniel called for a vote. Two (2) Members voted for amended motion, and nine (9) Members voted against the motion. Motion failed.

Jason Jones made a motion to amend the motion on the floor to add a 5% variance of the DFCs consideration. Gary Westbrook seconded the motion. Discussion took place regarding the addition of 5% variance. Chairman Daniel called for a vote on the amendment to the motion on the floor. Six (6) voted for the motion, with five (5) Members voting against. Motion failed, as a 2/3 vote is required for the DFCs consideration process.

The motion for formal consideration under the GMA-8 administrative procedures of the Run 10 DFC statement for the Northern Trinity and Woodbine aquifer passed, with ten (10) Members voting for the motion and one Member (1) voting against the motion.

Peter Kultgen made a motion for formal consideration of the DFCs statements that had been submitted for the Ellenburger San-Saba, Hickory, Marble Falls, and Edwards BFZ aquifers. The motion was seconded by David Gattis, with ten (10) Members voting for the motion and one Member (1) voting against the motion. Motion passed.

Judy Parker made a motion to approve all of the DFCs statements (that the group approved today for formal consideration) for evaluation under the nine (9) statutory criteria listed in Section 36.108(d)(1)-(9), Water Code. Bob Patterson seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

11. Discussion and consideration of next steps necessary to establish potential proposed Desired Future Conditions – District Representatives

Bill Mullican reviewed the schedule for adopting the DFCs with the group, and the steps required for consideration of the DFCs. Bill Mullican passed out a schedule for use by the District Representatives of the remaining tasks through completion of the entire DFC development and adoption process. In addition, a survey tool was distributed and explained regarding individual District consideration of the socioeconomic impacts and impacts on private property private property rights of proposed DFCs as required by Texas Water Code Section

36.108 (d) (6 -7). The deadline for each district representative to submit and present the survey results to the GMA 8 District Representatives was set for the April 1, 2016, meeting.

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

The next meeting will be March 23, 2016, at the Liberty Event Center. There will also be another meeting on April 1, 2016, at the Cleburne Conference Center.

13. Closing comments.

Chairman Daniel stated that it was possible that the GMA-8 would have a DFC to submit to the TWDB after the two upcoming meetings.

14. Adjourn

Chairman Daniel declared the meeting adjourned at 12:50pm.

The GMA 8 Committee unanimously approved the minutes on this 23rd day of March, 2016.

Carolyn Bennett
Recording Secretary

Eddy W Daniel
Chairman