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**GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AREA 12 MEETING**  
This meeting was held virtually and the meeting recording may be viewed at  
<https://posgcd.org/gma-12-agendas-minutes/>

**July 24, 2020 – 10:00 am**

**GMA 12 Members Present**

Gary Westbrook	POSGCD
Jim Totten	LPGCD
David Van Dresar	FCGCD
David Bailey	METGCD
Alan Day	BVGCD

**GMA 12 Members Absent**

None

**Others Present**

**Entity**

Doug Box	POSGCD
Bobby Bazan	POSGCD
John Seifert	WSP
Steve Young	Intera
Darren Thompson	SAWS
Rebecca Batchelder	Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA)
David Stratta	BVGCD
Blaire Parker	SAWS
Natalie Ballew	TWDB
Megan Haas	BVGCD
Andy Donnelly	DBS&A
Steve Box	Environmental Stewardship
Robert Bradley	TWDB
James Beach	WSP
Larry French	TWDB
Bob Harden	Harden
Steven Siebert	SAWS
Jayson Barfknecht	City of Bryan
Cindy Ridgeway	TWDB
Shirley Wade	TWDB
Matt Uliana	Intera
Lyn Clancy	LCRA

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## **MINUTES**

### **1. Invocation**

The invocation was given by David Bailey.

### **2. Pledge of Allegiance**

David Van Dresar lead the pledges to the flags of the United States and Texas.

### **3. Call meeting to order and establish quorum**

Gary Westbrook, serving as chair for this meeting, called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. and noted that all voting members of GMA 12 were present online.

### **4. Welcome and introductions**

Mr. Westbrook welcomed everyone to the virtual meeting and thanked them for their attendance.

### **5. Public Comment on Agenda Items**

Mr. Westbrook reminded everyone the GMA encouraged comment and questions on each item and invited public comment on agenda items at this time. No Public Comment was offered.

### **6. Minutes of January 29, 2020 Groundwater Management Area (GMA 12) Meeting**

Mr. Westbrook asked for consideration of the minutes of the January 29, 2020 meeting. After brief discussion, a motion was made by David Van Dresar to approve the minutes. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim Totten. Mr. Westbrook noted that due to the nature of virtual meetings it might be more efficient to ask for dissenting votes than to ask for verbal votes or perform roll call votes, so he would proceed in that manner unless there was a desire from the voting members to do otherwise. All agreed. Mr. Westbrook asked for dissenting votes. There were none. The motion passed unanimously.

### **7. Update from Groundwater Conservation Districts (GCDs) of GMA 12 on joint planning, water level monitoring, and compliance with Chapter 36.108, State Water Code**

Mr. Westbrook reported POSGCD had completed its early Spring water level measurements and some additional measurements, and was now evaluating the monitoring wells in its network for information quality assurance and control (QA/QC).

Mr. Day reported BVGCD had finished its second round of water level measurements and is evaluating certain areas for the addition of wells, as well as evaluating information of certain wells.

Mr. Bailey reported adding monitor wells in the Simsboro, Calvert Bluff, and Hooper formations.

Mr. Totten reported 95% completion of Spring measurements being completed and performing QA/QC on information of monitoring wells.

Mr. Van Dresar reported completion of measurements prior to the pandemic with additional work to resume in the Fall.

### **8. Discussion on expressions of Desired Future Conditions (DFC's) and compatibility between GCD's in GMA 12**

Mr. Westbrook stated that this is a constant agenda item and there was no specific information reported on this item.

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**9. Discussion of comments received from stakeholders**

Mr. Westbrook asked if any of the districts had received any new comments from stakeholders since the last GMA 12 meeting. All agreed there had been no new submissions received. Mr. Westbrook reminded all that the form created specifically for submitting comments to GMA 12 could be easily accessed on the [posgcd.org](http://posgcd.org) website at the top of the GMA 12 page.

**10. Evaluation and discussion of future pumping scenarios using the Sparta/Queen City/Carrizo-Wilcox GAM and results, including predicted water levels and water budgets, and instruction to consultants concerning Joint Planning in GMA 12**

Mr. Westbrook introduced this item and reminded that GMA 12 consultants had been instructed to consider possible improvements to the GAM where localized information might prove useful to improve accuracy in the GAM. He invited Dr. Steve Young with Intera to report on communications with the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) on this subject. Dr. Young gave a presentation entitled, "Proposed Modifications to the Central Portion of the Sparta/Queen City/Carrizo-Wilcox GAM". He discussed differences of the results of actual production and monitoring versus GAM predictions in the area of the Vista Ridge well field, as well as possible improvements to the GAM in that area. He also addressed the comments received from TWDB on the process of improvements to the GAM in that area. Mr. Westbrook invited Larry French of TWDB to provide comment and discussion on required steps to complete this task. Mr. Westbrook then asked if anyone else on the meeting had any questions. No questions were offered. After questions and discussion from GMA 12 representatives, Mr. Day moved to submit the new information and a request for improvements and updates to the GAM to TWDB. Mr. Totten seconded the motion. Mr. Westbrook asked for discussion. With none offered he called for the vote and asked if there were any GMA 12 representatives who with a dissenting vote. None were offered. The motion passed unanimously.

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

**a. aquifer uses or conditions within the management area, including conditions that differ substantially from one geographic area to another;**

Mr. Westbrook invited Andy Donnelly of DBS&A to present information on this agenda item for consideration by the GMA. Mr. Donnelly gave a presentation entitled: "Aquifer Uses and Conditions Consideration Discussion." Mr. Westbrook invited questions and discussion from the GMA 12 representatives.

**b. the water supply needs and water management strategies included in the state water plan;**

Mr. Westbrook invited Steve Young of Intera to present information on this agenda item for consideration by the GMA. Dr. Young gave a presentation entitled: "GMA 12: Needs and Strategies." Mr. Westbrook invited questions and discussion from the GMA 12 representatives.

**c. the impact on subsidence.**

Mr. Westbrook invited Matt Uliana of Intera to present information on this agenda item for consideration by the GMA. Mr. Uliana gave a presentation entitled: "Evaluation of the Potential Impact of Subsidence in GMA 12." Mr. Westbrook invited questions and discussion from the GMA 12 representatives.

**12. Public Comment on non-agenda items**

Mr. Westbrook invited comment from the public. No comment was offered.

**13. Update from Texas Water Development Board**

Natalie Ballew of the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) reported TWDB had recently updated the guidance documents and submission checklist for the GMA process and now includes information for non-relevant aquifers, and these documents are available on the TWDB website. She also reported new educational videos available on the TWDB website under "Texas Water News Room."

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**14. Agenda items and Date for next meeting**

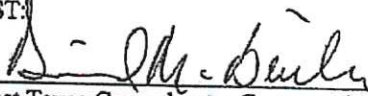
The next GMA 12 meeting will be scheduled for late August-September, 2020. Agenda items will include continuation of discussion of improvements to the GAM, any unresolved items from this agenda, and continuation of consideration of the nine factors included in Section 36.108(d) of the Texas Water Code.

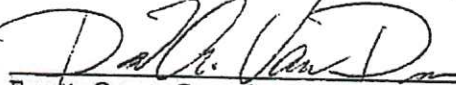
**15. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 am.

THE ABOVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AREA 12 HELD ON JULY 24, 2020, WERE APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY GMA 12 ON SEPTEMBER 18, 2020.

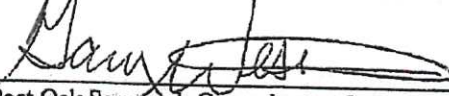
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