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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/>**

**October 22, 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**

Alan Day	Brazos Valley GCD
Amy Muttoni	
Andy Donnelly	GEO Logic
Andy Wier	
David Bailey	Mid-East Texas GCD
Doug Box	Post Oak Savannah GCD
Elaine Gerren	Post Oak Savannah GCD
Gary Westbrook	Post Oak Savannah GCD
George Rice	Post Oak Savannah GCD
JAMES BENE	R.W. Harden
Jean Perez	
Jennifer White	TWDB
Kathleen Jackson	TWDB
Larry French	TWDB
Liz Ferry	R.W. Harden
Natalie Ballew	TWDB
Robert Bradley	TWDB
Steve Box	Self
William Seifert	WJS Groundwater
Steve young	Intera

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## **MINUTES**

### **1. Invocation**

The invocation was given by David Bailey.

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

Jim Totten led 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 10:00 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 September 18, 2020 Groundwater Management Area (GMA 12) Meeting**

Mr. Westbrook asked for consideration of the minutes of the September 18, 2020 meeting. After brief discussion, a motion was made by Alan Day to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by David Van Dresar. 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 invited Steve Young of Intera to give a report on changes in water levels in the Carrizo and Simsboro Aquifers since the beginning of pumping in the Vista Ridge project, and noted this report had been presented to the POSGCD Board at their regular Board meeting on September 8, 2020. He also noted that this and all presentations from the GMA 12 Meeting would be posted to the POSGCD website. Following brief discussion, Mr. Westbrook also noted POSGCD was engaged in their water level measurements for the Fall and was 1/3 of the way complete. Mr. Day reported BVGCD has approximately 164 wells to measure and has measured 155 to date and will be complete with its late Summer round of water level measurements soon. Mid-East Texas will do their measurements in November and December and Jim Totten will begin at the end of the month. Fayette county is installing static well monitoring systems and will begin fall measurements next month.

### **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. Alan Day has asked to hear from all Districts where we are going. Brazos valley will maintain their current position. POSGCD will ??? Jim Totten said they will implement their DFS with drawdown areas

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where their exempt wells are location and looking at district wide averages as well. Fayette county will continue the same as in the past as well as Mid East Texas also.

**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. Steve Box requested to speak and his sound was not verifiable. He was asked to call in to try to get him later in the meeting.

**10. Update on progress for updating the Sparta/Queen City/Carrizo-Wilcox Groundwater Availability Model (GAM)**

Mr. Westbrook asked Larry French to provide an update on this item. He stated they were able to incorporate information on the Vista Ridge information to their website available for public comment and will ??? Steve Young stated that the TWDB has been very responsive. Mr. French stated that they are commitment to make sure the models have the best data available. GW said that the Post Oak Savannah GCD has funds in their budget available for the gam work and improvement.

**11. 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 turned this item over to Steve Young for a presentation titled S-7 Results for GAM 2018 and GAM 2020. Comment was given by John Siefert Stating this model is valuable throughout the entire GMA. Gary Westbrook stating that we are trying to keep the science updated to make the model better. No further comment was made.

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

**a. other socioeconomic impacts reasonably expected to occur;**

Mr. Westbrook turned the meeting over to John Siefert with a presentation on socioeconomic impacts reasonably expected to occur. Comment from David Bailey stating that the Big Brown plant no longer exist. Jim Totten asked if he could provide a county by county breakdown. John Siefert stated that there is a county by county breakdown in the graphs. Gary Westbrook offered comment to any participants. None was offered.

**b. any other information relevant to the specific desired future conditions**

Mr. Westbrook invited questions and discussion from the GMA 12 representatives, and then others attending the meeting. No comment was offered.

Steve Box was able to join the meeting to discuss Item # 9 stating he is finishing up his report on environmental impacts and request to have discussion on this during the next meeting.

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

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

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

Kathleen Jackson of the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) thanked the committee and the District's for all their efforts in obtaining measurements and providing data and stepping forth and investing in getting additional data to update the models for making the best decisions moving forward. She provided an update on State Flood Planning and said they have been given the charge to participate in the first flood

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

Director Kathleen Jackson of the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) thanked the GMA and the Districts for all their efforts in obtaining measurements and providing data and stepping forth and investing in getting additional data to update the models for making the best decisions moving forward. She then provided an update on State Flood Planning. She is excited that the information and science data is coming together. Gary Westbrook thanked the TWDB for all of their support. Natalie Ballew stated that Andy Weinberg had been hired. Alan Day asked Larry French for a schedule for TWDB to review comments received on the GAM update and finish the process for final adoption. Mr. French responded the process could be completed during the November-December time frame, and possibly extend into January.

**15. Agenda Items and Date for next meeting**

Mr. Westbrook asked if a meeting would be needed before January, 2021. It was agreed the next GMA 12 meeting will be scheduled for mid-December, 2020. Agenda items will include standard items with any other information relevant to specific DFCs, as well as comments from stakeholders. Steve Box stated he would have comments to the GMA during the next two weeks. James Bene stated that he understands that Post Oak Savannah GCD is not happy with the simulation model predictions and he is suggesting that a December meeting will be good to consider substantial changes to the pumping model. Gary Westbrook suggested that Mr. Bene should address this with the District first, then at the GMA. Mr. Box stated that he thought a December meeting would be appropriate so that his data can be considered.

**16. Adjourn**

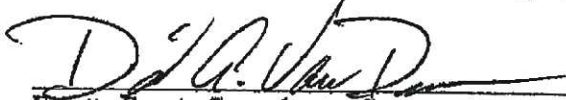
The meeting was adjourned at 11:27 pm.

THE ABOVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AREA 12 HELD ON OCTOBER 22, 2020, WERE APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY GMA 12 ON DECEMBER 10, 2020.

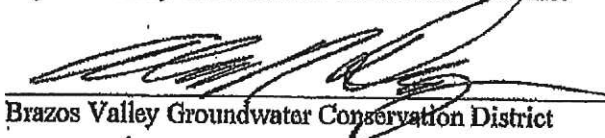
ATTEST:



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