
GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AREA 12 MEETING

This meeting was held in person with virtual attendance and participation.

The meeting recording may be viewed at
<https://posgcd.org/gma-12-agendas-minutes/>

September 30, 2022 – 10:00 am

GMA 12 Members Present in Person

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

GMA 12 Members Absent

None

Others Present in person

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| Javier Saenz | Lost Pines GCD |
| Sheril Smith | LPGCD |
| Paul Kirby | DB Stephens |
| Billy Sherrill | LPGCD |
| Mike Keester | RWH & A |
| Elvis Hernandez | LPGCD |
| Justin Thompson | Bureau of Economic Geology |
| Natalie Ballew | TWDB |
| Andy Wier | SAWDF |
| Daryn Hardwick | TWDB |
| John Seifert | Groundwater Consultants, LLC |
| Doug Box | POSGCD |
| Courtney Gentry | POSGCD |
| Bobby Bazan | POSGCD |
| Kelli Timmerman | POSGCD |
| Michael Redman | POSGCD |

Others Present online

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| Liz Ferry | RW Harden |
| Andy Donnelly | |
| Ramiro Martinez | |
| Gary Mechler | |
| Geri Kline | |
| James Beach | |
| Jennifer Nations | |
| John | |
| Leslie Soto Sanchez | |
| Lyn Clancy | LCRA |
| Monica Masters | LCRA |

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| Robert Bradley | TWDB |
| Ryan Harmon | |
| Steve Box | |
| Tim Cawthon | TWDB |
| Craig Andrews | POSGCD |
| Jeff Fisher | POSGCD |
| Jaclyn Wise | TWRI |
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MINUTES

1. Invocation

The invocation was given by Gary Westbrook.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Alan Day led the pledges to the flags of the United States and Texas.

3. Call meeting to order and establish quorum

Mr. Westbrook called the meeting to order at 10:01 am and noted that all five voting members of GMA 12 were present in person.

4. Welcome and introductions

Mr. Westbrook introduced each GMA 12 member. Jim Totten introduced Board Members Billy Sherrill and Elvis Hernandez from Lost Pines GCD. Mr. Totten also introduced Board Member Phillip Cook

5. Public Comment on Agenda Items

Mr. Westbrook encouraged public comment from those attending in person and online. No public comments were offered.

6. Minutes of June 24, 2022 Groundwater Management Area (GMA 12) Meeting

Mr. Westbrook asked if there were any additions or corrections to be made to the minutes. Mr. Day moved to accept the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by David Van Dresar. The June 24, 2022 GMA 12 Minutes were unanimously approved of those present.

7. Discussion and comparison of Management Plans, Rules, and Management Strategies of the Districts in GMA 12 as required by Chapter 36.108

Mr. Westbrook asked if anyone had anything specific to address on this particular agenda item. Mr. Totten stated Lost Pines GCD is doing a management plan update and will be doing a hearing at regular board meeting on the 19th of October without MAGs.

Mr. Day stated his board has adopted the DFCs that were developed in the last round during the August board meeting. Mr. Westbrook stated POSGCD will update its management plan at its November board meeting and will consider DFCs in both GMA 8 and 12 at the next Board Meeting on October 11th.

8. Presentation from Justin Thompson, Bureau of Economic Geology, concerning pilot program to better understand and quantify the hydrologic and socioeconomic impacts to pumping driven by groundwater storage and use conditions

Mr. Westbrook welcomed and introduced Justin Thompson. Mr. Thompson gave a presentation entitled New Tools for Quantifying Hydro-Economic Well Performance concerning a pilot program he has developed. This pilot program will use new tools for quantifying hydro-economic well performance thresholds and impacts.

He discussed the program and answered questions from GMA 12 members.

9. Discussion of comments received on past, current, and future processes for adoption of Desired Future Conditions (DFCs) and effects of these processes on management of groundwater in the Districts in GMA 12

Mr. Westbrook reminded all the GMA 12 members that they had agreed to have a 90-day comment period which would end by September 1, 2022 to receive these comments, and that all comments received had been posted to the GMA 12 page on the POSGCD website. The GMA 12 members discussed each of the comments received.

Comments from Brazos River Authority were discussed.

Comments from Andy Wier, SAWDF, were discussed.

Comments from Mike Orosco, Lexington landowner, were discussed.

Comments from Linda Curtis were discussed.

Comments from Steve Box were discussed.

Comments from Curtis Chubb were discussed.

Comments from Sheril Smith, Lost Pines GCD, were discussed.

Comments from Phillip Cook, Lost Pines GCD, were discussed.

10. Discussion of requirements of Chapter 36.108 in adopting DFCs

Mr. Westbrook asked if there were any items to add under this agenda item. No comments were offered.

11. Evaluation and discussion of past and future pumping files and scenarios using the Sparta/Queen City/Carrizo-Wilcox Groundwater Availability Model (GAM) and results, including predicted water levels and water budgets

Mr. Westbrook asked if there were any items to add under this agenda item. No comments were offered.

12. Discussion and possible action on shared database through Halff, Inc. containing information of permitting and production records for GCDs in GMA 12

The presentations from the previous GMA 12 meeting by Halff, Inc. and the Texas Water Development Board were discussed. General pricing of a shared database hosted by Halff, Inc. was discussed. Mr. Westbrook stated that POSGCD is ready to move forward and would like to have an agreement on how costs for this effort will be shared.

After further discussion, it was decided that GMA 12 will invite Halff, Inc. give a presentation at the next GMA 12 meeting with specific information and costs.

13. Discussion and possible action on draft schedules for process of Joint Planning for GMA 12

Mr. Totten prepared and discussed a draft schedule with three different options, Option A, Option B, and Option C, for the Joint Planning process. Mr. Day moved to attempt to adhere to option B as a guideline to follow for this round of Joint Planning. He was seconded by David Bailey. Mr. Westbrook asked for a vote. Following Option B as a guideline was approved unanimously of those present.

14. Discussion of possible Groundwater Summit for GMA 12

After discussion, this item was taken off of the agenda for the next GMA 12 Meeting. It will be added back at a later date sometime next year.

15. Public Comment on non-agenda items

Mr. Westbrook asked if anyone attending in person or online would like to make a comment on non-agenda items. No comments were offered by anyone attending in person or online.

16. Update from Texas Water Development Board

Natalie Ballew gave the updates from TWDB. She noted that Larry French retired as Director of the Groundwater Division at TWDB and she was named as his successor. The GMA 12 members all congratulated Ms. Ballew on this promotion. Ms. Ballew introduced Daryn Hardwick, Groundwater Modeling Manager for TWDB.

Ms. Ballew stated that GMA 12 Districts should have received the administratively complete DFC submittal letters in July. She noted that TWDB has until December to get to MAGs but hopes to get to them within the next month or two.

She gave an update stating that Halff, Inc. and TWDB Groundwater Data team are meeting to facilitate data sharing that she hopes will be applied to all Districts.

Ms. Ballew asked if there were any questions or comments for her. No questions or comments were offered.

17. Agenda items and Date for next meeting

Possible agenda items for the next GMA 12 Meeting will be emailed to Mr. Westbrook.
The next GMA 12 Meeting will be on November 18, 2022 at 10 am.

18. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 12:53 pm.

THE ABOVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AREA 12 HELD ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2022 WERE APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY GMA 12 ON NOVEMBER 18, 2022.

ATTEST



Mid-East Texas Groundwater Conservation District



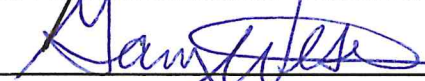
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Brazos Valley Groundwater Conservation District



Lost Pines Groundwater Conservation District



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