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## 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/>

**February 21, 2025 – 10:00 a.m.**

### **GMA 12 Members Present in Person**

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**

### **Entity**

Alan Gardenhire	SLR
Brent Covert	TGI
Robert Bradley	TWDB
Courtney Gentry	POSGCD
Jaclyn Wise	POSGCD
Michael Redman	POSGCD
Michael Thornhill	TGF
John Elliott	RCWSC
Paul Kirby	DBS & A
Andy Donnelly	AGS
Patrick Abbitt	RW Harden
Claire Marks	LPGCD
James Beach	AGS

### **Others Present online**

Eric  
Gretchen Miller  
JM  
Stephanie Wong  
Andy Wier  
Casey Cooper  
Chris Drabek  
Craig A  
DLL  
E Hernandez  
Gary Mechler  
Gregory Perry  
James Beach

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Jayson  
Jennifer Nations  
Kristen Fancher  
Liz Ferry  
Neil Blandford  
Robert Chandler  
RY  
Travis Wood  
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## **MINUTES**

### **1. Invocation**

The invocation was given by David Bailey.

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

Gary Westbrook 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 10:04 a.m. and noted that all five voting members of GMA 12 were present in person.

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

GMA 12 Members introduced themselves. Alan Day introduced John Elliott. David Van Dresar introduced Andy Donnelly. Mr. Westbrook introduced Robert Bradley.

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

No comments were made.

### **6. Minutes of December 13, 2024 Groundwater Management Area (GMA 12) Meeting**

Jim Totten moved to approve the Minutes of the December 13, 2024 GMA 12 Meeting. He was seconded by Mr. Van Dresar. The approval of the December 13, 2024 GMA 12 Meeting Minutes was unanimous of all present.

### **7. Evaluation and discussion of past and future pumping files and scenarios using the Yegua-Jackson Groundwater Availability Model (GAM) and results, including permitted and reported production, Desired Future Conditions (DFCs), predicted water levels and water budgets**

Paul Kirby overviewed a presentation entitled 'Yegua-Jackson Aquifer presented to GMA 12'. He answered questions from the GMA 12 Members. After discussion, Mr. Day moved that each GCD will perform evaluations for information and provide comments and corrections by the end of March to produce additional model runs to consider. He was seconded by Mr. Van Dresar. The motion passed unanimously of all present.

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**8. 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**

Agenda items 8, 9, 10 and 11 were opened simultaneously. GMA 12 Members discussed pumping scenarios, pumping files, DFC planning for the current round of joint planning and model runs previously presented and discussed. Alan Day reminded the members that BVGCD had presented results of their “best estimate” run and would like for the members to consider these results in their decisions. Mr. Westbrook stated the Post Oak Savannah GCD Board desired to maintain currently adopted DFCs. During discussion Mr. Van Dresar, Mr. Bailey and Mr. Totten agreed with desires to maintain current DFCs if possible. Mr. Westbrook noted the limited time remaining to adopt DFCs in this current round of planning and recommended moving forward with current DFCs and evaluating comments received during the process as a possible way to get an early start on the next round of joint planning.

Mr. Day reminded that Brazos Valley GCD had submitted updated pumping files previously and asked about each GCD updating their pumping files to be used in the current process. Different ways to incorporate additional pumping into the model runs while still targeting results of current DFCs were discussed. Jim Totten agreed that curtailment of permitted amounts in pumping files was acceptable. The group discussed the potential of documenting level of curtailment in pumping files in the explanatory report. Details of the curtailment process were not discussed. The group also directed consultants to include pumping estimates for counties without GCDs.

After discussion, Mr. Westbrook moved that each GMA 12 Member update their pumping file from the S-19 Run and provide their consultants with the updated files and instruction to work with consultant team to update the S-19 file with the intent that overall DFCs are still the goal, with the updated file and GAM Run being designated as PS4-1. He was seconded by Mr. Van Dresar. The motion passed unanimously of all present. All comments are due by March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

**9. Discussion and possible action regarding existing DFCs, alternate DFC methods and parallel tracks, and expression of DFCs**

**10. Review of previously discussed programs and methodology for determining and calculating DFCs from GAM Runs and possible use of variances**

**11. Discussion of requirements of Texas Water Code in adopting DFCs during present round of joint planning, including schedule, model runs, metrics, and review of 9 factors from Section 36.108(d)**

**12. Discussion and Review of efforts and costs associated with development of Explanatory Report for this round of joint planning for GMA 12**

James Beach overviewed a proposal to update the Explanatory Report for the Fourth Round of joint planning. After brief discussion, GMA 12 Members decided they will each

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discuss with their individual Boards and return to the next GMA 12 meeting to take action.

**13. Discussion and possible action on Interlocal Agreement for sharing of responsibilities and expenses of cost for work performed by each GCD in joint planning**

Mr. Van Dresar moved to table this discussion until the next GMA 12 meeting. He was seconded by Mr. Bailey. The motion passed unanimously of all present.

**14. Review and discussion of legislation filed in the 89<sup>th</sup> Legislature which may affect joint planning of GMAs**

Michael Redman, Compliance Specialist with POSGCD, overviewed and discussed SB480, HB2078, HB2077, HB1689 and HB1690 of the 89<sup>th</sup> session.

**15. Discussion of work of regional water planning groups which may affect GMA 12 or be affected by GMA 12**

Mr. Westbrook reported the Region G IPP was approved for submission and moving forward to public hearings. Mr. Van Dresar reported that Region K held a meeting yesterday, approved IPP for submission, hearings set for April 17<sup>th</sup> in Austin, May in La Grange and Burton County at the end of May. Mr. Bailey reported that Region C meets Monday, no update on hearing schedule as of yet. Region H met on February 7<sup>th</sup> and planned out their hearing schedules for their IPP.

**16. Public comment on non-agenda items**

No public comments were made on non-agenda items.

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

Robert Bradley stated that Chairwoman Stepney was appointed by Gov. Abbott to replace former Chairwoman Paup, who been appointed by Gov. Abbott to chair TCEQ.

A new checklist has been made for management plans that reflects the updated Rules that were finalized in January.

He clarified that the State Water Plan gets updated in years that end in 7.

He also encouraged the GMA to remember Limestone, Navarro, Williamson and Falls counties need to be included in pumping files to be considered.

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

The next GMA 12 Meeting is scheduled for April 23, 2025. Agenda items for the next meeting will include agenda items 12 and 13 from today's agenda, and any other items appropriate.

**19. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:24 p.m.

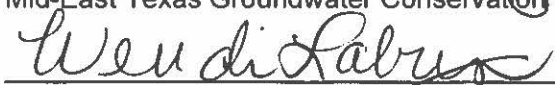
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THE ABOVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AREA 12 HELD ON  
FEBRUARY 21, 2025 WERE APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY GMA 12 ON April 23, 2025.

ATTEST

  
Post Oak Savannah Groundwater Conservation District

  
Mid-East Texas Groundwater Conservation District

  
Fayette County Groundwater Conservation District

  
Brazos Valley Groundwater Conservation District

  
Lost Pines Groundwater Conservation District

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