

Groundwater Management Area 15

GMA 15 meeting convened in the Pattie Dodson Health Center, 2805 N. Navarro St., Victoria, Texas, Classroom 108A at 9:30 a. m. on March 26, 2009

Present: **Lonnie Stewart**, Bee GCD
Neil Hudgins, Coastal Plains GCD and Coastal Bend GCD
Ronald Gertson, Coastal Bend GCD
Jim Brasher, Colorado County GCD
Bob Pickens, Colorado County GCD
David Van Dresar, Fayette County GCD
Art Dohmann, Goliad County GCD
Larry Svetlik, Lavaca County GCD
Garrett Engelking, Refugio GCD
Tim Andruss, Victoria County GCD

Agenda Item 1: WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Neil Hudgins called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. and welcomed guests. The following individuals were in attendance:

Steve Young – URS,
Katrina Newsom – Corpus Christi Water Department,
Landon Yokso – San Antonio River Authority,
Venki Uddameri – TAMUK,
Bill Richter – Texas Water Alliance,
Ali Chowdhury – TWDB,
Sarah Backhouse – TWDB,
Jerry James – City of Victoria,
James Dodson – Goliad Sands, Ltd.,
Andy Donnelly – DB Stephens
Jan Eager – Victoria County GCD
Barbara Dietzel – Victoria County GCD
Arlene Marshal – Calhoun County

Agenda Item 2: PUBLIC COMMENT

Bill Richter provided comments on the SB 1238 and the trend toward regionalization.

Agenda Item 3: MINUTES

The meeting minutes for the GMA 15 meetings held on April 23, 2008 and November 5, 2008 were reviewed.

MOTION: Lonnie Stewart moved to accept and approve the minutes of GMA 15 meetings held on April 23, 2008 and November 5, 2008. Garrett Engelking seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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Agenda Item 4: REPORT FROM TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD ON GAM RUN 08-56 RESULTS

Ali Chowdhury, Ph.D., P.G., Hydrogeologist for the Texas Water Development Board provided a handout on GAM Run 08-56 Model Results Groundwater Management Area 15.

Dr. Chowdhury reviewed the results of the GAM run and provided explanation for the following:

1. Pumping volumes requested for GAM run 08-56;
2. Baseline pumping distribution within the GAM;
3. GAM Run pumping distribution within the GAM;
4. Water levels at the end of the calibration period and the end of the simulation period for each aquifer component;
5. Simulated water level declines by aquifer component;
6. Average simulated water level declines by county and aquifer component;
7. Summary of previous GAM run statistics by county and aquifer component.

Tim Andruss requested that TWDB provide minimum and maximum drawdown statistics for GAM runs. TWDB agreed to provide the statistics for GAM 08-56.

Dr. Chowdhury agreed to investigate the causes of the simulated drawdown in the Jasper Aquifer.

Ronald Gertson requested that TWDB provide a template for submitting DFC statements. TWDB agreed to provide a template.

MOTION: Tim Andruss moved that each GCD provide a draft DFC statement to Neil Hudgins by May 1, 2009. David Van Dresar seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 5a: DISCUSSION TO GATHER CONSENSUS ON DEVELOPING / PUBLISHING AGENDAS, MINUTES, AND ANY OTHER MEETING DOCUMENTATION; WEBSITE POSTING AND PROPER STORAGE OF SUCH DOCUMENTATION

GAM 15 requested that TWDB consider allowing GMA 15 to use the TWDB's web page for GMA 15 as a site to store and update content for GMA 15.

Tim Andruss offered to construct and maintain a web page for GMA 15 on the VCGCD website in the event that TWDB may be unable to provide this service to GMA 15.

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Agenda Item 5.b: DISCUSSION ON THE DFC ADOPTION AND SUBMITTAL PROCESS

Tim Andruss agreed to develop a proposed schedule of GMA 15 meetings and major milestones for consideration by GMA 15.

Agenda Item 5.c: DISCUSS AND COMPILE PRELIMINARY DFC STATEMENTS FROM GMA 15 GCD's THAT COULD BE INCLUDED IN A DRAFT DFC GAM RUN

Tabled until next meeting.

Agenda Item 5.d: DISCUSS DFC STATEMENTS AND THE FORMAT IN WHICH THEY WILL BE SUBMITTED

Tabled until next meeting.

Agenda Item 5.e: DISCUSS POSSIBILITY OF EMPLOYING CONSULTANT TO DRAFT DFC FOR GMA 15

A discussion was held in regards to employing a consultant to draft DFC for GMA 15. A consensus was reached among GMA 15 to not employ a consultant.

Agenda Item 5.f: CONSIDER ANY FUTURE GAM RUN REQUESTS

Tabled until next meeting.

Agenda Item 5.g: DISCUSSION ON DEVELOPING MEETING SCHEDULE THROUGH SEPTEMBER 2010

The next GMA 15 meeting will be held on May 6, 2008 at 9:30 a.m.

Agenda Item 6: PUBLIC COMMENT

James Dodson commented that he would like to see consistency in the GCD's determining a DFC statements.

Agenda Item 7: ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: At 12:25 p.m., Art Dohmann moved to adjourn the GMA 15 meeting. The motion was seconded Neil Hudgins. The motion passed unanimously.