

# Groundwater Management Area 15 Meeting Minutes

The Groundwater Management Area 15 meeting convened at 118 S. Market Street Goliad, Texas 77963 at 9:30 AM on January 14, 2021.

**Members GCD Representatives Present:**

1	Bee Groundwater Conservation District	Lonnie Stewart
2	Calhoun County Groundwater Conservation District	Tim Andruss
3	Coastal Bend Groundwater Conservation District	Neil Hudgins
4	Coastal Plains Groundwater Conservation District	Neil Hudgins
5	Colorado County Groundwater Conservation District	Jim Brasher
6	Corpus Christi ASR Conservation District	
7	Evergreen Underground Water Conservation District	Russell Labus
8	Fayette County Groundwater Conservation District	David Van Dresar
9	Goliad County Groundwater Conservation District	Art Dohmann
10	Pecan Valley Groundwater Conservation District	Cindy Parma
11	Refugio Groundwater Conservation District	Tim Andruss
12	Texana Groundwater Conservation District	Tim Andruss
13	Victoria County Groundwater Conservation District	Tim Andruss

**Agenda Item 1: Call to order and welcome guests.**

Mr. Andruss called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM. A quorum was present.

Attached to these minutes is a copy of the meeting sign-in sheet.

No action was taken.

**Agenda Item 2: Receive public comment.**

Mr. Andruss offer to accept any public comments.

No action was taken.

**Agenda Item 3: Consideration of and possible action on minutes of the previous meeting.**

Mr. Andruss explained that the draft minutes of the previous meeting were sent to the GMA 15 representatives prior to this meeting.

MOTION: Mr. Stewart moved to approve the meeting minutes as drafted. Mr. Van Dresar seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**Agenda Item 4: Consideration of and possible action on matters related to budget and financial reports of Groundwater Management Area 15.**

Mr. Andruss explained that on January 12, 2021, the Treasurer's Report for the GMA 15 funds and LRE Water Invoice 390 submitted by Ms. Parma were forwarded to the GMA 15 Representatives and general managers of the Member District.

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MOTION: Mr. Stewart moved to accept the Treasurer's Report for the GMA 15 funds and approve the payment of LRE Water Invoice 390 in the amount of \$1,400.00. Mr. Labus seconded the motion. The motion passed.

## **Agenda Item 5: Consideration of and possible action on reports and communication from GMA 15 member districts and GMA 15 representatives to Regional Water Planning Groups.**

Mr. Andruss explained that on December 29, 2020, representatives of GMA 15 were sent a copy of the report prepared by LRE Water for Goliad County GCD regarding their project titled 'GAM Recalibration Focusing on Goliad County'.

No action was taken.

## **Agenda Item 6: Consideration of and possible action on reports from Texas Water Development Board representatives to Groundwater Management Area 15 including GR16-025 MAG.**

No Discussion.

No action was taken.

## **Agenda Item 7: Consideration of and possible action on matters related to joint planning including the review of management plans and accomplishments of Groundwater Management Area 15 member districts.**

### **Topic 7.1 - Review of Management Plans and Accomplishments**

Mr. Andruss explained that any annual reports for fiscal year 2020 forwarded to the GMA 15 Administrator at [admin@vcgcd.org](mailto:admin@vcgcd.org) before March 26, 2021 will be reviewed and evaluated in a manner similar to reviews complete in previous years. The results of the review will be presented at the meeting of GMA 15 scheduled for April 2021.

No Action was taken.

### **Topic 7.2 - Consultants Work Schedule and Timeline for Adopting a DFC**

Mr. Andruss explained that by May 1, 2021, GMAs "shall propose for adoption desired future conditions for the relevant aquifers within the management area."

Texas Water Code Sec 36.108(d) reads:

Not later than May 1, 2021, and every five years thereafter, the districts shall consider groundwater availability models and other data or information for the management area and shall propose for adoption desired future conditions for the relevant aquifers within the management area. Before voting on the proposed desired future conditions of the aquifers under Subsection (d-2), the districts shall consider:

- (1) aquifer uses or conditions within the management area, including conditions that differ substantially from one geographic area to another;
- (2) the water supply needs, and water management strategies included in the state water plan;

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- (3) hydrological conditions, including for each aquifer in the management area the total estimated recoverable storage as provided by the executive administrator, and the average annual recharge, inflows, and discharge.
- (4) other environmental impacts, including impacts on spring flow and other interactions between groundwater and surface water.
- (5) the impact on subsidence.
- (6) socioeconomic impacts reasonably expected to occur.
- (7) the impact on the interests and rights in private property, including ownership and the rights of management area landowners and their lessees and assigns in groundwater as recognized under Section 36.002.
- (8) the feasibility of achieving the desired future condition; and
- (9) any other information relevant to the specific desired future conditions.

Texas Water Code Sec 36.108(d-3) established a deadline of January 5, 2022 for finally adopt the desired future conditions for the management area after consideration of the proposed desired future conditions at the district level.

No Action taken.

### **Topic 7.3 - Joint Planning and Related Work Products of the Technical Consultants**

Mr. Andruss explained that on October 8, 2020, the representatives considered the socioeconomic impacts, the impacts on private property, and the feasibility of achieving desired future conditions within GMA 15.

On January 11, 2021, Mr. Keester submitted a revised, draft memorandum to the members of GMA 15 (redline version) regarding the feasibility of achieving desired future conditions within GMA 15.

The representatives discuss matters related to relevant aquifers for planning purposes in GMA 15, socio-economic impacts, property rights, and the feasibility of achieving desired future conditions within GMA 15.

MOTION: Mr. Labus moved to continue the designation of the Carrizo-Wilcox, Queen City, Sparta, and Yegua-Jackson Aquifers as non-relevant for GMA 15 planning purposes. Mr. Van Dresar seconded the motion. The motion passed.

MOTION: Mr. Stewart moved to accept the memorandum from LRE Water regarding impacts on private property rights. Mr. Labus seconded the motion. The motion passed.

MOTION: Mr. Brasher moved to accept the memorandum from LRE Water regarding socio-economic impacts. Mr. Van Dresar seconded the motion. The motion passed.

MOTION: Mr. Van Dresar moved to accept the memorandum from LRE Water regarding the feasibility of achieving desired future conditions within GMA 15. Mr. Stewart seconded the motion. The motion passed.

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## Topic 7.4 - TWDB GAM Development for GMA 15

Mr. Andruss explained that on October 8, 2020, a subcommittee comprised of Mr. Andruss and Mr. Van Dresar was established to serve as a liaison to GMA 16 regarding the TWDB's conceptual GAM model for GMAs 15 and 16.

On December 3, 2020, a copy of a letter submitted to TWDB by Kenedy GCD and a presentation developed by Dr. Uddameri for VCGCD, CCGCD, RGCD and TGCD were forwarded to the general managers of the member districts of GMA 15 for review.

Given the similarity between the comments and concerns expressed by KGCD, VCGCD, CCGCD, RGCD and TGCD, a meeting of the subcommittee with representatives of GMA 16 was cancelled.

No action was taken.

## **Agenda Item 8: Consideration of and possible action on administrative and organizational matters of Groundwater Management Area 15.**

No Discussion.

No action was taken.

## **Agenda Item 9: Consideration of and possible action on identification and scheduling of future agenda items and meetings.**

Mr. Andruss the next meeting of the GMA 15 Committee is scheduled for April 8, 2021 location and time are to be determined.

No action was taken.

## **Agenda Item 10: Receive public comment.**

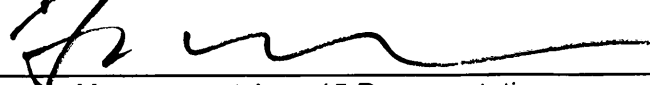
No public comment provided.


## **Agenda Item 11: Adjournment**

At approximately 10:30 AM, Mr. Van Dresar moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Brasher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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The above and foregoing minutes were considered and approved on this the 8<sup>th</sup> day  
of April a.d. 2021

  
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Groundwater Management Area 15 Representative

ATTEST:   
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Groundwater Management Area 15 Representative

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Sign-In Sheet

Date of Meeting: 1-14-21

**Name**

**Agenda Item Or Name**

TIM ANDRUS	VC GCD
KENNETH ELLER	
ART DONNAN	
Mike Kerster	LRE Water
David A. Van Drossen	FCGCD
Cindy Parma	Pecan Valley
Lonnie Stewart	Bec GCD
Joe Goff	CBGCD / CPBCC
Roy Rasick	Guadalupe P#2
Andy Donnelly	DBS+A
Jim Brachert	CCGCD
Russell Lakus	Evergreen UWCD