

Groundwater Management Area 9
Joint Planning Committee
Meeting Minutes

On Monday, August 15, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. at the Cow Creek Groundwater Conservation District, 9 Toepperwein Rd, Boerne, TX 78006, the designated representatives of the Groundwater Conservation Districts (GCDs) within Groundwater Management Area 9 (GMA 9) convened in a regular meeting, at which time the following items were discussed, and action was taken with the following:

1. Call to Order.

Micah Voulgaris, GMA 9 Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. All members were present with the exception of Medina County GCD, who entered the meeting at 10:04 am, and Southwestern Travis County GCD who was absent.

2. Pledge of Allegiance.

The GMA 9 Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Establishment of a Quorum and receipt of posted open meeting notices

Micah Voulgaris stated that 8 out of 9 GCD's were present, which established a quorum. All GCDs posted the Meeting Agenda, and Micah Voulgaris posted at the Secretary of State's office.

4. Introductions.

The attending Board Presidents or Designated Representatives (DR) introduced themselves:

- 1) Hays Trinity GCD- Charley Flatten, General Manager (GM), DR
- 2) Blanco-Pedernales GCD - Ron Fieseler, GM, DR
- 3) Bandera County River Authority and Groundwater District- Hayli Hernandez, DR
- 4) Headwaters GCD - Monica Thibodeaux, Assistant GM, DR
- 5) Cow Creek GCD -Micah Voulgaris, GM, DR
- 6) Comal Trinity GCD- Allan Brown, DR
- 7) Trinity Glen Rose GCD - Amanda Maloukis, Assistant GM, DR

5. Public Comment.

A resident from Comal County stated they were looking for any information related to locating Springs in the County.

6. Review and consider minutes from the June 20th, 2022 GMA 9 meeting.

Amanda Maloukis made a motion to accept the minutes from the June 20, 2022 GMA 9 meeting and Monica Thibodeaux seconded the motion. Motion passed 8-0.

7. Modeling needs for the fourth GMA 9 Planning Cycle.

Ron Fieseler stated that he added additional funding to his budget in anticipation of Ellenberger model runs and suggested that the cost for an Ellenberger run would be split between Headwaters GCD, Blanco-Pedernales GCD and Cow Creek GCD. Additionally, it was suggested that the same practice might be considered for the Edwards-Trinity aquifer between Cow Creek GCD and BCRA GD.

8. Discussion and action related to an Interlocal agreement for the fourth GMA 9 Planning Cycle.

Micah Voulgaris stated that each GCD should bring a letter stating their District Representative and an Alternate. BCRA GD turned one in that morning.

It was decided to avoid having a quorum present on subcommittees, each committee can only have 4 DR's (including alternates). Ron Fieseler stated that typically voting to approve anything in the GMA requires a two-thirds majority, but it is unclear if the quorum is only 5 or 6 as to how that would work.

With regards to billing and payment, it was decided that there would be no separate bank account and each invoice would be divided accordingly and each GCD would have to pay their share within 60 days.

The GMA 9 Committee decided to take out the requirement of a financial report as it is not relevant. The ILA's need to be approved before the next GMA 9 meeting in October.

9. Discussion and action related to a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for distribution to consulting firms interested in the preparation of an Explanatory Report, completing model runs, or other tasks that may require technical assistance for the fourth GMA 9 Planning Cycle.

The RFQ was approved by consensus and the deadline for RFQ submissions is November 18, 2022 so that they can be approved mid-December.

10. Sub-committee updates related to:

1. Public Outreach Subcommittee – Please see agenda item 11.
2. Technical Subcommittee -The technical subcommittee discussed scheduling a meeting with TWDB modelers to request information on models and District DFC's
3. Management Plan and Rules Subcommittee – has not met.
4. Regional Planning Group Subcommittee – Only Region L had met at the time. Public participation in subcommittee's was discussed, as there was a peaked interest. It was decided that only District staff and board members, and industry professionals can participate in the Technical Committee, however the public can participate in the Public Outreach subcommittee.

11. Discussion and action on providing the Public Outreach Subcommittee with direction to move forward with a GMA Public Outreach/Education Program.

Micah Voulgaris suggested that something similar as to the program that the Hill Country Alliance hosted in Wimberly regarding the DFC process could be beneficial to educating the public. The Hill Country Alliance stated that they would like to help with educational events. It was also suggested that an educational component could be added to the GMA

9 website. It was also decided that if creating an education/outreach program it should be listed as a GMA 9 agenda item for feedback.

12. Comments and updates from TWDB and GMA 9 representatives on the joint planning process and other correspondence and announcements.

There were no updates from TWDB.

Amanda Maloukis stated that she is working on a website and will send the link to Micah and Hayli for approval.

Ron Fieseler stated that he wants to get moving on a meeting regarding the Ellenberger aquifer between Cow Creek GCD, Blanco Pedernales GCD, and Headwaters GCD.

Additionally, he stated that 5 Districts share a well logging trailer and they need more logs in Comal County.

Allan Brown stated that he would like to promote well camera use.

13. Public comment

Residents would like more education geared toward private well owners.

14. Establish date, time, and place of next meeting and discuss potential agenda items.

The next GMA 9 committee meeting will be held on October 17, 2022 at 10am at Cow Creek GCD. Micah Voulgaris will try to host a Zoom link for Observation.

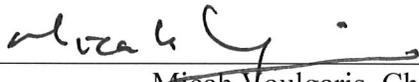
15. Adjournment

Ron Fieseler made a motion to adjourn and Amanda Maloukis seconded the motion.

Motion passed 8-0. Meeting adjourned at 10:56am.

Approved by GMA-9 October 17, 2022

Attest:



Micah Voulgaris, Chairman

Attest:



Amanda Maloukis, Vice Chair