Groundwater Management Area 9 Joint Planning Committee Meeting Minutes

On Tuesday, March 26, 2024, 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 a regular meeting, at which time the following items were discussed, and action was taken with the following:

1. Call to Order.

M. Voulgaris, GMA 9 Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M..

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

M. 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. Comal Trinity Groundwater GCD was absent.

4. Introductions.

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

- 1) Hays Trinity GCD- Charlie Flatten, GM, DR
- 2) Blanco-Pedernales GCD R. Fieseler, Consulting Geologist, 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) Medina County GCD- David Caldwell, GM, DR
- 7) Trinity Glen Rose GCD Amanda Maloukis, GM, DR
- 8) Southwest Travis County GCD Lane Cockrell, GM, DR

5. Public Comment.

None.

6. Review and consider minutes from the January 23, 2024 GMA 9 meeting and workshop.

A. Maloukis made the motion to approve the January 23, 2024 GMA 9 meeting and workshop minutes, M. Voulgaris seconded the motion. Motion passed 8-0.

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

a. Individual District needs.

No updates at this time.

b. Update on Ellenberger modeling.

No new updates at this time.

c. Update on Southern Trinity Aquifer GAM Stakeholder meeting. No new updates at this time.

- 8. Presentation by AGS on three of the nine factors in accordance with TWC 36.108 (d)
 - a. the water supply needs and water management strategies included in the state water plan;
 - b. <u>hydrological conditions</u>, 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;
 - c. the impact on subsidence.

James Beach and his team with AGS presented the first three of nine factors for the explanatory report.

- 9. <u>Discussion and possible action by district representatives on three of the nine factors in accordance with TWC 36.108 (d)</u>
 - a. the water supply needs and water management strategies included in the state water plan;
 - b. <u>hydrological conditions</u>, 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;
 - c. the impact on subsidence.
 - M. Voulgaris stated that Kendall County has a problem with demand increasing and one management strategy for all of the demand. Discussion ensued on breaking apart the Middle and Lower Trinity. It was requested to include a placeholder for individual Districts to address supply management.
- 10. Sub-committee updates related to:
 - a. Public Outreach Subcommittee

The Bandera Outreach meeting with TWDB & HCA garnered a large attendance.

- b. Technical Subcommittee
 - M. Voulgaris stated that Cow Creek had put together a potentiometric synoptic water level map from the monitor well data that was submitted.
- c. Management Plan and Rules Subcommittee None.
- d. <u>Regional Planning Group Subcommittee</u> GMA 9 appointed Charlie Flatten as the Region K liasion.
- 11. Comments and updates from TWDB and GMA 9 representatives on the joint planning process and other correspondence and announcements.

Jennifer is the new member of TWDB groundwater department.

Subsidence reports are now required to be referenced rather than just listing as not applicable. A. Maloukis gave an update on the USGS study at Camp Bullis. Brian Hunt is no longer on the board of SWTGCD.