

# THE STATE OF TEXAS

## GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AREA NINE

### JOINT PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025

The Joint Planning Committee of Groundwater Management Area Nine (GMA9) convened a meeting in the Cow Creek GCD Meeting Room located at 9 Toepperwein Road, Boerne, Texas.

**Districts Present:** Bandera County River Authority and Groundwater District  
Blanco-Pedernales Groundwater Conservation District  
Comal Trinity Groundwater Conservation District  
Cow Creek Groundwater Conservation District  
Hays-Trinity Groundwater Conservation District  
Headwaters Groundwater Conservation District  
Medina County Groundwater Conservation District  
Trinity Glen Rose Groundwater Conservation District  
Southwestern Travis County Groundwater Conservation District

**Districts Absent:** N/A

1. **Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order at 10:04 A.M. by Chairman Micah Voulgaris.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance.** Voulgaris led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Establishment of a Quorum and receipt of posted open meeting notices.** A quorum was established with all nine District's representatives in attendance. All notices were properly posted by each District as well as with the Secretary of State/Texas Register.
4. **Introductions.** All Districts introduced themselves. Dave Mauk for BCRA GD, Erik Kubinski for BPGCD, Carl Haak for CTGCD, Micah Voulgaris for CCGCD, Charlie Flatten for HTGCD, Monica Thibodeaux for HGCD, David Caldwell for MCGCD, Amanda Maloukis for TGRGCD and Layne Cockrell for STCGCD.
5. **Public comment.** None offered
6. **Review and consider the minutes of the February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025 GMA 9 meeting and workshop.** Layne Cockrell had one correction on item 6, noting that he abstained from the vote on those motions. David Caldwell made a motion to approve the minutes as amended, which was second by Erik Kubinski and passed unanimously, 9-0.
7. **Discussion and action on amending the current scope of work and contract between GMA9 and Advanced Groundwater Solutions, LLC, James Beach, PG.** An overview of the scope of work with AGS and an amended version to consider were presented.

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Discussion occurred among the committee members with their consultant on concerns there will not be an adequate amount of time to truth the new model, would not have time to make adjustments if a problem occurred with the results from evaluating the model, make comparison runs, run simulations, and have the in-depth meeting conversations and action that need to occur to adopt proposed DFCs by May 1, 2026.

A motion was made by Dave Mauk and seconded by Erik Kubinski to accept the amended scope of work and contract between GMA 9 and Advanced Groundwater Solutions, LLC and send a request to the Texas Water Development Board for the GMA 9 to utilize the current Hill Country Model. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

**8. Discussion and possible action on modeling needs for the fourth GMA 9 Planning Cycle.**

- a. Individual District needs
- b. Update on Southern Trinity Aquifer GAM by TWDB
- c. Ellenberger modeling
- d. Edwards-Trinity Plateau modeling

Discussions on the best way to submit Ellenberger and Edwards-Trinity Plateau modeling data to the TWDB ensued with no action.

**9. Discussion and possible action regarding the review of and use of individual District compiled pumping numbers and potential simulations with the TWDB Hill Country Trinity GAM for the fourth GMA9 planning cycle, James Beach, PG.** Discussion took place to have members have their data submitted by the next meeting and to come back ready to discuss potential simulations and look at Task 10-005 Scenarios.

**10. Sub-committee updates related to:**

- a. Public Outreach Subcommittee – no update
- b. Technical Subcommittee
  - Potentiometric/synoptic water-level project – no update
- c. Management Plan and Rules Subcommittee – no update
- d. Regional Planning Group Subcommittee – no update
- e. Drawdown Subcommittee – Micah presented a few draft water level maps.

**11. Comments and updates from TWDB and GMA 9 representatives on the joint planning process and other correspondence and announcements.** Dave Mauk introduced Doug Schnoebelen, Phd. and welcomed him to BCRAGD.

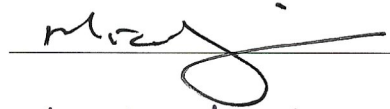
**12. Public comment** Ron Fieseler commented on why 2008 was used as a baseline for previous planning cycles.


**13. Establish date, time, and place of next meeting and discuss potential agenda items.** The next GMA9 meeting will be held in Boerne on May 16, 2025. Topics will include: Potential discussion on how to select a new baseline year and a discussion of individual District's data submissions.

**14. Adjournment.** Chairman Micah Voulgaris adjourned the meeting at 11:17 A.M.

MINUTES APPROVED:

5/16/2025, Date

, Micah Voulgaris, Chairman

, Amanda Maloukis, Vice Chair