

THE STATE OF TEXAS

GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AREA NINE

JOINT PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

May 16th, 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
Trinity Glen Rose Groundwater Conservation District

Districts Absent: Headwaters Groundwater Conservation District
Medina County Groundwater Conservation District
Southwestern Travis County Groundwater Conservation District

1. **Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order at 10:06 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 six of the 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, Jimmy Klepac for BPGCD, Carl Haack for CTGCD, Micah Voulgaris for CCGCD, Charlie Flatten for HTGCD and Amanda Maloukis for TGRGCD.
5. **Public comment.** Vanessa Puig-Williams commented on amending DFC's mid cycle in the next round of planning as well as EDF's desire for sustainable DFC's.
6. **Review and consider the minutes of the April 15th, 2025 GMA 9 meeting.** Charlie Flatten made a motion to approve the April 15th GMA 9 Meeting minutes, which was seconded by Dave Mauk and passed 6-0-0.
7. **Discussion and possible action under §36.108, Texas Water Code, regarding joint planning of groundwater conservation districts in Groundwater Management Area 9, including review of management plans, the accomplishments of and issues facing the management area, and information related to proposals to adopt new or amend existing desired future conditions. Groundwater availability models and other data**

or information for the management area may be discussed in relation to the discussion and adoption of the desired future conditions for the relevant aquifers within the management area, including the considerations listed under §36.108(d), Texas Water Code. The committee reviewed new pumpage data submitted by individual Districts. It was agreed that the Districts would bring at least one draft DFC scenario to the June meeting for AGS to run with the current model.

8. Sub-committee updates related to:

- a. Public Outreach Subcommittee – no update
- b. Technical Subcommittee
 - Potentiometric/synoptic water-level project – USGS will update the GMA 9 on the synoptic water level study at an upcoming meeting
- c. Management Plan and Rules Subcommittee – no update
- d. Regional Planning Group Subcommittee – The regional planning groups are holding public hearings on their initially prepared plans
- e. Drawdown Subcommittee – no update

9. Comments and updates from TWDB and GMA 9 representatives on the joint planning process and other correspondence and announcements. Jennifer Badhwar of the TWDB notified Districts that annual groundwater level data is due by August 7th. She also stated that Jevon Harding of the TWDB modeling team stated that the new model is scheduled to be released in July.

10. Public comment Rick Broun of Dripping Springs Water expressed his concerns on the lowering of MAG values, the effects on existing permit holders and whether or not that would be considered a regulatory takings.


11. Establish date, time, and place of next meeting and discuss potential agenda items. The next GMA 9 meeting will be held in Boerne on June 13, 2025 at 10:00 A.M. Topics will include draft DFC scenarios for individual Districts and discussions on the review of the new model once it becomes available.

12. Adjournment. Chairman Micah Voulgaris adjourned the meeting at 11:31 A.M.

MINUTES APPROVED:

June 13, 2025, Date

, Micah Voulgaris, Chairman

, Amanda Maloukis, Vice Chair