

Groundwater Management Area 9
Joint Planning Committee
Meeting Minutes

On Tuesday, June 18, 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 in 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 10:05 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 timely, and Micah Voulgaris posted at the Secretary of State's office. Medina County 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) Comal Trinity GCD- Allan Brown, 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 March 26th, 2024 GMA 9 meeting and workshop.
A. Maloukis made the motion to approve the March 26th, 2024 GMA 9 meeting and workshop minutes, Charlie Flatten seconded the motion. Motion passed 8-0.
7. Modeling needs for the fourth GMA 9 Planning Cycle.
 - a. **Individual District needs.**
A. Brown presented a slideshow demonstrating aquifer data from exempt and non-exempt wells in Comal County.

HTGCD is working with a new modeler on spring flows and surface water/groundwater interactions.

SWTGCD initiated a stakeholder group for a new management zone, that they will be recommending a separate DFC for the zone that might require new modeling in the next 2 years.

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. aquifer uses or conditions within the management area, including conditions that differ substantially from one geographic area to another;
 - b. other environmental impacts, including impacts on spring flow and other interactions between groundwater and surface water;
 - c. 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;

James Beach stated that the Districts need to be reminded that there hasn't been a new updated model from TWDB.

Next 3 factors will be presented in September.

M. Voulgaris stated that the factors will have to be revisited during the modeling process.

9. Sub-committee updates related to:

a. Public Outreach Subcommittee

Nothing.

b. Technical Subcommittee

Nothing.

c. Management Plan and Rules Subcommittee

Nothing.

d. Regional Planning Group Subcommittee

Curt Campbell, Region L Chairman, stated that the Region L is moving forward with a new exec board. The consultants are looking at County Other WUG's and other members coming before the board for users that don't fall under the already established categories. The Committee approved appointing Charlie Flatten as the GMA 9 liaison/representative to Region K, by consensus.

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

Stephen Allen is no longer working on GMA 9 and Jennifer Bauer is the new liaison for GMA 9. TWDB is behind on Management Plan pre-reviews by 14 plans. New data analyst with groundwater.

11. Public comment.

Jack Olivier announced that there's a group of groundwater research and education aquifer team specialists working on data in the Trinity and Edwards aquifers.

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

The next meeting will be September 17, 2024 at 10am. M. Voulgaris will put together a description of what to look for in pumping numbers.

13. Adjournment

Adjourned by consensus at 11:56am.

Approved by GMA-9 Consensus Sept. 17, 2024, 2024

Attest:



Micah Voulgaris, Chairman

Attest:



Amanda Maloukis, Vice Chair