

Groundwater Management Area 9
Joint Planning Committee
Meeting Minutes

On Friday, December 13, 2024, at 10:00 A.M. at the Cow Creek Groundwater Conservation District Meeting Room, located at 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 10:08 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 5 out of 9 GCD's were present and BCRAGD was present via Zoom until 10:27 A.M. when D. Mauk arrived, which established a quorum. MCGCD entered the meeting at 10:25 A.M. during agenda item 7. All 9 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 - Charlie Flatten, GM, DR
- 2) Blanco-Pedernales GCD – Erik Kubinski, GM, DR
- 3) Bandera County River Authority and Groundwater District - Dave Mauk, GM, DR
- 4) Headwaters GCD – Not in attendance
- 5) Cow Creek GCD - Micah Voulgaris, GM, DR
- 6) Comal Trinity GCD - Carl Haack, DR
- 7) Medina County GCD - David Caldwell, GM, DR
- 8) Trinity Glen Rose GCD - Amanda Maloukis, GM, DR
- 9) Southwest Travis County GCD – Not in attendance

Larry Hall- President for CTGCD

Marcus Gary- New Board Member for HTGCD

5. Public Comment.

None.

6. Review and consider minutes from the September 17th, 2024 GMA 9 meeting.

A. Maloukis made the motion to approve the September 17th, 2024 GMA 9 meeting minutes, C. Flatten seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

7. Presentation, review, and discussion of individual District's Management Plans. Pursuant to TWC Sec. 36.108, the Joint Planning Committee shall review the management plans of the individual Districts annually.

Districts have sent and reviewed their management plans/annual reports. Each District's Representative gave a presentation reviewing their respective management plan. Each District also shared their management plans (or a link to their plan) via email with the entire committee.

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

M. Voulgaris stated that there will be a workshop for this in February and asked James Beach to send a list of what data we'll need for that workshop.

9. Discussion on Aquifer Storage and Recovery and how it relates to the joint planning process.

Medina County GCD had questions over long term monitoring and the proper way to address ASR projects in regional planning. The committee heard from CCGCD and TGRGCD legal counsel, Monique Norman, and James Beach regarding the topic.

10. Discussion on Desired Future Conditions in regards to evaluating tracking status of the DFC in relation to Modeled Available Groundwater.

Committee members discussed the current drawdown numbers observed in relation to current production. Several of the member District's are seeing drawdown numbers nearing DFC drawdown numbers associated with much higher "modeled" production. After discussion, the GMA9 Committee agreed to convene a workshop in association with the next regular committee meeting to discuss the topic further.

11. Sub-committee updates related to:

- a. Public Outreach Subcommittee
- b. Technical Subcommittee
- c. Management Plan and Rules Subcommittee
- d. Regional Planning Group Subcommittee

Updates from Regional Water Planning Groups was provided by appropriate representatives.

12. Comments and updates from TWDB and GMA 9 representatives on the joint planning process and other correspondence and announcements. TWDB staff provided comments on current events at the Board.

13. Public comment. Larry Hull, President of CTGCD provided public comment.

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

The next meeting and a workshop will be held on February 18, 2025.


15. Adjournment

Adjourned by consensus.

Approved by GMA-9 on Feb. 18, 2025.

Attest: 

Micah Voulgaris, Chairman

Attest: 

Amanda Maloukis, Vice Chair