

Meeting of the
Groundwater Management Area 8
September 5, 2007 in Bellmead, TX

Minutes

The Groundwater Management Area 8 consisting of the Central Texas Groundwater Conservation District (GCD), Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District (UWCD), Fox Crossing Water District (WD), McLennan County GCD, Middle Trinity GCD, Northern Trinity GCD, Post Oak Savannah GCD, Saratoga UWCD, Tablerock GCD, and Upper Trinity GCD held a meeting on Wednesday, September 5, 2007 in the City of Bellmead City Council Room, located at 3015 Bellmead Drive, Bellmead, Texas.

Groundwater District Representatives Present:

Central Texas GCD: Richard Bowers	Northern Trinity GCD: No designated representative
Clearwater UWCD: Horace Grace	Post Oak Savannah GCD: Gary Westbrook
Fox Crossing WD: Jerry Priddy	Saratoga UWCD: Dave Hamilton
McLennan Co. GCD: Rodney Kroll	Tablerock GCD: David Freeman
Middle Trinity GCD: Joe Cooper	Upper Trinity GCD: Mike Massey

1. *Call meeting to order and establish quorum.*

The Groundwater Management Area 8 (GMA 8) meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. at the City of Bellmead City Council Chambers. Gary Westbrook gave the invocation.

2. *Welcome and introductions.*

Mr. Westbrook gave a quick summary of the make up of GMA 8 and the other 16 GMAs in the state. He explained that HB1763 passed by the 2005 Legislature is what created the impetus for what this Committee does. Their task is to set desired future conditions (DFC) for each aquifer for which permits are issued in this GMA. The different districts that make up each GMA determine these DFCs so we can watch out for our neighbors as well as our own needs. It takes a two-thirds vote to adopt any DFC, after which it goes to the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB). The TWDB will then run their models which will give us our MAG (Managed Available Groundwater). This is the amount of groundwater that a GCD can permit up to. Currently we are attempting to arrive at each District's DFC. GMA 8 is working with TCB, Inc. to conduct the model runs.

Mr. Cooper mentioned that GMA 8 is a large area that covers 45 counties and has 10-districts that cover about 14 of the 45 counties. The rest of the counties are unprotected areas. This means their groundwater resources are unprotected with regard to how much water may be pumped.

It was explained that there is a December 2007 deadline to submit our DFCs to the TWDB so that the MAGs can be included in the next round of Regional Water Plans and the State Water Plan. State law requires the DFCs to be established by September 2010.

Mr. Westbrook advised that for the counties that are unprotected and do not have a district, the GMA 8 Committee decided to accept availability figures that are in the current water plan.

Mr. Grace introduced Rodney Kroll, President of the McLennan County Groundwater Conservation District (GCD) and thanked him for hosting the meeting today. Mr. Kroll introduced the board

members Glynn Thurman and J.P. Davis from the MCGCD and thanked Scooter Radcliffe (Board member and City Manager of Bellmead) for the City's hospitality and the use of the Council room.

A question came up of what happens if a number is set and then later they find out that it needs to be changed. Mr. Westbrook replied that it would be up to the GMA 8 Committee to allow a change.

The roll call was taken and the following districts were present: Central Texas, Clearwater, Fox Crossing, McLennan County, Middle Trinity, Post Oak Savannah, Saratoga, Tablerock, and Upper Trinity. Representatives from Northern Trinity were present in the audience but an official representative has not been designated. A quorum was met.

3. *Public Comments.*

There was no public comment.

4. *Approve minutes of August 9, 2007 GMA 8 meeting.*

Mr. Bowers made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 9, 2007 GMA 8 meeting, with Mr. Westbrook seconding. Minutes were passed unanimously.

5. *Discussion and possible action on results of the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) Groundwater Availability Model (GAM) simulation request pursuant to the development of a DFC for the Northern Trinity/Woodbine aquifers.*

Mr. Randy Williams of TCB, Inc., the hydrogeologist for GMA 8, is working on the GAM project. Mr. Williams wanted to get feedback from the districts regarding the results of the model runs, i.e. 1) were the districts satisfied with their results; 2) was the projected drawdown tolerable; 3) does another GAM run need to be done with a different number.

A roll call vote was taken from each district to show their approval/disapproval of the GAM run given to them.

Central Texas GCD, Clearwater UWCD, Fox Crossing WD, Post Oak Savannah GCD, Saratoga UWCD, and Tablerock GCD were satisfied with the figures. McLennan Co. GCD & Middle Trinity GCD, wished to have another GAM run. Upper Trinity GCD asked for more time to review the information.

The committee agreed to set September 14, 2007 as the deadline to submit data to Randy Williams to request another GAM run.

6. *Discussion and possible action regarding status of submitting DFCs for the minor aquifers to TWDB.*

McLennan County GCD requested that the committee defer submitting the DFCs to the TWDB to allow their directors time to review the data. Mr. Kroll stated that they would have their decision by September 14, 2007 and were meeting after this GMA 8 meeting.

7. *Discussion and possible action regarding funding for determining desired future conditions.*

The Committee discussed the issue of funding the DFC process. McLennan County GCD stated they will be able to contribute later down the line. Upper Trinity GCD indicated they also will be able to do so later.

8. *Committee member comments.*

Tablerock GCD stated that they will have funding soon but must work with the County Commissioners.

Mr. Westbrook thanked the McLennan County GCD for providing the meeting facilities and Mr. Kroll thanked everyone for coming and said that his district will be helping in the future.

9. *Discuss agenda items for next meeting.*

Evaluate the GAM simulation requests; discuss TCB, Inc. contract extension.

10. *Set date, time, and place of next meeting.*

Next meeting will be November 15, 2007 at the City of Bellmead City Council Chambers at 10 a.m.

11. *Closing comments.*

No closing comments.

12. *Adjourn.*

Meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

(A digital recording of this meeting is available upon request.)

The GMA 8 Committee unanimously approved the minutes on this _____ day of _____, 2007.