

Groundwater Management Area # 9 Joint Planning Meeting

Minutes

Monday, May 10, 2010 – 10:00 p.m.

Upper Guadalupe River Authority Auditorium, 125 Lehmann Dr. Kerrville, Texas

1. **Call to Order.** Ron Fieseler, GMA 9 Coordinator, called the meeting to order at approximately 10:00 a.m.
2. **Introduction of Member District Representatives and other meeting attendees.** The attending Board Presidents or Designated Representatives introduced themselves:
 - Blanco-Pedernales Groundwater Conservation District - Neill Binford, Pres.
 - Bandera County River Authority and Groundwater District - Jim Chastain, Pres.
 - Medina County Groundwater Conservation District - Luana Buckner, GM and DR
 - Hays-Trinity Groundwater Conservation District - Doug Wierman, Pres.
 - Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District - Brian Hunt, P.G. and DR
 - Cow Creek Groundwater Conservation District - Tommy Mathews, Pres.
 - Trinity-Glen Rose Groundwater Conservation District - Jorge Gonzalez, DR
 - Headwater Groundwater Conservation District - Gene Williams, GM and DR
 - Edwards Aquifer Authority (absent)

Other Elected Officials in the audience were introduced.

3. **Discussion on recent TWDB GAM Runs and briefing by Bill Hutchison, TWDB.** Bill Hutchison used a PowerPoint presentation to brief the GMA 9 Committee on the details of the latest GAM Runs. He noted that these GAM Runs provided more detail and analyses than previous runs. The new runs provide information on aquifer drawdown, pumping demands, and effects on spring flow, stream flow, and flow across the Edwards Recharge Zone. In addition to the Hill Country Trinity GAM, the TWDB utilized tree ring data and data from local GCDs and Regional Planning Groups during this GAM Run. The new approach is quite different from previous runs and resulted in many questions from the GMA 9 Committee and some members of the public. Following the presentation and discussion, the GMA 9 Committee asked the TWDB to conduct one more run using current pumpage demands and provide decade by decade information through 2060.
4. **Update on Ongoing Coordination with GMA 7 on Ellenberger and Hickory Aquifers in Blanco County.** Ron Fieseler (BPGCD) briefed the GMA 9 Committee on his efforts to coordinate with GMA 7 as they consider DFCs for the Ellenberger and Hickory aquifers. In GMA 9, these aquifers are relevant only in Blanco County and both GMAs would like to have the same DFCs if at all possible.
5. **Briefing on Draft Hill Country 2009 Synoptic Water Level Report.** Brian Hunt (BSEACD) described the multi-district work that was performed in February-April 2009. Water levels in the Trinity Aquifer were recorded during this period over a large section of the Hill Country by cooperating GCDs and other parties. Brian showed graphics from the draft report and expected the final report to be ready by early June, 2010.
6. **Update on USGS Hill Country Trinity Project meetings with GCDs.** Ron Fieseler (BPGCD) briefly summarized recent activity by the USGS on this project. USGS project leaders met with GCD staff during May to learn what geological and hydrological resources each District had available. They also discussed specific areas that could have some unique characteristics on which the project might need to focus. The project is still in the scoping phase this year and will not actually start until sometime in 2011.

7. **Briefing on Hydrogeological Atlas/Folio Project being conducted by BS/EACD, HTGCD, and BPGCD.** Doug Wierman (HTGCD) reported on the status of this project. He showed several slides of the pages that will be part of the atlas. This book will be a large format (24" x 36") and will be accompanied by a CD. It is intended to be useful to groundwater professionals as well as the general public. It is expected to undergo final review during early June and be sent to print by the end of June.
8. **Consideration of GMA 9 Designated Speakers.** The GMA 9 Committee designated Ron Fieseler, Tommy Mathews, and Kirk Holland as Designated Speakers to represent GMA 9 for such purposes as public information, meetings, media contacts, etc.
9. **Consider future GMA 9 Meetings, and the locations, dates, and times to hold Public Meetings to receive public input on proposed DFCs and recent GAM Runs.** A GMA 9 meeting was scheduled for Thursday, June 3, 2010 and will be held in Boerne. Ron Fieseler will coordinate with Micah Voulgaris to arrange for a meeting room. Public Meetings will be scheduled at the June 3 Meeting.
10. **Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned about 12:15.

Approved by GMA-9 Consensus _____, 2010.

Attest: _____
Ronald G. Fieseler

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Luana Buckner