

Groundwater Management Area # 9 Joint Planning Meeting

Minutes

Thursday, July 26, 2010 – 10:00 a.m.

Boerne High School Auditorium, 1 Greyhound Lane, Boerne, 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 – Tommy Boehme, Pres.
 - Hays-Trinity Groundwater Conservation District - Jimmy Skipton, Pres.
 - Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District - Brian Hunt, P.G. and DR
 - Cow Creek Groundwater Conservation District - Micah Voulgaris, DR.
 - Trinity-Glen Rose Groundwater Conservation District - Jorge Gonzalez, DR
 - Headwaters Groundwater Conservation District - Gene Williams, GM and DR
 - Edwards Aquifer Authority - Luana Buckner, Chairman.

Other Elected Officials in the audience were introduced.

3. **Consider Minutes of GMA 9 Meeting of June 3, 2010, and GMA 9 Public Meetings of June 21, 23, and 24, 2010.** The Minutes were approved by consensus with one change.
4. **Consider:**
 - i. **public comments received by GMA 9 at three Public Meetings held in June 2010**
The GMA 9 Committee discussed and considered public comments received during June 2010.
 - ii. **relevancy or non-relevancy of aquifers within GMA 9**
The GMA 9 Committee discussed and considered the proposal to declare the Edwards Group of the Hill Country Trinity Aquifer "relevant" or "not relevant".
 - iii. **GAM Runs prepared by the TWDB for aquifers within GMA 9**
The GMA 9 Committee discussed and considered TWDB GAM Runs and various pumping/drawdown scenarios.
 - iv. **Draft DFCs proposed for aquifers within GMA 9**
The GMA 9 Committee discussed and considered a variety of DFC proposals.
 - v. **Designation of DFCs proposed for aquifers within GMA.**
Following discussion and due consideration of the current and future needs and conditions of the aquifers in question, the current and projected groundwater demand estimates from local GCDs, the TWDB, and Regional Water Planning Groups J, K, and L, and the potential effects on springs, and surface water for DFCs set through the year 2060, the following motions were made:

Motion #1:

Moved by Tommy Boehme and seconded by Gene Williams to designate the following Desired Future Condition through the year 2060 for the Trinity aquifer located in GMA 9:

- Hill Country Trinity Aquifer -
allow for an increase in average drawdown of approximately 30 feet through 2060 consistent with "Scenario 6" in TWDB Draft GAM Task 10-005

the vote on the motion was 8 ayes, 1 nays, and 0 abstentions, and the Motion Passed.

Ayes: Jimmy Skipton, HTGCD
Neill Binford, BPGCD
Gene Williams, HGCD
Micah Voulgaris, CCGCD
Luana Buckner, EAA
Tommy Boehme, MCGCD
Brian Hunt, BSEACD
Jorge Gonzales, TGRGCD
Nays Jim Chastain. BCRAGD

Motion #2

Moved by Gene Williams and seconded by Luana Buckner to declare the Edwards Group of the Hill Country Aquifer located in Kerr County as a not-relevant aquifer:

the vote on the motion was 7 ayes, 2 nays, and 0 abstentions, and the Motion Passed.

Ayes: Jimmy Skipton, HTGCD
Gene Williams, HGCD
Luana Buckner, EAA
Tommy Boehme, MCGCD
Brian Hunt, BSEACD
Jorge Gonzales, TGRGCD
Jim Chastain. BCRAGD
Nays Neill Binford, BPGCD
Micah Voulgaris, CCGCD

Motion #3

Moved by Micah Voulgaris and seconded by Luana Buckner to declare the Edwards Group of the Hill Country Aquifer located in Kendall County as a relevant aquifer:

the vote on the motion was 9 ayes, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions, and the Motion Passed.

Ayes: Jimmy Skipton, HTGCD
Neill Binford, BPGCD
Gene Williams, HGCD
Micah Voulgaris, CCGCD
Luana Buckner, EAA
Tommy Boehme, MCGCD
Brian Hunt, BSEACD
Jorge Gonzales, TGRGCD
Jim Chastain. BCRAGD

Motion #4

Moved by Jim Chastain and seconded by Luana Buckner to declare the Edwards Group of the Hill Country Aquifer located in Bandera County as a relevant aquifer:

the vote on the motion was 9 ayes, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions, and the Motion Passed.

Ayes: Jimmy Skipton, HTGCD
Neill Binford, BPGCD
Gene Williams, HGCD
Micah Voulgaris, CCGCD

Luana Buckner, EAA
Tommy Boehme, MCGCD
Brian Hunt, BSEACD
Jorge Gonzales, TGRGCD
Jim Chastain. BCRAGD

Motion #5

Moved by Micah Voulgaris and seconded by Jim Chastain to designate the following Desired Future Condition through the year 2060 for the Edwards Group of the Hill Country Aquifer located in Kendall and Bandera County:

- Edward Group of the Edwards Trinity (Plateau) – no net increase in average drawdown for those portions located in Kendall and Bandera County

the vote on the motion was 9 ayes, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions, and the Motion Passed.

Ayes: Jimmy Skipton, HTGCD
Neill Binford, BPGCD
Gene Williams, HGCD
Micah Voulgaris, CCGCD
Luana Buckner, EAA
Tommy Boehme, MCGCD
Brian Hunt, BSEACD
Jorge Gonzales, TGRGCD
Jim Chastain. BCRAGD

Motion #6

Moved by Neill Binford and seconded by Luana Buckner to declare the Edwards Group of the Hill Country Aquifer located in Blanco County as a not-relevant aquifer:

the vote on the motion was 9 ayes, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions, and the Motion Passed.

Ayes: Jimmy Skipton, HTGCD
Neill Binford, BPGCD
Gene Williams, HGCD
Micah Voulgaris, CCGCD
Luana Buckner, EAA
Tommy Boehme, MCGCD
Brian Hunt, BSEACD
Jorge Gonzales, TGRGCD
Jim Chastain. BCRAGD

5. **Consider GMA 9 Resolution 072610-1 setting DFCs for aquifers within GMA 9.** Following the Motions made under Agenda Item 4(v), the votes were recorded and memorialized on GMA 9 Resolution 072610-01 and the Resolution was adopted by consensus.
6. **Consider tasking the GMA 9 Technical Group with preparing recommendations on monitoring strategies, Groundwater Management Plan goals and objectives, and other relevant tasks to aide GMA 9 and its Member Districts in ongoing cooperative regional groundwater planning efforts.** The GMA 9 Committee considered various tasks that the GMA 9 Technical Group might be assigned. The following tasks were assigned: (1) develop monitoring strategies, (2) consider Groundwater Management Plans goals and objectives, (3) work on auditing 2008/2010 GMA 9 pumping by GCDs.

7. **Recess Meeting to prepare and print Minutes of this July 26, 2010 meeting.** The GMA 9 Committee recessed from Open Meeting at 11:55 a.m. to allow the GMA 9 Coordinator time to prepare and print the Minutes of this meeting.
8. **Return to Open Meeting following the Recess.** The GMA 9 Committee returned to Open Meeting at 2:00 p.m.
9. **Discussion and possible action on the Minutes of the July 26, 2010 GMA 9 Meeting followed immediately by Adjournment.** The Minutes of the July 26, 2010 GMA 9 Meeting were approved by consensus and the Meeting was immediately adjourned at approximately 2:15 pm with no further business being transacted.

Approved by GMA-9 Consensus _____ July 26 _____, 2010.

Attest: _____
Ronald G. Fieseler

Attest: _____
Luana Buckner