

GMA 15 MEETING - CENTRAL GULF COAST

AGENDA PREPARED AND POSTED: November 2, 2007

DATE OF MEETING: November 8, 2007

TIME OF MEETING: 1:00 P.M.

PLACE WHERE MEETING WAS HELD: Room 107, Pattie Dodson Health Center; 2805 N. Navarro St.; Victoria, Victoria County, Texas.

In Attendance:

(see attached sign-in sheet below)

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 P.M.

I. Welcome and Introductions:

Neil Hudgins (Coastal Bend/Coastal Plains) gave an opening welcome and all members and guests in attendance gave self introductions.

II. Public Comments:

No public comments were made by those present for the meeting, however, Neil Hudgins (Coastal Bend/Coastal Plains) handed out comments that were mailed to his office to be recognized at our GMA 15 meeting. One letter dated November 9, 2006 from Texas Parks & Wildlife and the other letter was dated October 2, 2007 from the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority. Both letters expressed their interest in the process and for GMA 15 to take into careful consideration that the Desired Future Conditions defined by GMAs may have serious implications for surface water supplies and habitats supported by groundwater interaction.

III. Review Minutes of Joint GMA 15 & 16 meeting on 5/11/2007.

Garrett Engelking (Refugio County) made a motion to approve the minutes. David Van Dresar (Fayette County) seconded the motion. All voted for; motion carried.

IV. Report from the Texas Water Development Board on Model Runs from the Central and Southern Gulf Coast Groundwater Availability Models.:

Andy Donnelly (Texas Water Development Board) gave a presentation on the GAM Run 7-14 results. The original request for this run was to run the TWDB Central Gulf Coast GAM using the each District's Regional Water Planning Group availability numbers which in most cases was a higher than normal pumping scenario. After this presentation, Mike Mahoney (Evergreen UWCD) made a motion to approve the 7-14 Model Run. David Van Dresar (Fayette County GCD) seconded. All voted for; motion carried. The meeting was then open for discussion and questions in general; some were directly addressed to Andy.

Ronald Gertson (Coastal Bend GCD) stated that it is going to be difficult for the GMA to set a number associated with drawdown across the GMA when considering a DFC, and that it might be beneficial to the group to see a table of average drawdown for each county along with drawdown figures in these GAM run reports. Andy agreed that this could be done and was a good idea.

Garrett Engelking (Refugio GCD) reiterated his concerns about the predicted error in the TWDB GAM numbers. Other member districts agreed. Andy Donnelly responded that the TWDB supports the use of the best tool for helping to develop the MAG and the TWDB is aware that the GAM may not always be the best available tool.

Neil Hudgins (Coastal Bend/Coastal Plains) brought up the improvements that were previously mentioned that were to be made to the Central Gulf Coast GAM. Andy said that this upgrade to the model could last up to 2 or 3 years.

Garrett Engelking (Refugio GCD) stated his concern over making the September 2010 deadline. He stated that there may be some GMAs that submit their DFCs by the Jan. 1, 2008 deadline in order their numbers to make it into the next round of Regional Planning and that priority may be given to those in order to deliver their Managed Available Groundwater.

James Dodson (Goliad Sands) had a public comment during the course of the meeting. He wanted to bring up the potential of hiring a consultant to assist the GMA with future runs that could result in a quicker turn around with run results. Andy Donnelly responded by saying that this is possible that a consultant could be used to help with the analysis as long as the consultant coordinates their approach with the TWDB and that the TWDB would likely only QA/QC the model runs.

V. **Discussion of next Groundwater Availability Model Runs and Desired Future Condition of the Gulf Coast Aquifer for Groundwater Management Area 15. (This will include what needs to accomplished next)**

Two additional runs were planned. The GMA members agreed to send Neil Hudgins (Coastal Bend/Coastal Plains GCD), within two weeks, two different pumping values that each District would like to see run. One run will consist of a set of the lower pumping rates for each county. Another run will consist of a set of the higher pumping rates for each county. Using the results, Andy will then produce a table of average drawdown for each county under both scenarios. This action was moved by Mike Mahoney (Evergreen UWCD). Art Dohmann (Goliad County GCD) seconded.

VI. **Discuss future agenda items, and/or set date for next meeting.**

No date was set for our next meeting, but it was agreed to that GMA 15 have a meeting sometime between this meeting and before we receive our GAM run results in order for the group to begin more discussions on DFC statements to take the place of pumping scenarios in their run requests.

VII. **Adjournment:**

David Van Dresar (Fayette County GCD) made a motion to adjourn. Tim Andruss (Victoria County GCD) seconded. All voted for; motion carried. Adjournment at 3:12 p.m.

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