

**UPPER GULF COAST AQUIFER PLANNING AREA
(GMA 14)**

Joint Planning Group Meeting

**Wednesday, January 24, 2018
9:00 AM**

MEETING MINUTES

A regular meeting of GMA 14 was held Wednesday, January 24, 2018, at 9:00 AM, in the board room of the Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District located at 655 Conroe Park North Drive, Conroe, Texas.

The meeting was called to order by Kathy Turner Jones (Lone Star GCD) at 9:11 AM with a roll call of District representatives and Interlocal Agreement Participants. Districts represented included: Kent Burkett, Brazoria County GCD (joined the meeting at 10:09 AM), Zach Holland, Bluebonnet GCD, Kathy Turner Jones, Lone Star GCD, Gary Ashmore, Lower Trinity GCD and John Martin, Southeast Texas GCD. Interlocal Agreement Participants included: The Honorable John Brieden, Washington County Judge; Mike Turco, Harris-Galveston Subsidence District and Fort Bend Subsidence District; and Pudge Willcox, Chambers County (joined at 9:44 AM). Also in attendance at the meeting were Robert Bradley, Texas Water Development Board (TWDB); and members of the public. District representatives and Interlocal Agreement Participants not in attendance were Robert Thompson, Fort Bend Subsidence District. (see *Attachment "A" for a list of attendees*).

Ms. Jones called for and opened the floor to public comment. Mr. Mike Powell, attorney for the City of Conroe, and Mr. Marty Jones, attorney for Quadvest, signed in to speak and addressed GMA 14 regarding Chapter 36.1083(p) and (q), regarding the GMA's ability to make changes to Lone Star's DFCs without altering the DFCs of any district that didn't have their DFCs challenged.

Ms. Jones proceeded with requests for and receipt of posted notices from District Representatives. Ms. Jones then asked for consideration of the approval of the minutes from the GMA 14 meeting on December 8, 2017. After discussion and upon a motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Holland, the minutes for the December 8, 2017 meeting were approved unanimously.

Meeting convened as a meeting of the GMA 14 Joint Planning Interlocal Agreement Participants.

The GMA 14 Joint Planning Interlocal Agreement Participants meeting was called to order at 9:33 AM.

Ms. Jones called for the presentation of information from the Texas Water Development Board and discussions of items of interest to the GMA. Mr. Bradley provided general information from TWDB, including the announcement of hiring John Dupnik as Deputy Executive Administrator, filling the vacancy left by Robert Mace, and provided an update of the rules revisions being finalized.

Ms. Jones initiated a discussion of GMA 14 Interlocal Agreements financial report with a summary of the previous cycle and current account balance. Ms. Jones called for the discussion and possible action regarding path forward for GMA 14 to accomplish statutory mandates. A draft Request for Qualifications, schedule, and process for procurement of professional services to support the development of desired future conditions during the current joint planning effort as required by Texas Water Code 36.108. Mr. Mullican laid out the drafts and their ties to the settlement and other negotiations within Montgomery County. He emphasized that this effort was not just a function of consultant work commitments but also a significant commitment from the GMA 14 Members and Participants to do their portions of work timely to keep the schedule on track for everyone. Mr. Turco made the motion to approve the draft RFQ for distribution and publication, seconded by Mr. Ashmore. The motion carried unanimously. A committee (Ms. Jones, Mr. Ashmore, and Mr. Turco) was volunteered to work on the scorecards for review of the submittals and to be included in the RFQ. In addition, a presubmittal meeting was discussed and recommended to be included into the procurement process. Mr. Turco made the motion to set the submittal date three weeks after posting, incorporate a presubmittal meeting date, and include scoring criteria into the RFQ from the committee, seconded by Mr. Burkett. The motion carried unanimously. Ms. Jones called for discussion and possible action to review and amend as necessary the Interlocal Agreement related to joint planning in GMA 14. The item was laid out for discussion only and to review the previous document to consider prior to discussion with procuring consultants.

Ms. Jones called for the continued discussion regarding the issue of and process for identifying commonalities and differences between the rules of the various districts that manage groundwater resources in GMA 14 and the reasons for these commonalities and differences. Ms. Jones framed the discussion with the work started at the last meeting to compile the information. Mr. Ashmore was given the floor to highlight and summarize the work gathered to date. It is still a work in progress and there may be further efforts to standardize the multiple groups asking for this information. Ms. Jones noted that much of the discussion regarding layout and items had incorporated the next agenda item of discussion regarding identifying the various services provided by the districts that manage groundwater resources in GMA 14.

Ms. Jones called for a presentation and discussion by districts of recent activities of interest or accomplishments impacting the GMA 14 planning group. Mr. Turco noted a new initiative concerning water conservation and outdoor watering conservation through

www.smarteraboutwater.org launched by the Harris-Galveston Subsidence District and Fort Bend Subsidence District.

Ms. Jones adjourned the meeting of the GMA 14 Interlocal Agreement Participants and reconvening the Joint Planning Group meeting at 10:41 AM.

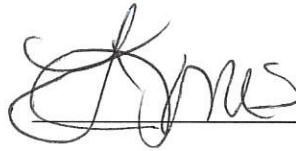
Meeting of the GMA 14 Joint Planning Interlocal Agreement Participants adjourned.

Ms. Jones reconvened the GMA 14 meeting and called for other business before GMA 14. Ms. Jones noted the letter received from the City of Conroe and the group instructed Mr. Holland to respond on behalf of GMA 14.

Mr. Jones called for discussion of next meeting date, location, and agenda items. The next meeting was recommended for February 28, 2018 to be held at the offices of the Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District, located at 655 Conroe Park North, Conroe, Texas 77303. As part of the expedited schedule, Ms. Jones asked the group to mark the fourth Wednesday at 10:00AM of the coming months as a placeholder for future meetings.

Without further discussion or comment and there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:48 AM.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS 28 day of February, 2018.



Chairman

ATTEST:



Secretary