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

## Joint Planning Group Meeting

Wednesday, May 30, 2018 10:00 AM

## **MEETING MINUTES**

A regular meeting of GMA 14 was held Wednesday, May 30, 2018, at 10:00 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 10:10 AM with a roll call of District representatives and Interlocal Agreement Participants. Districts represented included: Kent Burkett, Brazoria County GCD, 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 (joined at 10:19 AM); Robert Thompson, Fort Bend Subsidence District; Mike Turco, Harris-Galveston Subsidence District and Fort Bend Subsidence District; and Pudge Willcox, Chambers County. Also, in attendance at the meeting were Robert Bradley, Texas Water Development Board (TWDB); and members of the public. (see <u>Attachment "A" for a list of attendees</u>).

Ms. Jones called for and opened the floor to public comment. Ms. Jones recognized Bob Harden of Harden Hydrology, representing Mike Stoecker to address the group.

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 March 27, 2018 and April 26, 2018. After discussion and upon a motion to table by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Ashmore, the minutes for the March 27, 2018 meeting were tabled. After discussion and upon a motion by Mr. Burkett, seconded by Mr. Martin, the minutes for the April 26, 2018 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 10:20 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 announcements on the finalization of the subsidence study, 2019 Water for Texas conference, and management plan guidance.

Ms. Jones recognized Jason Ramage, USGS, for a presentation of groundwater activities, data collection, water level monitoring, and water well inventories in the Gulf Coast region (see Attachment "B" for USGS Presentation).

Ms. Jones noted no updates to the GMA 14 Interlocal Agreements financial report at this time. Ms. Jones called for discussion and possible action regarding path forward for GMA 14 to accomplish statutory mandates, to accept scope of work and contract with Intera Incorporated for professional services to support amendments to the second joint planning cycle and development of desired future conditions during the current joint-planning efforts in GMA 14 as required by Texas Water Code 36.108. Mr. Oliver laid out the scope of work and contract proposal of Intera Incorporated. After discussion, a motion to accept scope of work and contract, as amended with revisions to deliverable and details of scope of work layout, with Intera Inc. for professional services to support development of DFCs during the current joint planning effort in GMA 14 as required by Texas Water Code 36.108, contingent of approval of Interlocal Agreement was made by Mr. Holland, seconded by Mr. Turco. The motion carried unanimously. There was no update or action to discuss and take possible action to review and amend as necessary the Interlocal Agreement Related to Joint Planning in GMA 14. Ms. Jones noted that revisions would be made to reflect the scope of work and contract discussed in the previous agenda item for consideration at the next meeting.

Ms. Jones called for a presentation and discussion by districts of recent activities of interest or accomplishments impacting the GMA 14 planning group. With no comments from the participants, Ms. Jones adjourned the meeting of the GMA 14 Interlocal Agreement Participants and reconvening the Joint Planning Group meeting at 12:09 PM.

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. With no other business brought before the group, Mr. Jones called for discussion of next meeting date, location, and agenda items. The next meeting was set for July 25, 2018 at 10:00 AM to be held at

the offices of the Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District, located at 655 Conroe Park North, Conroe, Texas 77303. Agenda items noted for consideration and discussion were a Region H update, MAG Peak Factor, and updates to the Interlocal Agreement and timing of the scope of work.

Without further discussion or comment and there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:11 PM.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS 25th day of July, 2018 .

Chairman

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Secretary