

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

Joint Planning Group Meeting

**Friday, April 29, 2016
9:00 AM**

MEETING MINUTES

A regular meeting of Groundwater Management Area 14 (GMA 14) was held Friday, April 29, 2016, at 9:00 a.m., in the board room of the Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District (Lone Star GCD) located at 655 Conroe Park North Drive, Conroe, Texas.

The meeting was called to order by Kathy Turner Jones, Lone Star GCD) at 9:03 a.m. 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 (who arrived at 9:12 a.m.); Pudge Willcox, Chambers County; Robert Thompson, Fort Bend Subsidence District; and Mike Turco, Harris-Galveston Subsidence District. Also in attendance at the meeting were: Jason Afinowicz, Freese and Nichols, Inc.; Larry French, Texas Water Development Board (TWDB); Bill Mullican, Mullican and Associates; and members of the public (*see Attachment "A" for a list of attendees*).

Ms. Jones recognized the TWDB's Larry French, Division Director for the Groundwater Resources Division, for being in attendance. She then welcomed everyone to the meeting, asking District Representatives, Interlocal Agreement Participants, Agency Representatives, staff, and consultants for introduction.

Ms. Jones opened the meeting for public comment. No one sought to provide public comment.

Ms. Jones proceeded with receipt and requests of posted notices from the group.

Ms. Jones then asked for consideration of the approval of the minutes from the GMA 14 meeting held on October 28, 2015. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Kent Burkett and seconded by John Martin. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Led by a presentation by Mr. Burkett, the GMA 14 Joint Planning Interlocal Agreement Participants discussed possible action regarding amendments to Work Order No. 3 for joint-

planning activities as established during current round of joint planning as well as amendments to the budget for GMA 14 Interlocal Agreement participants that may be necessary or required. Mr. Burkett reviewed a one-page summary of GMA 14 financials. Furthermore, if accepted, Mr. Burkett stated that Mr. Mullican's services, specific to Work Order No. 3, would no longer be required and Mr. Afinowicz's services, specific to Work Order No. 3, would only be minimally required going forward. Judge Brieden asked for additional clarification. Mr. Afinowicz explained that, hypothetically, and with no major changes, he did not anticipate any additional cost. Mr. Martin suggested the representatives approve the item and reevaluate going forward. A motion to approve the budget amendments as presented by Mr. Burkett for Mullican and Associates and Freese and Nichols, Inc. was made by Michael Turco, and the motion was seconded by Kent Burkett. The motion carried unanimously.

The GMA 14 Joint Planning Interlocal Agreement Participants meeting was adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

Meeting reconvened as a meeting of the GMA 14 District Representatives only.

The GMA 14 District Representatives discussed possible action to adopt the Desired Future Conditions for the relevant aquifers in GMA 14 by resolution as required by Section 36.108(d-3) of the Texas Water Code. Mr. Mullican explained that, compared to the October 28, 2015 resolution, the current resolution under consideration is nearly identical. The only minor exception, he explained, being that the Yegua-Jackson Aquifer in Washington County was added to the list of non-relevant aquifers in the resolution. A motion to adopt the Resolution for the Approval of the Desired Future Conditions for all Aquifers in Groundwater Management Area 14 was made by Kent Burkett, and the motion was seconded by Gary Ashmore. Zach Holland abstained. The motion carried by a two-thirds vote of approval by the District Representatives as required by Section 36.108(d-3) of the Texas Water Code.

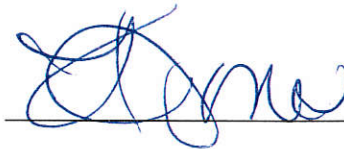
The GMA 14 District Representatives discussed possible action authorizing the GMA 14 Chair and the contracted consultant, on behalf of the GMA 14 District Representatives, to submit the explanatory report and all other required documentation regarding submission of adopted Desired Future Conditions to the Texas Water Development Board and authorizing the GMA 14 Chair to make any minor, technical, or grammatical changes consistent with the DFCs adopted prior to submission. Mr. Mullican explained that there are four minor items remaining before the report may be officially completed: filling in appropriate dates throughout explanatory report; accepting all revisions that have been made since the April 3rd draft of the explanatory report; populating Appendix A, regarding TWDB's checklist; and affixing Jason Afinowicz's professional engineer seal to the report and affixing Bill Mullican's professional geoscientist seal. Before voting on a motion, Mr. Martin expressed his gratitude to the many who had been involved and their collaborative efforts in preparing the final version of the explanatory report. Ms. Jones echoed his sentiment, adding that it has become a great product. Also before voting on a motion, Mr. Holland, to Mr. Mullican, asked why the explanatory report had not already

been finalized to a state where it could be submitted by 5 p.m. the same day, April 29, 2016. Mr. Mullican explained that neither he nor Mr. Afinowicz had their official seals with them. Moreover, Mr. Mullican emphasized that, regarding Appendix A, he did not want to rush any potential changes within an hour's time. He projected the report would be ready next week.

A motion to authorize the GMA 14 Chair to work with the contracted consultant to make the final edits to the Explanatory Report as discussed at the meeting and submit the report to the TWDB as required by Section 36.108(d-3) of the Texas Water Code was made by John Martin, and the motion was seconded by Kent Burkett. Zach Holland abstained. The motion carried.

Without further discussion or comment and there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:32 a.m.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS 29 day of April, 2016



Chairman

ATTEST:



Secretary