

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

Joint Planning Group
Meeting

Tuesday, February 17, 2009
1:00 PM

MEETING MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Upper Gulf Coast Aquifer Planning Area (GMA 14) was held Tuesday, February 17, 2009, at 1:00 p.m., in the board room of the Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District located at 207 W Phillips St, Suite 300, Conroe, Texas.

The meeting was called to order by Lloyd Behm (Bluebonnet GCD) at 1:00 p.m. District representatives introduced themselves. Districts represented included: Lone Star GCD, Bluebonnet GCD, Lower Trinity GCD, Brazoria County GCD, Brazos Valley GCD and Southeast Texas GCD. Also, in attendance at said meeting were: Dorothy Morgan and Kirk Hanath representing Washington County, Sarah Backhouse with the TWDB and Bill Thaman with AECOM. (*see Attachment "A" for a list of attendees*).

There was no public comment.

Members discussed approval of the meeting minutes of November 5, 2008, Joint Planning Group Meeting. Without further discussion, upon a motion by Kent Burkett (Brazoria County GCD), seconded by Kathy Jones (Lone Star GCD) and unanimously carried, the meeting minutes for November 5, 2008, were approved.

Sarah Backhouse gave a brief overview of the current activities of the Texas Water Development Board. She stated that they continue to look at hire external modelers. The modelers have just completed new runs on the Dockum, Nakatoch and High Plains aquifers. GMA 8 and 9 have submitted their data for GAM runs. Last, TWDB staff continues to focus on how to handle petitions to DFC's and the issues that arise with unprotected counties.

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

Kathy Jones began discussion regarding financial commitments and their status. We have received all of the agreements and have initiated tasks with AECOM. Ms. Jones reported that she would have an updated statement of funding commitments and receipts at the next GMA meeting.

Bill Thaman, AECOM, gave a brief presentation of the current data under review. Presented were the Regional Water Planning numbers to include availability, supply, water management strategies and total demand. Recommendations for data to be used for the Northern Gulf Coast GAM were also presented.

Lloyd Behm began discussion regarding population projections by county. Each entity will look at their projections, if there are discrepancies notify Lloyd Behm or Bill Thaman within the next week. John Martin, Southeast Texas GCD, requested that the GMA 14 Joint Planning Interlocal Agreement Participants postpone running the GAM until Southeast Texas obtains their DFC's from their GAM run results from the TWDB. After further discussion, it was determined that based on the time restraints GMA 14 is under, the project would move forward as discussed.

Discussion was made regarding agenda items for the next meeting. A financial report on the GMA 14 Interlocal Agreement will be presented. AECOM will present the draft GAM model and discussion regarding how DFC's will be stated.

GMA 14 Joint Planning Interlocal Agreement Participants meeting was adjourned.

Discussion was made to set date and time for next meeting. The next meeting date and time will be, April 28, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. at the Lone Star GCD.

Without further discussion and there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS 28th day of April, 2009.

Lloyd Behm, Chairman

ATTEST:

Kathy Turner Jones, Secretary