

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

Joint Planning Group
Meeting

Tuesday, June 22, 2010
1:00 PM

MEETING MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Upper Gulf Coast Aquifer Planning Area (GMA 14) was held Tuesday, June 22, 2010, 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 1:20 p.m. District representatives introduced themselves. Districts represented included: Lone Star GCD, Bluebonnet GCD, Brazoria County, Lower Trinity GCD, Brazos Valley GCD, Brazoria County GCD and Southeast Texas GCD. Also, in attendance at said meeting were: Pudge Wilcox representing Chambers County, Sarah Backhouse and Shirley Wade with the TWDB, Sarah Kinkle and Emily Johnson with Texas Sunset Advisory Commission and Jason Afinowicz with AECOM. (*see Attachment "A" for a list of attendees*).

There was no public comment.

Members discussed approval of the meeting minutes of October 27, 2009, 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 October 27, 2009, were approved.

Sarah Backhouse gave a brief overview of the current activities of the Texas Water Development Board. Following the receipt of GMA 9's petition, issues were raised concerning exempt uses in the development of managed available groundwater numbers. The Board received a briefing in May from staff and requested that they bring the matter back to Board in June for further discussion. A memo was presented to the Board in June requesting a revised approach.

Discussion was made regarding recent activities of Districts in the GMA that may affect the group. Lloyd Behm, Bluebonnet GCD, stated that he has provided each District with a copy of their updated management plan.

Kathy Jones (Lone Star GCD) stated that the District is quickly approaching our Declaration of Intent deadline of August 2, 2010, as required in the regulatory plan. The District is also looking to participate in a regulatory plan review along with Subsidence Districts, Bluebonnet GCD and Brazoria County GCD.

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

Discussion was made regarding the GMA 14 Interlocal Agreement Financial Report provided by Ms. Jones. Ms. Jones pointed out that the invoice from AECOM was attached if there were any questions.

Discussion was made regarding the draft GAM model simulation from the TWDB. Concerns were raised as to whether or not the actual pumping numbers provided were used in the model. Shirley Wade suggested using the year 2000 as a reference point instead of 2008 and incorporate the pumping figures.

Shirley Wade suggested, if the Districts want to move forward with submitting the data and having the TWDB doing a comparison, GMA14 can submit the request for the comparison and they can try to have something back in 30 days. Tom Michel requested that the TWDB provide a map of the data points. After further review of the draft resolution to adopt DFC statements, Lloyd Behm suggested the participants review after the meeting and submit comments, and he will then forward them to Jason Afinowicz for changes if necessary.

Discussion was made regarding agenda items for the next meeting. Present the results of the GAM to include actual pumping numbers available.

GMA 14 Joint Planning Interlocal Agreement Participants meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Discussion was made regarding the election of a Vice Chairperson for the GMA 14 planning group. Lloyd Behm suggested electing Kathy Jones for this position. Upon a motion by Kent Burkett (Brazoria County GCD), seconded by Ralph Crum (Brazos Valley GCD) and unanimously carried, Kathy Jones is elected as Vice Chairperson for the GMA 14 Planning group.

Discussion was made to set date and time for next meeting. The next meeting date and time will be August 17, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. at the Lone Star GCD.

Without further discussion and there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS 17th day of August, 2010.

Lloyd Behm, Chairman

ATTEST:

Kathy Turner Jones, Secretary