

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

Joint Planning Group  
Meeting

Wednesday, November 5, 2008  
2:00 PM

**MEETING MINUTES**

A regular meeting of the Upper Gulf Coast Aquifer Planning Area (GMA 14) was held Wednesday November 5, 2008, 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 2:05 p.m. District representatives introduced themselves. Districts represented included: Lone Star GCD, Bluebonnet GCD, Lower Trinity GCD and Brazoria County GCD. Brazos Valley GCD and Southeast Texas GCD were not present. Also, in attendance at said meeting were: Dorothy Morgan and Kirk Hanath representing Washington County, Robert Bradley with the TWDB, Pudge Wilcox representing Chambers County and Mark Lowry with AECOM. (see Attachment "A" for a list of attendees).

There was no public comment.

Members discussed approval of the meeting minutes of September 30, 2008, Joint Planning Group Meeting. Without further discussion, upon a motion by Bill Jacobs (Lower Trinity GCD), seconded by Kathy Jones (Lone Star GCD) and unanimously carried, the meeting minutes for September 30, 2008, were approved.

Robert Bradley gave a brief overview of the current activities of the Texas Water Development Board. He stated that on October 30<sup>th</sup> an email was sent to all GMA coordinators explaining that the TWDB would only accept 1 DFC at time. Once the run is complete then they would accept another. This will help with some of the backlog at the TWDB. Also mentioned was the Groundwater 101 workshop being held at the TWDB on November 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>. Last, the TWDB has posted a request for assistance in doing GAM runs on an as needed basis to assist with the back log in the groundwater modeling department. The deadline to submit applications for the posting will be November 11<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.

Lloyd Behm began discussion regarding funding commitments and updates from each entity proposed to be a participant in the agreement. The following were reported to pledge:

Chambers County (unprotected)	\$1,500
Washington County (unprotected)	\$1,500
Liberty County (unprotected)	\$1,500
Harris-Galveston Subsidence District	\$5,000
Lower Trinity GCD	\$6,000 (Not to exceed)
Lone Star GCD	\$5,000 (Not to exceed)
Brazos Valley GCD	\$1,500
Brazoria County GCD	\$7,000 (Not to exceed)
Bluebonnet GCD	\$8,000 (Not to exceed)
Total	\$37,000

The following had nothing pledged at this time:

Southeast Texas GCD  
Ft. Bend Subsidence District  
Liberty County (unprotected)  
Jefferson County (unprotected)

Tom Michel reported that he has a meeting scheduled with Jefferson County on December 1<sup>st</sup> to request their participation.

Discussion was made to select a consultant to perform services relating to DFC development. Upon a motion by Kathy Jones, seconded by Kent Burkett and unanimously carried, the committee approved AECOM (formerly TCB) as the consultant.

Discussion was made to select the contracting entity. Upon a motion by Lloyd Behm, seconded by Kent Burkett, the committee approved the Lone Star GCD as the contracting entity.

Discussion was made regarding the scope of services presented by AECOM. Mark Lowry (AECOM) gave a brief overview of the scope and explained the unfunded scope items. Upon a motion Kent Burkett, seconded by Tom Michel and unanimously carried, the committee approved the scope of services provided by AECOM.

Upon a motion by Kathy Jones, seconded by Kent Burkett and unanimously carried, meeting minutes from September 30, 2008, were brought back for discussion and possible changes. Upon a motion by Kathy Jones seconded by Kent Burkett and unanimously carried changes were made to the minutes to reflect the ability for Harris Galveston & Ft. Bend Subsidence District to vote.

Discussion was made regarding agenda items for next meeting. Members will gather population projections for their counties and present at next meeting. Members are encouraged to at least have their current population data and the source of the data.

Discussion was made to set date and time for next meeting. The next meeting date and time will be, January 27, 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 17th day of February, 2009.

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Lloyd Behm, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Kathy Turner Jones, Secretary