UPPER GULF COAST AQUIFER PLANNING AREA
(GMA 14)

Joint Planning Group Meeting

Wednesday, March 27, 2019
9:00 AM

MEETING MINUTES

A regular meeting of GMA 14 was held Wednesday, March 27, 2019, at 9:02 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 John Martin (Southeast Texas GCD) at 9:02 AM with a roll call of District representatives and Interlocal Agreement Participants. Districts represented included: Sherry Plentl, Brazoria County GCD, Zach Holland, Bluebonnet GCD, Harry Hardman, Lone Star GCD, Gary Ashmore, Lower Trinity GCD and John Martin, Southeast Texas GCD. Interlocal Agreement Participants included: Commissioner Kirk Hanath (joined at 9:05AM), Washington County Commissioner; Pudge Willcox, Chambers County, Robert Thompson, Fort Bend Subsidence District; and Mike Turco, Harris-Galveston Subsidence District. Also, in attendance at the meeting were Larry French, Texas Water Development Board (TWDB); Mr. Wade Oliver, Intera, Inc.; Ms. Jenny Biwater, CDM Smith; a quorum of the Lone Star GCD Board of Directors; and members of the public. (*see **Attachment "A" for a list of attendees***).

Mr. Martin called for and opened the floor to public comment. Mark Smith representing San Jacinto River Authority was recognized for public comment related to LSGCD Management Plan adopted and submitted to TWDB earlier in the month.

Mr. Martin proceeded with requests for and receipt of posted notices from District Representatives. Mr. Martin then asked for consideration of the approval of the minutes from the GMA 14 meeting on January 30, 2019. After discussion and upon a motion by Ms. Plentl, seconded by Mr. Ashmore, the minutes for the January 30, 2019 meeting were approved unanimously.

Mr. Martin called for an update from the Texas Water Development Board and discussion of items of interest to the GMA. Mr. French provided general information from TWDB, including announcements of Region H MAG peak factor approval and a request by TWDB to proof presented data.

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 9:09 AM.

Mr. Martin called for a presentation and discussion by districts or Interlocal Agreement Participants of recent activities of interest to or impacting the GMA 14 planning group. Mr. Martin provided a summary on the February 25, 2019 consultant meeting. Mr. Turco provided an update to the HGSD Regulatory Plan Update being initiated and the overall timeline for 2019-2023. Mr. Ashmore provided an update of annual groundwater level measurements from his district.

Mr. Martin called for the presentation, discussion and possible action regarding Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District's request for an alternative approach to the 3rd Round of Desired Future Conditions Planning. Mr. Hardman and Mr. Webb Melder, President of the LSGCD Board provided background and layout to the alternative approach. Mr. Mike Thornhill of Thornhill Group LLC, representing LSGCD, gave a presentation. (*see **Attachment "B" for LSGCD Presentation***). There was considerable discussion between GMA 14 participants, and LSGCD board members.

Mr. Martin called for the presentation by the USGS regarding the Coastal Lowland Aquifer System (CLAS) model (locally known as the Gulf Coast Aquifer/HAGM model. Mr. Martin recognized Mr. John Ellis of USGS to present to the group. (*see **Attachment "C" for USGS Presentation***)

Mr. Martin called for a discussion and consideration of the water supply needs and water management strategies included in the state water plan (as required by Texas Water Code 36.108(d)(2)). Ms. Jenny Biwater of CDM Smith was given the floor to provide a presentation (*see **Attachment "D" for DemandsStrategies Presentation***). There was considerable discussion between Lone Star GCD consultants and Board Members and GMA 14 participants

Mr. Martin called for discussion and possible action regarding the DFCs including by not limited to pursuit of Run D as a DFC option, and the path forward for GMA 14 to accomplish statutory mandates for Round 3 Joint Planning. Mr. Turco motioned for GMA Consultant to evaluate the LSGCD Presentation and return options within the approved scope of work and any additional scope of work and associated costs necessary for consideration to frame the path forward, seconded by Mr. Holland. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Hardman motioned to remove Run D from consideration as a future methodology and from scope of work for Round 3 joint planning process, seconded by Mr. Holland. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Martin recognized Mr. Turco to provide the GMA 14 Interlocal Agreement Financial Report to include an update and status reports from participants on interlocal participation. Mr. Turco

noted all are on track with their interlocal participation agreements and finalizing with Chambers County's agreement and schedule.

With no further comments from the participants, Mr. Martin adjourned the meeting of the GMA 14 Interlocal Agreement Participants and reconvening the Joint Planning Group meeting at 11:10 AM.

Meeting of the GMA 14 Joint Planning Interlocal Agreement Participants adjourned.

Mr. Martin reconvened the GMA 14 meeting and called for the review, discussion and, possible action regarding the "Resolution Establishing Administrative Procedures for the Consideration, Proposal, and Adoption of Desired Future Conditions for Groundwater Management Area 14" (adopted November 18, 2014). Mr. Holland made a motion to void and remove the administrative procedures from the joint planning process. After the motion failed to receive a second, the item was agreed to be placed on the next agenda and within the participant's portion of the agenda.

Mr. Martin called for discussion and possible action to appoint GMA 14 Member and alternate as representative to the Region H Water Planning Group. Mr. Holland made the motion to appoint Mr. Ashmore as the GMA 14 Representative and Ms. Plentl as alternate to the Region H Water Planning Group, seconded by Mr. Hardman. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Martin called for other business before GMA 14. With no business brought before the group, Mr. Martin called for discussion of next meeting date, location, and agenda items. The next meeting was set for May 29, 2019 at 10:00 AM to be held at the offices of the Harris-Galveston Subsidence District, located at 1660 W. Bay Area Blvd., Friendswood, Texas 77546.

Without further discussion or comment and there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:25 AM.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS 26th day of June, 2019

Chairman

ATTEST:

Secretary