

Groundwater Management Area # 7
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Joint Planning Meeting
Minutes
February 19, 2025

Pursuant to notice posted in accordance with Section 36.108(e) of the Texas Water Code and Chapter 552 of the Government Code, the meeting of Groundwater Management Area 7 was called to order on **February 19, 2025, at 10:30 a.m. at 405 North Spring Drive (MPGCD Office), Fort Stockton, Texas.**

1. The Meeting was called to Order at 10:35 am and a quorum was established by Meredith Allen for GMA 7. Ty Edwards established a quorum for GMA 3. An invocation was given by Slate Williams.
2. Following the invocation, introduction of member districts and other persons in attendance were made:

GMA 7 Districts present:

Coke County UWCD – Jnae Walls via Zoom
Crockett County GCD – Slate Williams
Glasscock GCD – Rhetta Hector
Hickory UWCD #1 – David Huie via Zoom
Hill Country UWCD – Paul Babb
Irion County WCD – Diana Thomas
Kimble County GCD – Meredith Allen
Lipan-Kickapoo WCD – Leon Braden
Menard County UWD – Meredith Allen
Middle Pecos GCD - Ty Edwards
Plateau UWC & SD – Cindy Cawley via Zoom
Real-Edwards C&RD – Tim Martin
Santa Rita UWCD – JJ Weatherby
Sterling County UWCD - Diana Thomas
Sutton County UWCD - Meredith Allen
Uvalde County UWCD – Vic Hilderbran

GMA 3 Districts present:

Middle Pecos GCD - Ty Edwards
Reeves County GCD – Greg Perrin

Public Attendees:

Lydia Damon – Menard County UWD
Betty Hilderbran - UCUWCD
Allison Strube – CRMWD
Mike Gershon – Lloyd Gosselink
Alyson McDonald – Collier Consulting via Zoom
Isaac Johnson – AGS via Zoom
James Beach – AGS/Reeves Co GCD – via Zoom
Jean Perez – TWDB via Zoom
Jennifer Badhwar – TWDB via Zoom
Micaela Pedrazas – TWDB via Zoom
Neil Blandford – Blanford & Associates via Zoom
Roberto Anaya – TWDB via Zoom
Ryan Reed – Cockrell Investments via Zoom
Bill Hutchinson – GMA7 Consultant

GMA 7 Districts Absent:

Kinney County GCD
Lone Wolf GCD
Terrell County UWCD
Wes-Tex GCD

3. No Public Comment was given.
4. The minutes of GMA3 May 22, 2024 meeting were reviewed. Greg Perrin made the motion to approve the minutes, Ty Edwards seconded. The motion passed.
5. The minutes of GMA7 March 21, 2024 meeting were reviewed. JJ Weatherby made the motion to approve the minutes, Diana Thomas seconded. The motion passed.
6. Roberto Anaya and Micaela Pedrazas with the Texas Water Development Board gave an extensive overview of the status of the modeling efforts for the Edwards-Trinity Plateau

model to the members. Roberto discussed the recharge estimates and pumping estimates, and the issues with the data input. Micaela explained how TWDB will use MODFLOW 6 and detailed the software's capabilities. The model inputs were extensively explained to the GMA 7 and 3 members. TWDB agreed that a one-layer model will help expedite model completion. However, the current projected completion time is estimated to be summer of 2025, assuming there are no more setbacks or issues.

7. After discussion with TWDB, for GMA 3 a motion was made by Ty Edwards to continue with the current alternative model for joint planning purposes, in order to reach the statutory deadline of May 1, 2026 to propose DFCs. The motion was seconded by Greg Perrin. The motion passed. Slate Williams made a motion for GMA 7 to continue with the current alternative model for joint planning purposes, in order to reach the statutory deadline of May 1, 2026 to propose DFCs. The motion was seconded by Paul Babb. The motion passed.
8. Pursuant to the Texas Water Code, Chapter 36.108(c) Groundwater Conservation Districts located wholly or partially within GMA 3 and GMA 7 must review their respective management plans annually. Greg Perrin gave a brief update of Reeves County GCD management plan. Ty Edwards stated the management plan for MPGCD had been completed and is ready for pre-review.
9. Pursuant to the Texas Water Code, Chapter 36.108(c) Groundwater Conservation Districts located wholly or partially within GMA 3 and GMA 7 must review their respective management plans annually. Ty Edwards gave a review of the MPGCD management plan. All other plans were tabled for a later meeting. Meredith Allen reminded the members that all GMA 7 GCD Management Plans can be found at this website:
http://www.twdb.texas.gov/groundwater/conservation_districts/index.asp
10. Meredith Allen provided a brief update on the petition for inquiry filed under Section 36.3011 and received by all districts within GMA 7 and GMA 3. The hearing is scheduled for March 18, 2025 at 9:30 am.
11. A Resolution of Joint Response by GMA 7 for the petition of inquiry was presented for approval. A motion was made by Vic Hilderbran; the motion was seconded by Leon Braden. The motion passed.
12. Meredith Allen updated the members of the 4-H Ambassador Program and financial information. A motion to increase support from \$250 per districts within GMA 7 to \$275 was made by Diana Thomas. Greg Perrin asked that Reeves County GCD be included in the 4-H Ambassador Program. Meredith stated that Reeves County GCD will be invoiced for 4-H program. The motion was seconded by JJ Weatherby. The motion passed.
13. Meredith Allen gave the most recent reconciliation report for the GMA 7 account. A motion was made by Ty Edwards to approve removing Jon Cartwright and adding Paul Babb to the GMA 7 bank account as a secondary signature. The motion was seconded by Rhett Hector. The motion passed. Paul will be in contact with Sonora Bank to provide information necessary to be added to the GMA 7 bank account. Meredith presented an invoice from Bill Hutchinson for approval. Vic Hilderbran made the motion for approval. The motion was

seconded by Slate Williams. The motion for approval was passed. A motion was made by JJ Weatherby to invoice each District \$1,000 in preparation for the next joint planning cycle. The motion was seconded by Leon Braden and passed.

14. The next meeting was tentatively set for April 10, 2025 in Fredericksburg, pending the TWDB Study review response and any possible needs for joint planning.
15. Leon Braden made a motion to adjourn, JJ Weatherby seconded, and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 12:22 pm.

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(districts located wholly or partly within this GMA):

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Requests for additional information, questions and comments may be submitted to:

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Groundwater Management Area # 3
(districts located wholly or partly within this GMA):

Middle Pecos GCD and
Reeves County GCD

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