

Groundwater Management Area # 7

Joint Planning Meeting

Minutes

April 10, 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 **April 10, 2025, at 10:30 a.m. at the Sutton County Civic Center, 1700 N Crockett, Sonora, TX 76950.**

1. The Meeting was called to Order at 10:33 am and a quorum was established by GMA 7 coordinator, Meredith Allen. An invocation was given by Dale Adams.
2. Following the invocation, introduction of member districts and other persons in attendance were made:

GMA 7 Districts present:

Coke County UWCD – Jnae Walls
Glasscock GCD – Rhetta Hector
Hill Country UWCD – Paul Babb
Irion County WCD – Ashley Masters
Kimble County GCD – Meredith Allen
Kinney County GCD- Genell Hobbs
Lipan-Kickapoo WCD – Leon Braden
Menard County UWD – Meredith Allen
Middle Pecos GCD - Ty Edwards
Plateau UWC & SD – Cindy Cawley
Real-Edwards C&RD – Tim Marlin
Santa Rita UWCD – Diana Thomas, by proxy
Sterling County UWCD - Diana Thomas
Sutton County UWCD - Meredith Allen
Uvalde County UWCD – Vic Hilderbran
Wes-Tex GCD – Dale Adams

Public Attendees:

Lana Tolleson – Sutton County UWCD
Erika Sullivan – Sutton County UWCD
Paul Tybor – Hill Country GCD
Jim Burton – Eco Kai
Calso Carreon – Eco Kai
Greg Perrin – Reeves County GCD
James Beach – AGS
Isaac Johnson - AGS
Jean Perez – TWDB via Zoom
Sandra Pfeuffer – self/rancher
Julie Lewey – Texas Nature Conservancy
Ryan Smith – Texas Nature Conservancy
Shelley McAfee - self
Bill Hutchinson – GMA 7 Consultant

GMA 7 Districts Absent:

Crockett County GCD
Hickory UWCD #1
Lone Wolf GCD
Terrell County UWCD

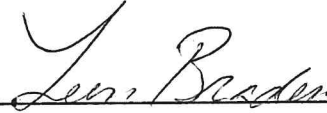
3. No Public Comments were received.
4. The minutes of GMA 7 February 19, 2025 meeting were presented. Ty Edwards made the motion to approve the minutes, Vic Hilderbran seconded. The motion passed.
5. Jean Perez with the Texas Water Development Board updated GMA 7 that the Edwards-Trinity Plateau model has been deprioritized by the TWDB and will not be available in 2026 as previously discussed. He addressed that the TWDB will plan to move forward with the model at a later date.
6. Rhetta Hector, representing Region F, noting the public hearing for the initially proposed plan will be May 3rd. Genell Hobbs representing Region J, noting the public hearing for the initially proposed plan will be in Kerrville April 30th. Dale

Adams, representing Region G noted the public hearing for the initially proposed plan will be May 6th. Paul Babb, representing Region K, noted the public hearing for the initially proposed plan was February 20th and an additional hearing will be April 17th. Vic Hilderbran, representing Region L, noted that the public hearing for the initially proposed plan will be May 1st.

7. Pursuant to the Texas Water Code, Chapter 36.108(c) Groundwater Conservation Districts located wholly or partially within GMA 7 must review their respective management plans annually. All Districts present reviewed their respective management plans. Meredith Allen presented a spreadsheet database including links to each management plan and all 20 GCD's management plans categorized by each goal. Each District's goals were reviewed and discussed. Meredith Allen reminded the members that all GMA 7 GCD Management Plans can be found at this website:
http://www.twcdb.texas.gov/groundwater/conservation_districts/index.asp
8. Dr. Bill Hutchison gave an extensive presentation on the historical review of the previous joint planning rounds, including the finalized reports for each round and how they have changed for each cycle over the last 3 cycles. He noted the proposed changes of DFCs during the last 3 rounds of joint-planning periods. He ended his presentation with a summary of the next steps for this 4th round of joint planning, including a list of tasks involving meeting dates, DFC comparison analysis and costs associated, GAM simulations with technical memoranda, and drafting explanatory reports and costs associated. At the conclusion of Dr. Hutchison's presentations, Ty Edwards made a motion to approve Dr. Hutchison to complete a DFC historical comparison to track the last 5-year planning period and the performance of the DFC to be presented to GMA 7 in late July. Vic Hilderbran seconded, and the motion carried.
9. Meredith Allen gave the most recent reconciliation report for the GMA 7 account and updated the members of the collected money for 2025. Rhetta Hector made a motion to pay the invoice from Dr. Hutchison for his meeting fee and approve the financial report. Diana Thomas seconded, and the motion carried.
10. There were no other matters brought forward.
11. The next meeting was tentatively set for July 17, 2025 in Sonora.
12. Vic Hilderbran made a motion to adjourn, Leon Braden seconded, and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 11:51 am.



GMA 7 Coordinator



Attesting Signature

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(districts located wholly or partly within this GMA):

Coke County UWCD; Crockett County GCD; Glasscock GCD; Hickory UWCD No. 1; Hill Country UWCD; Irion County WCD; Kimble County GCD; Kinney County GCD; Lipan-Kickapoo WCD; Lone Wolf GCD; Menard County UWD; Middle Pecos GCD; Plateau UWC&SD; Real-Edwards C&RD; Santa Rita UWCD; Sterling County UWCD; Sutton County UWCD; Terrell County GCD; Uvalde County UWCD; and Wes-Tex GCD

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

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