

**Groundwater Management Area 9**  
**Joint Planning Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**

On Tuesday, September 17, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. at the Cow Creek Groundwater Conservation District, 9 Toepperwein Rd, Boerne, TX 78006, the designated representatives of the Groundwater Conservation Districts (GCDs) within Groundwater Management Area 9 (GMA 9) convened in a regular meeting, at which time the following items were discussed, and action was taken with the following:

1. Call to Order.

M. Voulgaris, GMA 9 Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance.

The GMA 9 Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Establishment of a Quorum and receipt of posted open meeting notices

M. Voulgaris stated that 8 out of 9 GCD's were present, which established a quorum. STGCD entered the meeting at 10:24 am during agenda item 8. All 9 GCDs posted the Meeting Agenda and Micah Voulgaris posted at the Secretary of State's office.

4. Introductions.

The attending Board Presidents or Designated Representatives (DR) introduced themselves:

- 1) Hays Trinity GCD- Charlie Flatten, GM, DR
- 2) Blanco-Pedernales GCD – Erik Kubinski, GM, DR
- 3) Bandera County River Authority and Groundwater District- Hayli Hernandez, DR
- 4) Headwaters GCD – Monica Thibodeaux, Assistant GM, DR
- 5) Cow Creek GCD -Micah Voulgaris, GM, DR
- 6) Comal Trinity GCD- Allan Brown, DR
- 7) Medina County GCD- David Caldwell, GM
- 8) Trinity Glen Rose GCD - Amanda Maloukis, GM, DR
- 9) Southwest Travis County GCD – Lane Cockrell, GM, DR

Ben Eldredge- At Large Board Member for CCGCD

Joe duMenil- Board President TGRGCD

5. Public Comment.

Ben Eldredge stated that he was concerned with the inconsistency of CH. 36 authority across the GMA. How are we ensuring we're not going to be insufficient?

6. Review and consider minutes from the June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024 GMA 9 meeting and workshop.

A. Maloukis made the motion to approve the June 18th, 2024 GMA 9 meeting and workshop minutes, D. Caldwell seconded the motion. Motion passed 8-0.

7. Modeling needs for the fourth GMA 9 Planning Cycle.

**a. Individual District needs.**

M. Thibodeaux is concerned about the lack of separation of Lower and Middle Trinity in the Western end. They would like to keep one DFC for both. M. Voulgaris said the Cow Creek GCD would like to keep the Upper and Middle together and separate the Lower.

**b. Update on Ellenberger modeling.**

No new updates at this time.

**c. Update on Southern Trinity Aquifer GAM Stakeholder meeting.**

Jevon with TWDB stated to set a DFC for the Edwards-Trinity Plateau, you need to phrase that in your DFC.

**d. Edwards Trinity Plateau Modeling**

No new updates at this time.

8. Presentation by AGS on three of the nine factors in accordance with TWC 36.108 (d)

- a. Socioeconomic impacts reasonably expected to occur;
- b. The feasibility of achieving the desired future condition; and
- c. Any other information relevant to the specific desired future conditions.

James Beach presented the three factors in accordance with TWC 36.108 (d)

M. Voulgaris stated that the factors will have to be revisited during the modeling process.

9. Presentation by AGS, discussion and possible action by District Representatives regarding updated demands from the current round of Regional Water Planning.

No action taken.

10. Presentation by AGS, discussion and possible action by District Representatives modeling approach and pumping data requirements for Southern Trinity Aquifer GAM.

James Beach said we are 3-4 months from a draft model. The Districts need to have information of pumping per aquifer available by early 2025. The GMA9 committee will have a workshop to have an open discussion on pumping numbers in February.

No action taken.

11. Sub-committee updates related to:

a. Public Outreach Subcommittee

GMA9 will have a workshop on pumping numbers in February.

b. Technical Subcommittee

Send updated monitor well data for end of September. Allan Clark spoke on a new project USGS is working on building new aquifer maps within the Camp Bullis landscape. The study has been funded for 2 years.

- c. Management Plan and Rules Subcommittee  
December meeting will have an annual review of District management plan goals.
- d. Regional Planning Group Subcommittee  
No update

12. Comments and updates from TWDB and GMA 9 representatives on the joint planning process and other correspondence and announcements.

Jennifer Badhwar with TWDB stated that Bryan McMath is officially the executive administrator. Kathleen Ligon is the assistant executive administrator. Tonya Miller was appointed to the board. The new email for groundwater management plans is [gwmplans@twdb.texas.gov](mailto:gwmplans@twdb.texas.gov).

Amanda Maloukis stated that the 2-year renewal is up on the GMA 9 website and invoices will be sent out soon.

Allan Brown stated that they have an update on exempt wells inventory. Doesn't want to be out of alignment with other Districts. M. Voulgaris said it can be added to the workshop in February.

13. Public comment.

None.

14. Establish date, time, and place of next meeting and discuss potential agenda items.

The next meeting is scheduled for December 17, 2024 and the committee will discuss District updates and management plan goals. An agenda item will be added to discuss MAG and DFC differences.

15. Adjournment

Adjourned by consensus at 11:32am.

Approved by GMA9 Joint Planning Committee December 13, 2024

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Micah Voulgaris*  
Micah Voulgaris, Chairman

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Amanda Maloukis*  
Amanda Maloukis, Vice Chair