Refugio Groundwater Conservation District Meeting Notice and Agenda

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Government Code and Section 36.064 of the Texas Water Code that the Refugio Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors will hold a meeting on April 15, 2024, at 6:00 PM at the First Baptist Church of Woodsboro Fellowship Hall, 309 Johnson Street, Woodsboro, Texas 78393.

AGENDA

- 1. Call the meeting to order and welcome guests.
- 2. Receive public comments.
- 3. Consideration of and possible action on matters related to groundwater management including the efforts and activities of the District regarding permitting, complaints, investigations, violations, and enforcement cases associated with permitting.
- Consideration of and possible action on matters related to groundwater protection including complaints, investigations, violations, and enforcement cases related to groundwater contamination and waste.
- 5. Consideration of and possible action on matters related to groundwater monitoring.
- 6. Consideration of and possible action on matters related to groundwater conservation.
- 7. Consideration of and possible action on matters related to groundwater resource planning including Groundwater Management Area 15 Joint Planning and regional water planning.
- 8. Consideration of and possible action on matters related to groundwater policy including the Management Plan of the District and the Rules of the District.
- 9. Consideration of and possible action on matters related to administration and management including the minutes of previous meetings, the annual budget of the district, bank accounts, investments, financial reports of the district, bills and invoices of the district, management goals and objectives of the district, administrative policies, staffing, consultant agreements, interlocal cooperation agreements, and support services provided to and from other groundwater conservation districts.
- 10. Consideration of and possible action on matters related to legal counsel report.
- 11. Consideration of and possible action on matters related to district director vacancies.
- 12. Adjourn.

The Refugio Groundwater Conservation District may close the meeting, if necessary, to conduct private consultation with legal counsel regarding matters protected by the attorney-client privilege pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Government Code or to discuss matters regarding personnel pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Government Code. The Refugio Groundwater Conservation District will return to open meeting, if necessary, to take any action deemed necessary based on discussion in closed meeting pursuant to Section 551.102 of the Government Code.

In Accordance with Title III of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the District invites all attendees to advise us of any special accommodations due to disability. Please submit your request as far as possible in advance of event you wish to attend.

Certificate of Posting

The above Notice of Meeting was posted	H	Drue	9th	_, 2024 at a	place convenient
to the public on a bulletin board in the Re	efugio	County	Courthouse	at Refugio,	Texas.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL of office on above date.

Margie A. Castellano, Clerk County Court Refugio County, Texas

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RGCD - Matters For Consideration - 20240415

Item 1.0 - Convene Meeting

Management Discussion:

none.

The District completed all necessary public notification requirements for the meeting. See: <u>Public Notice - 20240415- Board Meeting</u>.

Management Recommendation:

	called the meeting to	order at	with the following
representatives l	being present:		
Precinct 1: Mr. J	lohn Snyder, Treasurer	:	
Precinct 2: Mr. C	Carroll Borden, Preside	nt:	
Precinct 3: Ms. C	Cynthia Rose:	·	
Precinct 4: Mr. F	Fredric Biery, Secretary	":	
At Large: Vacan	t:		
General Manage	er: Mr. Tim Andruss: _	·	
General Counsel	l: Mr. James Allison: _	·	

Item 2.0 - Receive Public Comment

Management Discussion:

none.

Management Recommendation:

offer to accept public comment from attendees.

Item 3.0 - Report regarding Groundwater Management

Previous Consideration by the Board:

MFC-20240205-3.0 - Report regarding Groundwater Management.

Management Discussion:

Regarding Well Registration Processing for FY2024.

As of <u>April 2, 2024</u>, staff had received <u>4</u> well registration applications (ARWs) since <u>October 1, 2023</u>:

- 1. <u>ARW-20231218-01 Hilcorp Energy</u>
- 2. ARW-20240228-01 Watco Transloading
- 3. ARW-20240229-01 Watco Transloading
- 4. ARW-20240325-01 Blaise Davis

As of <u>April 2, 2024</u>, staff had received <u>5</u> Notices of Intent to Drill a Well (NIDWs) since <u>October 1, 2023</u>:

- 1. NIDW-20240220-01 TC Oil Company
- 2. NIDW-20240223-01 Derrick Silvas
- 3. NIDW-20240307-01 Darren Christenson
- 4. NIDW-20240312-01 Daniel Rivera
- 5. NIDW-20240312-02 Daniel Rivera

Regarding Production Permit Renewal Processing for FY2024.

As of <u>April 2, 2024</u>, staff had received <u>0</u> production permit renewal requests (ARPs) since October 1, 2023.

Regarding Permit Processing for FY2024.

As of <u>April 2, 2024</u>, staff had initiated <u>3</u> permitting request case (PRCs) since <u>October 1, 2023:</u>

- 1. PRC-20231108-01 AVHUWS-20231101-02 City of Austwell
- 2. <u>PRC-20231113-01 AVHUWS-20231101-01 The Town of Refugio</u>
- 3. <u>PRC-20240130-01 ANHUPPW-20240130-01 Hilcorp Energy</u>

As of April 2, 2024, staff had 1 permitting request case pending:

1. <u>PRC-20201215-01 - ADW-20201210-01/AOW-20201210-02 - Chandra Purnama - Pending / Uncontested</u>

As of <u>April 8, 2024</u>, staff had <u>24</u> active or approved production permits recorded in the permitting database with a combined amount of authorized groundwater production per year of <u>1,972.09</u> acre-feet.

Regarding Groundwater Production Report Processing for CY2023.

As of <u>April 2, 2024</u>, staff had processed <u>40</u> groundwater production reports since October 1, 2023.

- 1. GPR-20240206-01 NW-00495 CY2023
- 2. GPR-20240206-02 NW-00494 CY2023
- 3. GPR-20240206-03 NW-00589 CY2023
- 4. <u>GPR-20240206-04 NW-00398 CY2023</u>
- 5. GPR-20240206-05 NW-00399 CY2023
- 6. GPR-20240206-06 GW-00135 CY2023
- 7. <u>GPR-20240206-07 GW-00134 CY2023</u>
- 8. <u>GPR-20240206-08 NW-00485 CY2023</u>
- 9. GPR-20240207-01 NW-00546 CY2023
- 10. <u>GPR-20240207-02 NW-00545 CY2023</u>
- 11. <u>GPR-20240207-03 NW-00544 CY2023</u>
- 12. GPR-20240207-04 NW-00163 CY2023
- 13. GPR-20240207-05 NW-00563 CY2023
- 14. GPR-20240207-06 NW-00564 CY2023
- 15. GPR-20240207-07 NW-00332 CY2023
- 16. GPR-20240216-01 NW-00242 CY2023
- 17. <u>GPR-20240216-02 NW-00244 CY2023</u>
- 18. <u>GPR-20240216-03 GW-00440 CY2023</u>
- 19. GPR-20240216-04 NW-00583 CY2023
- 20. GPR-20240216-05 NW-00166 CY2023

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21. <u>GPR-20240216-06 - NW-00393 - CY2023</u>
22. <u>GPR-20240216-07 - NW-00223 - CY2023</u>
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- 23. <u>GPR-20240216-08 NW-00387 CY2023</u>
- 24. <u>GPR-20240216-09 NW-00149 CY2023</u>
- 25. <u>GPR-20240216-10 NW-00116 CY2023</u>
- 26. <u>GPR-20240216-11 NW-00270 CY2023</u>
- 27. <u>GPR-20240216-12 NW-00381 CY2023</u>
- 28. <u>GPR-20240221-01 GW-00203 CY2023</u>
- 29. <u>GPR-20240221-02 GW-00321 CY2023</u>
- 30. <u>GPR-20240221-03 GW-00320 CY2023</u>
- 31. GPR-20240221-04 GW-00319 CY2023
- 32. GPR-20240223-01 NW-00596 CY2023
- 33. GPR-20240223-02 NW-00597 CY2023
- 34. GPR-20240228-01 NW-00305 CY2023
- 35. GPR-20240228-02 NW-00306 CY2023
- 36. <u>GPR-20240306-01 NW-00138 CY2023</u>
- 37. GPR-20240311-01 GW-00450 CY2023
- 38. GPR-20240321-01 GW-00272 CY2023
- 39. <u>GPR-20240321-02 GW-00194 CY2023</u>
- 40. GPR-20240321-03 GW-00089 CY2023.

As of April 8, 2024, staff had recorded groundwater production reports for <u>40</u> water wells reporting <u>1,019.27</u> acre-feet of groundwater production during CY2023. (TWDB estimated the volume of groundwater produced for rural domestic, livestock, mining, and rig supply exempt uses in Refugio County in Year 2020 was 580 acre-feet. See: <u>TWDB - Projected Exempt Groundwater Use Estimates</u>.).

Regarding <u>Manage Investigations related to Permitting Violations for</u> FY2024.

As of <u>January 30, 2024</u>, staff had initiated <u>2</u> investigations related to groundwater management (i.e., permitting) since <u>October 1, 2023</u>:

- 1. <u>INV-20231115.1519 Failure to Satisfy Rules of the District Production Reporting</u> for CY2023 Active
- 2. <u>INV-20231208.1203 Failure to Satisfy Rules of the District Failure to Register a</u> Well Active

As of <u>January 30, 2024</u>, staff had <u>2</u> active investigation related to groundwater management (i.e., permitting):

- 1. <u>INV-20231115.1519 Failure to Satisfy Rules of the District Production Reporting</u> for CY2023 Active
- 2. <u>INV-20231208.1203 Failure to Satisfy Rules of the District Failure to Register a</u> Well Active

See: MFC-20240415-3.1 - Investigation - INV-20231115.1519 - Failure to Report Groundwater Production.

Regarding Manage Enforcement Cases related to Permitting Violations for .FY2024.

As of <u>April 2, 2024</u>, the Board had initiated <u>2</u> enforcement case violations related to groundwater management (i.e., permitting) since <u>October 1, 2023</u>:

- 1. ECV-20231101-01 Failure to Obtain Production Permit The City of Austwell
- 2. ECV-20231101-02 Failure to Obtain Production Permit Hilcorp Energy

As of <u>January 30, 2024</u>, staff had $\underline{0}$ unresolved enforcement cases related to groundwater management (i.e., permitting):

1. none.

Management Recommendation:

None.

Item 3.1 - Investigation - INV-20231115.1519 - Failure to Report Groundwater Production

Previous Consideration by the Board:

MFC-20230417-3.2 - INV-20230303.1658 - Failure to Report Groundwater Production.

Management Discussion:

Regarding <u>Manage Investigations related to Permitting Violations for</u> FY2024.

As of <u>April 4, 2024,</u> the District has identified <u>2</u> wells under investigation <u>Investigations</u> <u>- INV-20231115.1519 - Failure to Satisfy Rules of the District - Production Reporting for</u>

<u>CY2023 - Active</u> that have potentially violated RULE 4.2: REPORTING REQUIREMENT RELATED TO NON-EXEMPTUSE WELLS by failing to report the volume of groundwater produced from the non-exempt-use well for the previous calendar year (January 1 to December 31) during January of the current calendar year.

On November 11, 2023, the general manager initiated the investigation.

On April 2, 2024, the general manager developed a list of wells and ownership information related to well that appear to have failed to satisfied the requirement to report groundwater production for CY2023.

RGCD - List of Wells and Ownership Data - Potential Failure to Report Groundwater Production - 20240402.pdf

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The district has classified the potential violators based on landownership (no tax parcel identified for NW-00382) into the following groups based the provisions of RULE 11.10: PENALTIES of the Rules of the District:

Group 1: Persons with one violation and no previous violations:None.

Group: 2: Persons with multiple violations and no previous violations: None.

Group 3: Persons with previous violation of the related rule in the previous 5-year period:

- 1. JM PRESSURE PUMPING LLC; 706 LANTANA ST; REFUGIO; TX; 78377; NW-00472
 - a. <u>Enforcement Case Violation ECV-20230418-04 JM PRESSURE PUMPING LLC</u>
 (South Central Cementers) Failure to Report Groundwater Production CY2022
 for Well NW-00472 Resolved
- 2. Roywell Services, Inc., P.O. Box 1329. Bellaire, Texas 77402; NW-00382
 - a. <u>Enforcement Case Violation ECV-20230418-03 Roywell Services Inc. Failure to Report Groundwater Production CY2022 for Well NW-00382 Unresolved/Suspended</u>
 - b. <u>Enforcement Case Violation ECV-20221031-03 Roywell Services INC Failure to Report Groundwater Production Unresolved</u>

If the boards find that violations have occurred in the instances identified in file RGCD

- List of Wells and Ownership Data Potential Failure to Report Groundwater Production
- 20240402.pdf and instruct staff to proceed with enforcement efforts, staff will:

- a) mail 1st notice of violation and any approved settlement offer to the landowner associated with the appraisal district tax parcel by CMRRR and to the registered well owner by regular mail by May 1, 2024;
- b) mail the <u>2nd notice of violation</u> and any approved settlement offer to the landowner associated with the appraisal district tax parcel by CMRRR and to the registered well owner by regular mail by June 1, 2024,
- c) mail the <u>notice of need to file suit</u> and any approved settlement offer to the landowner associated with the appraisal district tax parcel by CMRRR and to the registered well owner by regular mail by June 30, 2024,
- d) publish an enforcement hearing notice for any unresolved violations for the July 15, 2024 board meeting by July 5, 2024, and
- e) present any unresolved violations to the board at the July 15, 2024 meeting with a recommendation that board: 1) confirm the findings of violation and penalties and 2) referred to the violations to legal counsel for filing suit before the meeting scheduled for October 16, 2024.

Management Recommendation:

Management Recommendation for Group 1:

None.

Management Recommendation for Group 2:

None.

Management Recommendation for Group 3:

Persons with a previous violation of the related rule in the previous 5-year period. move to:

- 1. find that JM Pressure Pumping (Well registered to South Central Cementers) violated RULE 4.2: REPORTING REQUIREMENT RELATED TO NON-EXEMPTUSE WELLS of the Rules of the District related to well NW-00472 unless evidence to the contrary or evidence of relevant extenuating circumstances is submitted to the District:
- 2. authorize the General Manager to initiate an enforcement case regarding the violation;
- 3. set a **\$250.00** penalty for the violation per RULE 11.10: PENALTIES of the Rules of the District; and

- 4. offer to settle the violation if JM Pressure Pumping LLC. (Well registered to South Central Cementers) consents to the following conditions:
 - a. acknowledges the violation by June 30, 2024;
 - b. pays a settlement fee of \$20.00 by June 30, 2024; and
 - c. submits a administratively complete groundwater production report for calendar year 2023 by June 30, 2024.

move to:

- find that Roywell Services, Inc. violated RULE 4.2: REPORTING REQUIREMENT RELATED TO NON-EXEMPTUSE WELLS of the Rules of the District related to well NW-00382 unless evidence to the contrary or evidence of relevant extenuating circumstances is submitted to the District;
- 2. authorize the General Manager to initiate an enforcement case regarding the violation;
- 3. set a **\$250.00** penalty for the violation per RULE 11.10: PENALTIES of the Rules of the District; and
- 4. offer to settle the violation if **Roywell Services**, **Inc.** consents to the following conditions:
 - a. acknowledges the violation by June 30, 2024;
 - b. pays a settlement fee of \$20.00 by June 30, 2024; and
 - c. submits a administratively complete groundwater production report for calendar year 2023 by June 30, 2024.

Item 4.0 - Report regarding Groundwater Protection

Previous Consideration by the Board:

MFC-20240205-4.0 - Report regarding Groundwater Protection.

Management Discussion:

Regarding Well Inspections for FY2024.

As of <u>April 8, 2024</u>, staff had recorded <u>6</u> well inspection forms (WIFs) since <u>October 1,</u> 2023:

- 1. <u>WIF-20231206-01 NW-00682</u>
- 2. WIF-20240221-01 GW-00439
- 3. WIF-20240221-02 NW-00570
- 4. WIF-20240221-03 NW-00539
- 5. WIF-20240221-04 GW-00079
- 6. WIF-20240223-01 GW-00234

Regarding <u>Manage Investigations related to Groundwater Protection for</u> FY2024.

As of <u>April 8, 2024</u>, staff had initiated <u>0</u> investigations related to Groundwater Protection since October 1, 2023:

1. none.

As of <u>April 8, 2024</u>, staff had <u>1</u> active investigation related to Groundwater Protection:

1. <u>Investigations - INV-20191202:1017 - Potential Contamination of Groundwater at Woodsboro Farmers Cooperative - Active</u>.

Regarding Manage Enforcement Cases related to Groundwater Protection for FY2024.

As of <u>April 8, 2024</u>, the Board had initiated <u>0</u> enforcement cases related to Groundwater Protection since <u>October 1, 2023</u>:

1. none.

As of <u>April 8, 2024</u>, staff had $\underline{0}$ unresolved enforcement case violations related to Groundwater Protection:

1. none.

Management Recommendation:

None.

Item 5.0 - Report regarding Groundwater Monitoring

Previous Consideration by the Board:

MFC-20240205-5.0 - Report regarding Groundwater Monitoring.

Management Discussion:

Regarding Monitor Drought Conditions for FY2024.

As of April 8, 2024, the U.S. Drought Monitor

(<u>https://www.drought.gov/states/texas/county/refugio</u>) indicates that <u>0%</u> of Refugio County is experiencing experiencing dry or drought conditions.

As of <u>April 8, 2024</u>, drought condition information related to the district and the surrounding region of Texas collected from the Water Data for Texas website (https://www.waterdatafortexas.org/drought/) indicates that no portions of Refugio County are experiencing dry or drought conditions.

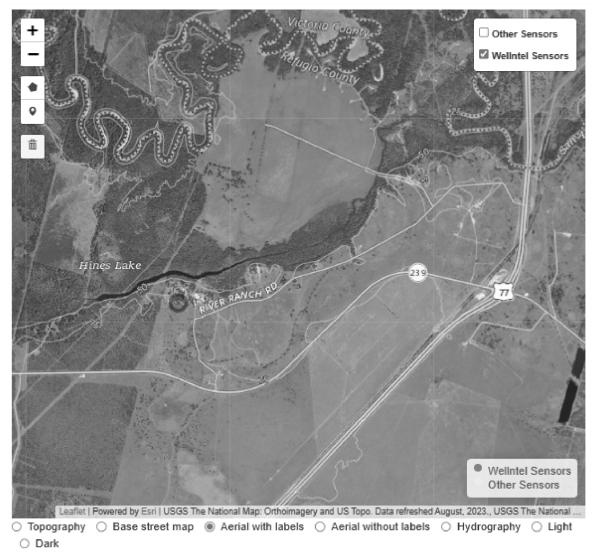
Regarding Synoptic Aquifer Monitoring for FY2024.

As of <u>April 8, 2024</u>, staff had collected <u>8</u> water level measurements since <u>October 1, 2023</u>:

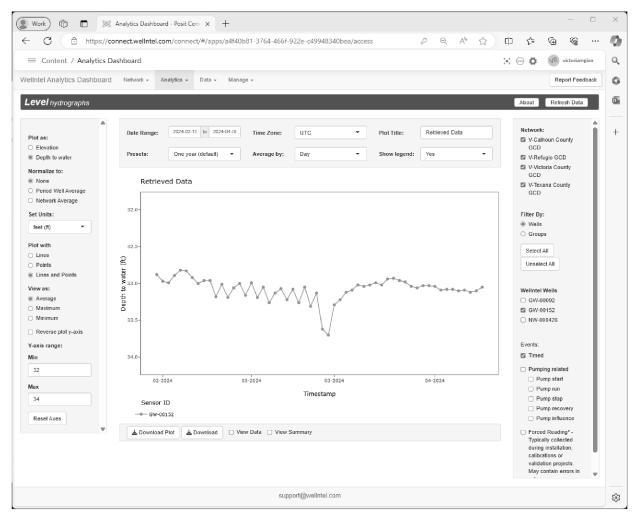
- 1. WLM-20231206-01 NW-00682
- 2. WLM-20240126-01 GW-00152
- 3. WLM-20240213-01 GW-00152
- 4. WLM-20240221-01 GW-00439
- 5. WLM-20240221-02 NW-00570
- 6. WLM-20240221-03 NW-00539
- 7. WLM-20240221-04 GW-00079
- 8. WLM-20240223-01 GW-00234

Regarding <u>Advanced Aquifer Monitoring for FY2024</u>.

On February 13, 2024, staff, with technical support from Wellntel, successfully installed a water level monitoring instrument on well GW-00152 owned by Mr. Keefe.



As of April 9, 2024, the sensor had collected and uploaded 334 water level measurements to the Wellntel Analytics Dashboard. The graph below depicts the water level measurements collected from GW-00152. Wellntel - Analytics Dashboard - GW-00152.png



After the successful installation and configuration of a conductivity sensor at a Wellntel monitoring site in Victoria County, Staff have ordered a conductivity sensor to be installed at GW-00152 to continue implementation of the Advanced Aquifer Monitoring Project.

Regarding Baseline Water Quality Aquifer Monitoring for FY2024.

No Report.

Regarding Ad-Hoc Baseline Water Quality Sampling for FY2024.

As of <u>April 8, 2024</u>, staff had collected <u>5</u> water quality field measurements since <u>October 1, 2023</u>:

1. WQFM-20231206.1324 - NW-00682

As of <u>April 8, 2024</u>, staff had collected <u>0</u> water quality samples since <u>October 1, 2023:</u> 1, none.

As of <u>April 8, 2024</u>, staff had received <u>0</u> water quality lab reports since <u>October 1,</u> 2023:

1. none.

Regarding Annual Water Level Assessment for FY2024.

No report.

Regarding <u>Annual Water Quality Assessment for FY2024</u>.

No report.

Regarding <u>Monitoring Network Assessment and Improvement Project for</u> FY2024.

No report.

Management Recommendation:

None.

Item 6.0 - Report regarding Groundwater Conservation

Previous Consideration by the Board:

MFC-20240205-6.0 - Report regarding Groundwater Conservation.

Management Discussion:

Regarding <u>Promote Conservation for FY2024</u>.

No Report.

Regarding Conservation Education and Teacher Professional Development for FY2024.

See: <u>MFC-20240415-6.1 - Conservation Education and Teacher Professional Development</u>.

Management Recommendation:

None.

Item 6.1 - Conservation Education and Teacher Professional Development

Previous Consideration by the Board:

MFC-20230417-6.0 - Report regarding Groundwater Conservation.

Management Discussion:

Regarding Conservation Education and Teacher Professional Development for FY2024.

VCGCD - Proposal for the Cooperative Promotion of Water Conservation through Teacher Professional Development - UHV VCGCD VISD - Final.pdf

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A project, to be completed in June 2024, related to conservation education and teacher professional development has been developed by staff as well as representatives of Victoria ISD (VISD), and University of Houston-Victoria (UHV).

The project seeks to extend and expand the cooperative efforts between the UHV, VISD, and the District to promote water conservation through a project to deliver professional development to teachers of middle school science classes and teachers of high school aquatic science and environmental systems classes. This proposal expands the professional development activities by 1) conducting a workshop at the Wetland Education Center located at the INVISTA Victoria Plant Wetland in Victoria County and 2) including a presentation by UHV staff on the application of Artificial Intelligence/Machine Learning to water resource management.

If the project is implemented, the qualifying teachers would be recruited from with the boundary of the financially contributing partners to participate in workshops held on two days in the Summer of 2024 at multiple locations within Victoria County (i.e., INVISTA Victoria Plant Wetland, the Clements Ranch, and UVH Campus) designed to 1) increase awareness, knowledge, and technical skills related to the hydrologic cycle, water resources, risks to water resources including over-production and pollution, and 2) expand knowledge and skills that align with the related Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) for the purposes of promoting water conservation. Participating teachers

would receive a \$500.00 stipend and continuing education credits for completing the workshops. The project would conclude with the submittal of a summary report of professional development provided during the workshops.

The total cost for the project is projected to at \$17,540. The proposal does not assign a cost to the valuable contributions of time to be made by Teresa LeSage-Clements of UHV, Dmitri Sobolev of UHV, John Snyder of VISD, Tim Andruss of VCGCD, or the administrative staff members of the cooperating entities. Furthermore, the proposal does not assign a cost to the valuable contributions made by the UHV, the City of Victoria, the VISD, the INVISTA Victoria Plant Wetland, or the Clements Ranch for providing access to facilities to be used during the workshops.

On July 21, 2023, the Victoria County GCD Board of Directors authorized staff to 1) seek cooperation and approval of cost sharing agreements with Calhoun County GCD, Refugio GCD, and Texana GCD as well as 2) take the necessary actions to implement the Proposal for the Cooperative Promotion of Water Conservation through Teacher Professional Development after October 1, 2023.

Management Recommendation:

move to accept the *Proposal for the Cooperative Promotion of Water Conservation through Teacher Professional Development Summer 2024* and agree to cost share with VCGCD in an amount not to exceed 25% of the actual expenses or \$4,385.00 for the implementation of the project.

Item 7.0 - Report regarding Groundwater Resource Planning

Previous Consideration by the Board:

MFC-20240205-7.0 - Report regarding Groundwater Resource Planning.

Management Discussion:

Regarding Regional Water Planning Participation for FY2024.

Representatives of the district participated in the meeting of the South Central Texas Regional Planning Group (Region L) held on February 14, 2024, to continue efforts to

develop the 2026 Regional Water Plan. The next meeting of Region P is scheduled for May 2, 2024.

Regarding GMA 15 Joint Planning for 4th Planning Cycle in FY2024.

Representatives of the district participated in the meeting of the representatives of Groundwater Management Area 15 on January 11, 2024 to continue joint planning efforts. During the meeting the members received a report from TWDB stating that the internal work to compare predictive results when modeling the GMA 15 DFC pumping scenario using the previous GAM (CGCD-GAM) and the current GAM (combined GMA 15 and GMA 16 extent) resulted in significant discrepancies and issues. TWDB is undertaking a review of the new model. The representatives agreed to postpone action on the joint planning work until the next meeting of GMA 15. Staff of the district had suspended efforts to negotiate terms of an agreement with Intera until TWDB provides clarity regarding the GAM to be used during the current joint planning cycle. The next meeting of the representatives of Groundwater Management Area 15 is scheduled for April 11, 2024 at Goliad County GCD offices.

TWDB - 2024-0329_CSGC_GAM_Letter_signed.pdf

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TWDB - 2024-0329_CSGC_GAM_Letter_Attachment.pdf

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On April 3, 2024, staff received a report developed by the Texas Water Development Board regarding its efforts to review the new groundwater availability model released in 2023 for use by GMA 15 for the current planning cycle. The report identifies numerous issues that need to resolved prior to its use for joint planning purposes.

Management Recommendation:
None.

Item 8.0 - Report regarding Groundwater Policy

Previous Consideration by the Board:

MFC-20240205-8.0 - Report regarding Groundwater Policy.

Management Discussion:

Regarding Management Plan Revisions for FY2024.

No Report.

Regarding Rule Amendments for FY2024.

Staff have identified three potential aspects of the rules of the district that may warrant clarification to policy development:

- 1. appropriate requirements and procedures related to amendment requests of waivers associated with production permits,
- 2. appropriate requirements and procedures related to amendment requests of production permits, and
- 3. appropriate requirements and procedures regarding renewal and expiration of production permits associated with proposed wells.

Staff will coordinate with legal counsel on draft revisions to the rules of the district and present recommendations to the Board on July 15, 2024.

Regarding Legislative Support and Lobbying for FY2024.

On March 20, 2024, Mr. Andruss participated in a meeting of the Legislative Committee the Texas Water Conservation Association in Austin. The committee heard presentations regarding issues that members would like for the committee to consider as part of its efforts to identify "consensus legislation" including the following topics:

Infrastructure and Funding:

- i. Secure additional water infrastructure funding. (Darrell Nichols, Justin Yancy, Jason Pierce)
- ii. Additional flood Infrastructure funding. (Tina Petersen)
- iii. Broaden TWDB financial assistance tools to lessen the cost of future growth on current customers, encourage replacement of existing infrastructure, and clarify financing of ASR projects. (Darrell Nichols)
- iv. Establish incentives to promote conjunctive use of surface water and groundwater. (Gary Westbrook)
- v. Establish incentives to encourage desalination along the coast to free up surface water inland. (Gary Westbrook)

- vi. Establish a new category of funding for communities with a population under 5,000. (Travis Pruski)
- vii. Create & fund a new Groundwater Research and Science Fund to fund local science/groundwater monitoring. (Vanessa Puig-Williams)
- viii. Replenish funding for the Ag. Water Conservation Fund. (Wayne Halbert, Troy Allen)
- ix. Create a statewide groundwater well plugging program. (Mike Pyburn)
- x. Create funding options for artificial drainage systems. (Rolando Vela) Regionalization and Growth:
- xi. Annexation laws and creation of special districts/promoting regionalization. (Kevin Ward)
- xii. Evaluate tools for GCDs to enforce permit limits or curtail unauthorized groundwater production. (Brian Sledge, Vanessa Puig-Williams)
- xiii. Evaluate tools for retail public water utilities or IOUs to enforce drought restrictions. (Vanessa Puig-Williams)
- xiv. Require developers to look at economic feasibility of sustainable infrastructure (reuse, bioswales, alternative power generation). (Auggie Campbell)
 Surface Water:
- xv. Evaluate changes to state permit requirements to optimize water projects. (Emily Rogers)
- xvi. Impact of domestic & livestock reservoir exemptions. (Lyn Clancy) Groundwater:
- xvii. Better define "waste" and "beneficial use" of groundwater. (Gary Westbrook, Vanessa Puig-Williams)
- xviii. Storage and transport of groundwater via surface water rivers/streams. (Lyn Clancy)
- xix. Use of groundwater for vanity ponds. (Ty Embrey)
- xx. Review of statutory provisions relating to the identification of brackish groundwater production zones and potential refinement of the requirement that zones not be located in areas with injection/disposal wells. (Hope Wells)
- xxi. Evaluate how GCDs address large production projects. (Greg Ellis)
- xxii. Evaluate whether to allow opportunity for public comment on the current DFC at the beginning of the 5-year evaluation process (instead of the end), including alternatives the public want investigated. (Greg Ellis)
- xxiii. Evaluate whether the DFC appeal process should address the next round of DFC evaluation instead of invalidating the most recently adopted DFC. (Greg Ellis)

Data:

xxiv. Update water availability models for remaining river basins. (Tony Smith, Justin Yancy, Jason Pierce)

xxv. Better alignment of water reuse data between TWDB and TCEQ. (Elizabeth Fazio-Hale)

xxvi. Require TWDB to develop a data point to counterbalance TERS, such as Total Estimated Preservation Volume. (Carlos Rubinstein, Vanessa Puig-Williams)

Other:

xxvii. Clarification of terms in HB 3810 (88th) regarding notice to TCEQ of unplanned conditions leading to an outage or certain other notices. (Hope Wells)

xxviii. Create an option for state road signs for watersheds/recharge zones. (Andrew Weir)

Management Recommendation:

None.

Item 9.0 - Report regarding Administration and Management

Previous Consideration by the Board:

MFC-20240205-9.0 - Report regarding Administration and Management.

Management Discussion:

Regarding Election Coordination for CY2024.

No report.

Regarding Financial Audit for FY2023.

On March 22, 2024, Mr. Cox with Goldman, Hunt and Notz, LLP informed the District that he anticipates presenting the audit report to the Board on July 15, 2024.

Regarding Investment Management for FY2024.

On April 9, 2024, representatives from TexPool notified staff of two defects within the TexPool Participation Agreement.

See: MFC-20240415-9.3 - Investments of the District.

Regarding Financial Record Processing and Reporting for FY2024.

See: MFC-20240415-9.2 - Financial Reports of the District.

See: MFC-20240415-9.2.1 - Financial Transaction Review.

See: MFC-20240415-9.4 - Unpaid Accounts Payable.

Regarding Budget Development for FY2025.

Staff will develop and present preliminary budget information to the Board on July 15, 2024.

Regarding Asset Tracking for FY2024.

No report.

Regarding Public Funds Training for FY2024.

No report.

Regarding Website Improvements.

Staff have added webpages and electronic forms related to groundwater monitoring, groundwater water production reporting, and renewal of groundwater production permits during the interim.

See: https://www.rgcd.org/incentivization-of-monitoring-program

See: https://www.rgcd.org/groundwater-production-reporting-for-cy2023

See: https://www.rgcd.org/electronic-groundwater-production-report-form

See: https://www.rgcd.org/production-permit-renewals-for-cy2024

See: https://www.rgcd.org/electronic-application-to-renew-a-permit

Regarding Public Notice and Meeting Coordination for FY2024.

The next meetings of the Board are scheduled for **July 15**, **2024**, **August 19**, **2024** (Budget and Tax Rate Matters), and **October 21**, **2024**, with each meeting to convene at 6:00 PM. Regular meetings will be rescheduled as necessary and special meeting may be scheduled to address unforeseen issues.

See: MFC-20240415-9.1 - Minutes of Previous Meetings.

Regarding Performance Audit for FY2023.

Staff will develop and present the performance audit for FY2023 to the Board on July 15, 2024.

Regarding Project Management for FY2024.

No report.

Regarding Administrative Policy Review for FY2024.

No report.

Regarding <u>Transparency Reporting for FY2024</u>.

No report.

Regarding Cybersecurity Training for FY2024.

No report.

Regarding Consultant Review for FY2024.

No report.

Regarding Open Government Training for FY2024.

No report.

Regarding District Liability Insurance Review and Renewal for FY2024.

No report.

Regarding Digital Record Archiving for FY2024.

Staff continue to create digital archives for the records of the district.

- 1. Digital Archive Batch DAB-20231101.1106 Adm MM
- 2. Digital Archive Batch DAB-20231128.1351 GMa
- 3. <u>Digital Archive Batch DAB-20240215.1405 GMa</u>

Regarding Physical Record Archiving for FY2024.

Staff continue to create physical archives for select records of the district.

- 1. PAB-20231103.1047 Travel and Expense Claims
- 2. PAB-20231103.1344 Documents Approved or Accepted at Meeting
- 3. PAB-20231106.1050 Bond and Insurance Records
- 4. PAB-20231106.1322 Oaths of Office
- 5. <u>PAB-20231106.1327 Orders and Resolutions</u>
- 6. PAB-20231106.1336 IRS Filings
- 7. PAB-20231106.1354 Payroll Summary Report
- 8. <u>PAB-20231108.0926 Agreements</u>
- 9. <u>PAB-20231108.0949 Projects</u>
- 10. PAB-20231108.1016 Groundwater Conservation
- 11. PAB-20231108.1041 Enforcement Case Settlements
- 12. PAB-20231129.0820 EM Notices
- 13. PAB-20231129.1008 FM Audits

- 14. <u>PAB-20231129.1040 Budgets</u>
- 15. PAB-20231129.1119 -OM Public Notices
- 16. PAB-20231129.1401 OM Public Notices
- 17. PAB-20231129.1438 OPM Reports
- 18. PAB-20231129.1516 CIE Investigations
- 19. PAB-20231213.0849 GMa Production Reports
- 20. <u>PAB-20231213.0920 GMa PR Amend Report Requests</u>
- 21. PAB-20231213.0936 GMa PR Production Permit Renewal Requests
- 22. PAB-20231213.0948 GMa PR Production Permit Requests
- 23. PAB-20231213.1015 GMo Mea Water Quality Field Measurements
- 24. PAB-20231213.1047 GMo PRe Daily Field Records and Field Notes
- 25. PAB-20231213.1131 GMo PRe Sampling Inventories
- 26. PAB-20231220.0825 GMo Mea Water Level Measurements
- 27. PAB-20231220.1003 GMo Mea Water Level Measurements
- 28. <u>PAB-20231220.1029 GMa PR Registration Requests</u>
- 29. PAB-20231220.1105 GMa PR Registration Request
- 30. PAB-20231220.1317 GP CIE Enforcement Case Violations
- 31. PAB-20231220.1400 GP CIE Enforcement Case Settlements
- 32. <u>PAB-20231220.1444 INSP Well Inspections</u>
- 33. <u>PAB-20231220.1515 Adm PPM Projects</u>
- 34. PAB-20231220.1549 Adm IM Information Management
- 35. <u>PAB-20231227.0823 GMa Pe Drilling Permits</u>
- 36. <u>PAB-20231227.0955 GMa Pe Drilling Permits</u>
- 37. PAB-20231227.1036 GMa Pe Permitting Request Cases
- 38. <u>PAB-20231227.1119 GMa Pe Permitting Request Cases</u>
- 39. <u>PAB-20231227.1306 GMa Pe Permitting Request Cases</u>
- 40. PAB-20231227.1328 GMa Pe Production Permits
- 41. PAB-20231228.1356 GP INSP Permitting Receipts
- 42. PAB-20231228.1540 GP INSP Permitting Receipts
- 43. PAB-20240103.0917 Adm FM Bank Statement
- 44. PAB-20240103.0926 GMa Pe Well Registration Certificates
- 45. <u>PAB-20240103.1100 Adm FM Bank Statement</u>
- 46. PAB-20240103.1356 GPo PRu Management Plans

Management Recommendation:

none.

Item 9.1 - Minutes of Previous Meetings

Previous Consideration by the Board:

MFC-20240205-9.1 - Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Management Discussion:

the minutes for the previous meeting were sent the board members prior to the meeting.

RGCD - Adm - MM - Meeting Minutes - 20240205 - Board of Directors

RGCD - Meeting Minutes - 20240205 - Final.pdf

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RGCD - Adm - MM - Meeting Minutes - 20240325 - Board of Directors

RGCD - Meeting Minutes - 20240325 - Final.pdf

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Management Recommendation:

move to accept and approved the meeting minutes for February 5, 2024, and March 25, 2024, as drafted.

Item 9.2 - Financial Reports of the District

Previous Consideration by the Board:

MFC-20240205-9.2 - Financial Reports of the District

Management Discussion:

on February 27, 2024, the internal financial report for September 2023 was revised to correct the assignments of budget categories for several transactions recorded and

reconciled in the financial tracking spreadsheet and related reports. The correct reports were supplied to Mr. Cox of Goldman, Hunt and Notz, LLP for review as part of the financial audit of FY2023.

See: Internal Financial Reports - IFR-20230930-01 - FY2023-M12 - September 2023.

RGCD - Internal Financial Report - September 2023 - Revised.pdf

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The internal financial reports of the District for January and February 2024, have been sent to the directors prior to the meeting.

See: Internal Control Review Reports - ICRR-20240131-01 - January 2024.

RGCD - Adm - FM - Internal Control Review Reports - ICRR-20240131-01 - January 2024.pdf

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See: Internal Financial Reports - IFR-20240131-01 - FY2024-M04 - January 2024.

RGCD - Internal Financial Report - January 2024.pdf

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See: Internal Control Review Reports - ICRR-20240229-01 - February 2024.

RGCD - Adm - FM - Internal Control Review Reports - ICRR-20240229-01 - February 2024.pdf

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See: Internal Financial Reports - IFR-20240229-01 - FY2024-M05 - February 2024.

RGCD - Internal Financial Report - February 2024.pdf



Management Recommendation:

move to accept and approve the financial reports for January and February 2024.

Item 9.2.1 - Financial Transaction Review

Previous Consideration by the Board:

MFC-20240205-9.2.1 - Financial Transaction Review

Management Discussion:

the list below identifies each accounts payable transaction that was recorded since January 30, 2024, as of February 29, 2024:

- 1. <u>ACCTP-20240205-02 \$250.00 Carroll Borden February Meeting</u>
- 2. ACCTP-20240205-01 \$180.00 ABM
- 3. <u>ACCTP-20240205-04 \$250.00 John Snyder February Meeting</u>
- 4. ACCTP-20240229-01 \$16.32 Account Analysis Charge
- 5. ACCTP-20240205-05 \$250.00 Cynthia Rose February Meeting
- 6. <u>ACCTP-20240205-03 \$250.00 Fredric Biery February Meeting</u>

The list below identifies each accounts receivable transaction that was recorded since January 30, 2024, as of February 29, 2024:

- 1. ACCTR-20240206-01 \$11,673.45 Tax Collections
- 2. ACCTR-20240229-01 \$75.93 Tax Collections
- 3. <u>ACCTR-20240229-02 \$806.47 Interest</u>
- 4. ACCTR-20240214-01 \$57,116.13 Tax Collections
- 5. ACCTR-20240131-02 \$1,433.85 Interest
- 6. ACCTR-20240131-01 \$83.27 Interest

Management Recommendation:

none.

Item 9.3 - Investments of the District

Previous Consideration by the Board:

MFC-20240205-9.3 - Investments of the District

Management Discussion:

the investment reports for January and February 2024 have been sent to the board prior to the meeting.

See: Investment Report - IR-20240131-01 - FY2024M04 - January 2024

RGCD - Investment Report - IR-20240131-01 - FY24M03 - January 2024.pdf

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See: Investment Report - IR-20240229-01 - FY2024M05 - February 2024

RGCD - Investment Report - IR-20240229-01 - FY24M04 - February 2024.pdf

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Management Recommendation:

move to accept the investment reports for January and February 2024.

Item 9.4 - Unpaid Accounts Payable

Previous Consideration by the Board:

MFC-20240205-9.4 - Unpaid Accounts Payable

Management Discussion:

the District has outstanding accounts payable invoices that are not considered regular and routine for which the District has received the goods and services billed for under the invoices.

Management Recommendation:

move to authorize the general manager to pay the following items:

- 1. <u>ACCTP-20240415-01 \$250.00 Carroll Borden March Meeting</u>
- 2. <u>ACCTP-20240415-02 \$250.00 Carroll Borden April Meeting</u>
- 3. <u>ACCTP-20240415-03 \$250.00 John Snyder March Meeting</u>
- 4. <u>ACCTP-20240415-04 \$250.00 John Snyder April Meeting</u>
- 5. <u>ACCTP-20240415-05 \$250.00 Fredric Biery March Meeting</u>
- 6. <u>ACCTP-20240415-06 \$250.00 Fredric Biery April Meeting</u>
- 7. <u>ACCTP-20240415-07 \$250.00 Cynthia Rose March Meeting</u>

- 8. <u>ACCTP-20240415-08 \$250.00 Cynthia Rose April Meeting</u>
- 9. ACCTP-20240415-09 \$1,721.48 VCGCD Records Archiving Reimbursement
- 10. ACCTP-20240415-10 \$1,868.33 VCGCD Supplies and Mileage Reimbursement

Item 10.0 - Legal Counsel Report

Previous Consideration by the Board:

MFC-20240205-10.0 - Legal Counsel Report.

Management Discussion:

none.

Management Recommendation:

none.

Item 11.0 - Vacancies in Office of Director

Previous Consideration by the Board:

MFC-20240205-11.0 - Vacancies in Office of Director.

Management Discussion:

none.

Management Recommendation:

none.

Item 12.0 - Adjourn Meeting

Management Discussion:

none.

Management Recommendation:

move to adjourn the meeting after concluding all business of the District.