

Groundwater Management Area 15 Meeting Minutes for October 9, 2025

The Groundwater Management Area 15 meeting convened at the Victoria County Groundwater Conservation District Office, 1501 E. Mockingbird Lane, Suite 104, Victoria, Texas, on October 9, 2025 at 9:30 AM.

Agenda Item 1 - Call to order and welcome guests.

Mr. Andruss called the roll of the representatives of member districts of Groundwater Management Area 15:

- Bee Groundwater Conservation District Lonnie Stewart
- Calhoun County Groundwater Conservation District - Tim Andruss
- Coastal Bend Groundwater Conservation District - No Representative
- Coastal Plains Groundwater Conservation District No Representative
- Colorado County Groundwater Conservation District Aaron Weishuhn
- Corpus Christi ASR Conservation District - No Representative
- Evergreen Underground Water Conservation District - Ed Griffin
- Fayette County Groundwater Conservation District Wendi Labus
- Goliad County Groundwater Conservation District Terrell Graham
- Pecan Valley Groundwater Conservation District - Cindy Parma
- Refugio Groundwater Conservation District - Tim Andruss
- Texana Groundwater Conservation District Tim Andruss
- Victoria County Groundwater Conservation District Tim Andruss

Agenda Item 2 - Receive public comment.

Mr. Andruss offered to accept public comment. No public comment was provided to the representatives.

Agenda Item 3 - Consideration of and possible action on matters related to the minutes of the previous meeting.

Mr. Andruss reported the draft minutes of the previous meeting were sent to the GMA 15 representatives prior to this meeting.

Action: Mr. Stewart moved to accept and approve the meeting minutes for July 10 and July 24, 2025. Mr. Griffin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 4 - Consideration of and possible action on matters related to budget and financial reports of Groundwater Management Area 15.

Mr. Andruss provided a summary of contributions to the GMA 15 Joint Planning Fund:

Member Districts of GMA 15	Contribution
Bee GCD	\$4,750.00
Calhoun County GCD	\$9,500.00
Coastal Bend GCD	\$9,500.00
Coastal Plains GCD	\$9,500.00
Colorado County GCD	\$9,500.00
Corpus Christi ASRCD	\$0.00
Evergreen UWCD	\$4,750.00
Fayette County GCD	\$4,750.00
Goliad County GCD ¹	\$2,500.00
Pecan Valley GCD	\$9,500.00
Refugio GCD	\$9,500.00
Texana GCD	\$9,500.00
Victoria County GCD	\$9,500.00
Total	\$90,250.00

Note 1: GCGCD contribution is not to be used for technical work utilizing the groundwater availability model.

Reporting Period Ending Balance: \$61,987.00

Agenda Item 5 - Consideration of and possible action on reports and communication from Groundwater Management Area 15 member districts and Groundwater Management Area 15 representatives to Regional Water Planning Groups.

The representatives neither discussed nor took action regarding this item.

Agenda Item 6 - Consideration of and possible action on reports from Texas Water Development Board representatives to Groundwater Management Area 15.

Mr. Andruss explained on September 29, 2025, Mr. Perez of TWDB, provided a copy of a presentation he intends to deliver during the meeting.

Mr. Perez was present and gave his report.

Agenda Item 7 - Consideration of and possible action on matters related to joint planning including technical services for GMA 15, the review of management plans and accomplishments of Groundwater Management Area 15 member districts, and the development of desired future conditions.

Topic 1 - Evaluation of the Groundwater Availability Model for the Central and Southern Portions of Gulf Coast Aquifer System (CSGC-GAM)

Mr. Andruss explained on July 31, 2025, Mr. Andruss submitted comments to TWDB regarding Groundwater Availability Model for the Central and Southern Portions of Gulf Coast Aquifer System (CSGC GAM) on behalf of member districts of GMA 15. On July 31, 2025, Mr. Andruss submitted comments to TWDB regarding Groundwater Availability Model for the Central and Southern Portions of Gulf Coast Aquifer System (CSGC GAM) on behalf of Victoria County GCD, Calhoun County GCD, Refugio GCD, and Texana GCD.

Topic 2 - Annual Review of Accomplishments of the Management Area.

Mr. Andruss explained Section 36.108, Water Code has been revised. Item C of Section 36.108 requires "district representatives shall meet at least annually to conduct joint planning with the other districts in the management area. The representatives shall review: (1) the accomplishments of the **management area;**" (emphasis added)

Topic 3 - Review of Management Plans during Current Joint Planning Cycle

Mr. Andruss explained Section 36.108, Water Code has been revised. Item c of Section 36.108 requires "district representatives shall meet at least annually to conduct joint planning with the other districts in the management area. The representatives shall review: ... (3) not less than once during each five year period described by Subsection (d), the management plans of each district in the management area."

Item c-1 of Section 36.108 requires member districts of GMAs to "consider: (1) the goals of each management plan and its impact on planning throughout the management area; (2) the effectiveness of the measures established by each district's management plan for conserving and protecting groundwater and preventing waste, and the effectiveness of these measures in the management area generally; (3) any other matters that the boards consider relevant to the protection and conservation of groundwater and the prevention of waste in the management area; and (4) the **degree to which each district is achieving the desired future conditions** established during the joint planning process **through the implementation of the district's management plan and rules.**" (emphasis added)

The representatives agreed to submit a report of their district's accomplishments by December 19, 2025, to facilitate the review of accomplishments at the GMA 15

meeting scheduled for January 8, 2026.

Topic 4 - Development of Desired Future Conditions.

Mr. Andruss explained Section 36.108, Water Code has been revised.

Item d 1a of Section 36.108 requires district representatives to "(1) adopt desired future conditions under this section for each approximately 50 year planning period identified by the executive administrator for the preparation of state and regional water plans; and (2) **identify interim values for the desired future conditions adopted under Subdivision (1) for time periods not to exceed 10 years solely to assist the districts in monitoring interim progress in achieving the desired future conditions adopted for the approximately 50-year planning period.**"

Item d-3 of Section 36.108 has been expanded to include the following "(6) include an **explanation in plain language of why a desired future condition adopted for an aquifer was changed** if the desired future condition is different from the desired future condition adopted for the aquifer over the preceding five-year joint planning period; and (7) include a **summary of how each district is performing in achieving the desired future conditions.**"

Mr. Lamkey of Intera gave presentations on environmental impacts and socioeconomic impacts.

Action: Mr. Griffin moved to accept the presentation on environmental impacts by Intera. Mr. Weishuhn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Action: Mr. Stewart moved to accept the presentation on socioeconomic impacts by Intera. Ms. Parma seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Action: Mr. Graham moved to use the "LRE Report" to justify the DFC and the DFC Evaluation Factor within the explanatory reports. Ms. Parma seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 8 - Consideration of and possible action on administrative and organizational matters of Groundwater Management Area 15.

The representatives neither discussed nor took action regarding this item.

Agenda Item 9 - Consideration of and possible action on identification and scheduling of future agenda items and meetings.

Mr. Andruss explained the next meeting of GMA 15 is scheduled for January 8, 2026, at 9:30 AM at 1501 E. Mockingbird Lane, Suite 104, Victoria, Texas. Victoria County GCD has reserved the meeting room for potential meetings of GMA 15 on the following dates: February 12, 2026, March 12, 2026, and April 9, 2026.

Agenda Item 10 - Receive public comment.

Mr. Andruss offered to accept public comment. Comment regarding concerns with proposed groundwater development in Nueces County were provided by a member of the public.

Agenda Item 11 - Adjournment.

Action: Ms. Parma moved to adjourn the meeting after concluding all business of the groundwater management area at approximately 11:55 AM. Mr. Griffin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Prepared by: Tim Andruss

The above and foregoing minutes were considered and approved on this the *8th* day of *2020*. a.d.

Edward A. Muffin Groundwater Management Area 15
Representative

ATTEST:

[Signature] Groundwater Management Area 15
Representative