

Notice of Meeting
Groundwater Management Area 15

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Chapter 36 of the Texas Water Code that the groundwater conservation districts located wholly or partially with Groundwater Management Area 15 consisting of Bee Groundwater Conservation District, Calhoun County Groundwater Conservation District, Coastal Bend Groundwater Conservation District, Coastal Plains Groundwater Conservation District, Colorado County Groundwater Conservation District, Corpus Christi Aquifer Storage and Recovery Conservation District, Evergreen Underground Water Conservation District, Fayette County Groundwater Conservation District, Goliad County Groundwater Conservation District, Pecan Valley Groundwater Conservation District, Refugio Groundwater Conservation District, Texana Groundwater Conservation District, and Victoria County Groundwater Conservation District will hold a joint planning meeting at **9:30 AM on Thursday, October 12, 2023, at the Dr. Pattie Dodson Health Center, 2805 N. Navarro St., Victoria, Texas 77901**. The meeting will be open to the public.

Agenda:

1. Call to order and welcome guests.
2. Receive public comment.
3. Consideration of and possible action on matters related to the minutes of the previous meeting.
4. Consideration of and possible action on matters related to budget and financial reports of Groundwater Management Area 15.
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.
6. Consideration of and possible action on reports from Texas Water Development Board representatives to Groundwater Management Area 15.
7. Consideration of and possible action on representatives of Groundwater Management Area 15 to the Regional Water Planning Groups.

8. Consideration of and possible action on matters related to joint planning including the proposals for technical services for Groundwater Management Area 15, the review of management plans, and accomplishments of Groundwater Management Area 15 member districts.
9. Consideration of and possible action on administrative and organizational matters of Groundwater Management Area 15 including administrative procedures of the GMA-15 Joint Planning Committee, By-Laws of GMA 15 Committee, Interlocal Agreement for Cost-Sharing By Member District of the GMA 15 Committee.
10. Consideration of and possible action on identification and scheduling of future agenda items and meetings.
11. Receive public comment.
12. Adjournment.

Please submit comments, questions, and requests for additional information to Tim Andruss of the Victoria County Groundwater Conservation District by mail at 2805 N. Navarro St., Suite 210, Victoria, Texas 77901, by email at admin@vcgcd.org, or by phone at (361) 579-6863.



Tim Andruss, Administrator
Groundwater Management Area 15

GMA 15 - Meeting Packet - 20231012

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Agenda Item 1 - Call to order and welcome guests.

Roll Call:

- Bee Groundwater Conservation District
- Calhoun County Groundwater Conservation District
- Coastal Bend Groundwater Conservation District
- Coastal Plains Groundwater Conservation District
- Colorado County Groundwater Conservation District
- Corpus Christi ASR Conservation District
- Evergreen Underground Water Conservation District
- Fayette County Groundwater Conservation District
- Goliad County Groundwater Conservation District
- Pecan Valley Groundwater Conservation District
- Refugio Groundwater Conservation District
- Texana Groundwater Conservation District
- Victoria County Groundwater Conservation District

Agenda Item 2 - Receive public comment.

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

Note Link: [GMA 15 - Meeting Minutes - 20230713](#)

GMA 15 - Meeting Minutes - 20230713 - Draft.pdf

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Administrator Discussion: the draft minutes of the previous meeting were sent to the GMA 15 representatives prior to this meeting.

Administrator Recommendation: move to accept and approve the meeting minutes for July 13, 2023, as drafted.

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

Administrator Discussion: the Victoria County GCD will open an account with Prosperity Bank in October 2023 for the purposes of depositing the joint planning funds of the GMA 15 Committee.

Administrator Recommendation: postpone the submittal of funds approved under the adopted GMA 15 cost sharing agreement for the 4th Joint Planning Cycle to Victoria County GCD until November 1, 2023.

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.

Administrator Discussion: the Victoria County GCD received a copy of the resolution regarding the adoption of the 2021 GMA 15 DFC from Pecan Valley GCD on July 13, 2023.

PVGCD Resolution adoption of 2021 DFC; June 21, 2022.pdf

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Administrator Recommendation: none.

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

Administrator Discussion: on July 14, 2023, Mr. Perez with TWDB responded to the inquiries of the members regarding the new Gulf Coast GAM. The message was forwarded to the general managers of the member districts.

GMA 15 - Msg re New GAM - 20230714.pdf

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On July 24, 2023, a message received from Mr. Dohmann of Goliad County GCD was forwarded to Mr. Perez of TWDB requesting additional information associated with the new GAM.

GMA 15 - Msg re New GAM - 20230724.pdf

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Administrator Recommendation: none.

Agenda Item 7 - Consideration of and possible action on representatives of Groundwater Management Area 15 to the Regional Water Planning Groups.

Agenda Item 8 - Consideration of and possible action on matters related to joint planning including the proposals for technical services for Groundwater Management Area 15, the review of management plans, and accomplishments of Groundwater Management Area 15 member districts.

Topic 1 - Proposals for Technical Services

Administrator Discussion: on August 1, 2023, the Victoria County GCD posted on its website the RFQ/RFP for Technical Services for GMA 15 soliciting detailed proposals from qualified parties (respondents) regarding their recommended approach to and qualifications for supporting the GMA-15 Committee (Committee) in its efforts to conduct all necessary and appropriate activities to develop and adopt desired future conditions (DFCs) for the relevant aquifers within Groundwater Management Area 15 (GMA 15) during the 4th Joint Planning Cycle. See: <https://www.vcgcd.org/groundwater-management-area-15>.

On September 14, 2023, the District received the following submittal to the RFP/RFQ for Technical Services for GMA 15 from Intera, Inc.

INTERA_Proposal_GMA15.pdf

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The deadline for submitting a response to the solicitation was September 15, 2023, at 3:00 PM.

The submittal from Intera, Inc. is considered responsive and is the only submittal received by the district.

Administrator Recommendation: move to identify Intera, Inc as the preferred respondent of the GMA 15 Committee for the RFQ/RFP for Technical Services for GMA 15.

Topic 2 - Management Plans of the Member Districts

Administrator Discussion: on July 14, 2023, the Texas Water Development Board designated the management plan adopted by Victoria County GCD on April 21, 2023, as administratively complete. See:

<https://www.vcgcd.org/groundwater-policy>.

On July 17, 2023, the Texas Water Development Board designated the management plan adopted by Calhoun County GCD on April 24, 2023, as administratively complete. See: <https://www.calhouncountygcd.org/groundwater-policy>.

On July 17, 2023, the Texas Water Development Board designated the management plan adopted by Refugio GCD on April 17, 2023, as administratively complete. See: <https://www.rgcd.org/groundwater-policy>.

On July 17, 2023, the Texas Water Development Board designated the management plan adopted by Texana GCD on April 20, 2023, as administratively complete. See: <https://www.texanagcd.org/groundwater-policy>.

On August 28, 2023, Goliad County GCD notified GMA 15 of its management plan adopted on August 7, 2023. See:

<http://www.goliadcogcd.org/rules---management-plan.html>.

Based on a review of the management plans of the Calhoun County GCD, the Goliad County GCD, the Refugio GCD, the Texana GCD, and the Victoria County GCD, the GMA Administrator has determined that the plans 1) would likely have a positive impact on planning, 2) would likely have a positive impact on conserving and protecting groundwater and preventing waste of groundwater, and 3) would likely achieve the Desired Future Conditions to an adequate degree.

Administrator Recommendation: move to ratify the determination of GMA 15 Administrator that the management plans of the Calhoun County GCD, the Goliad County GCD, the Refugio GCD, the Texana GCD, and the Victoria County GCD 1) would likely have a positive impact on planning, 2) would likely have a positive impact on conserving and protecting groundwater and preventing waste of groundwater, and 3) would likely achieve the Desired Future Conditions to an adequate degree.

Agenda Item 9 - Consideration of and possible action on administrative and organizational matters of Groundwater Management Area 15 including administrative procedures of the GMA-15 Joint Planning Committee, By-Laws of GMA 15 Committee, Interlocal Agreement for Cost-Sharing By Member District of the GMA 15 Committee.

Administrator Discussion: the representatives of GMA 15 approved the distribution of the By-Laws of the GMA-15 Committee - Rev 20230413, GMA15 - Interlocal Agreement for Cost-Sharing - Rev 20230413a, as drafted, for consideration and adoption by the member districts by October 12, 2023.

The adopted version of the by-laws and interlocal agreement for cost-sharing were forwarded to the member districts of GMA 15 prior to the meeting.

As of September 18, 2023, Victoria County GCD had received executed copies of the resolutions for the GMA 15 By-Laws and GMA 15 Cost Sharing Agreement for the 4th Planning Cycle from the following member districts:

1. Calhoun County Groundwater Conservation District (Submitted: July 24, 2023)
2. Coastal Bend Groundwater Conservation District (Submitted: September 18, 2023)
3. Refugio Groundwater Conservation District (Submitted: July 17, 2023)
4. Texana Groundwater Conservation District (Submitted: July 20, 2023)

5. Victoria County Groundwater Conservation District (Submitted: July 21, 2023)

Administrator Recommendation: none.

Agenda Item 10 - Consideration of and possible action on identification and scheduling of future agenda items and meetings.

Administrator Discussion: the next meeting of GMA 15 is scheduled for January 11, 2024 at 9:30 AM at the Dr. Pattie Dodson Health Center in Victoria, Texas.

Administrator Recommendation: none.

Agenda Item 11 - Receive public comment.

Agenda Item 12 - Adjournment.