

**Groundwater Management Area # 7
Joint Planning Meeting**

**Minutes
October 20, 2022**

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 **October 20, 2022, 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 10:31 am and a quorum was established by Meredith Allen. The invocation was given by Dale Adams.
2. Following the invocation, introduction of member districts and other persons in attendance were made:

Districts present: Crockett County GCD – Slate Williams Glasscock GCD – Rhetta Yanez Hector Hickory UWCD #1 – David Huie Hill Country UWCD – Paul Tybor Irion County WCD – Diana Thomas Kimble County GCD – Meredith Allen Lipan-Kickapoo WCD – Michael Hoelscher Menard County UWD – Meredith Allen Middle Pecos GCD - Ty Edwards Real-Edwards C&RD – Brian Leiker Santa Rita UWCD – JJ Weatherby Sterling County UWCD - Diana Thomas Sutton County UWCD - Meredith Allen Uvalde County UWCD – Vic Hilderbran Wes-Tex GCD – Dale Adams	Districts Absent: Coke County UWCD Kinney County GCD Lone Wolf GCD Plateau UWC & SD Terrell County UWCD Public Attendees: Lana Tolleson – Sutton County UWCD Robert Bradley – TWDB Ashley Masters – ICWCD/SCUWCD Jerry McGuairt - MPGCD Alyson McDonald – Collier Consulting Bill Hutchison – Consultant Rocio De Luna – Glasscock GCD Ryan Reed – Belding Farms Greg Perrin – RCGCD, GMA 3 Mandy Krause – Devils River Conservancy Selma Glasscock – Welder Foundation
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3. No Public Comment was given
4. The minutes of the May 5, 2022 meeting were reviewed. Ty Edwards made the motion to approve the minutes, Slate Williams seconded. The motion passed.
5. Diana Thomas made a motion to sponsor \$5,000 to the 4-H Water Ambassador Program. JJ Weatherby seconded, and the motion passed.
6. Robert Bradley with the Texas Water Development Board gave updates to the members.
 - Management Plan pre-review is highly encouraged for those District’s that are needed to renew
 - The Hill Country BRACS report is ready and online
 - Larry French has retired, Natalie Bellew is the new director for the department
7. Meredith Allen gave updates to the members:
 - She asked if there were any questions or concerns with respect to joint planning and reviewed a tentative schedule for the next round of DFCs
 - She noted that the next cycle of DFCs were due May 1, 2026
8. Dr. Bill Hutchison presented his review of TWDB study: Improving Estimates of Groundwater Pumping in Aquifers of Central and Western Texas. He plotted comparisons of pumping the alternate GAM and the numbers from the TWDB study. After discussion, Dale Adams made a motion that we submit the review completed by Dr. Hutchison and submit a letter to the TWDB addressing concerns. Paul Tybor seconded, and the motion passed.
9. Dr. Bill Hutchison presented his review of TWDB study: Improving Estimates of Groundwater Recharge and Groundwater-Surface Water Interactions in Aquifers of Central and Western Texas. He noted that the TWDB

Study showed less pumping and more recharge than the alternate GAM. After discussion, Dale Adams made a motion that we submit the review completed by Dr. Hutchison and submit a letter to the TWDB addressing concerns. Paul Tybor seconded, and the motion passed.

10. Ty Edwards made a motion to approve the bills and financial statements. Vic Hilderbran seconded, and the motion passed.
11. No other matters were presented.
12. The next meeting was tentatively set for July 2023, pending the TWDB Study review response and any possible needs for joint planning.
13. Slate Williams made a motion to adjourn, Rhett Yanez Hector seconded, and the motion carried.

Groundwater Conservation Districts located partially or wholly within
Groundwater Management Area # 7 are:

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; Wes-Tex GCD

Requests for additional information and comments may be submitted to:

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