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GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AREA 13 JULY 26, 2018 – PLANNING COMMITTEE

The Regular Scheduled Meeting of the Planning Committee of the Groundwater Management Area 13 was held, pursuant to notice, at the Evergreen Underground Water Conservation District Office, 110 Wyoming Blvd., Pleasanton, and Atascosa County, Texas.

Members Present: Ron Naumann, Guadalupe Co. GCD
 Greg Sengelmann, Gonzales Co. UWCD
 Daniel Meyers, Plum Creek CD
 Russell Labus, Evergreen UWCD
 Lonnie Stewart, McMullen Co. GCD
 Diane Savage, Evergreen UWCD
 Ed Walker, Wintergarden GCD
 David Caldwell, Medina Co. GCD
 Victor Hilderbran, Uvalde Co. UWCD

Guests Present: See Attached Sign in Sheet.

Agenda: Attached.

Declaration of Quorum and Call Meeting to Order:

A quorum was present and Mr. Sengelmann called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

Welcome and Introductions:

Mr. Sengelmann welcomed the members to the Evergreen Underground Water Conservation Districts office. Members and Guests introduced themselves.

Action on the Minutes of the November 21, 2016 Meeting:

The minutes of the November 21, 2016 meeting were presented to the Members. Mr. Naumann moved to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Stewart seconded the motion and there being no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

Update and Report from TWDB:

Natalie Ballew from the Texas Water Development Board stated that the report, "Identification of the Vulnerability of the Major and Minor Aquifers of Texas to Subsidence in Regard to Groundwater Pumping", is available on the website as well as the Subsidence Prediction Tool.

Update/Presentations from GMA 13 Stakeholders:

David Caldwell said that with the legislation session coming up this is a good opportunity for stakeholders to express their concerns and or suggestions instead of having to go to Austin to do so.

Discussion and Action on Selection of GMA 13 Officers:

Mrs. Savage made the motion to keep the current officers. Mr. Caldwell seconded the motion and there being no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

Chairman: Greg Sengelmann
Vice-Chairman: Lonnie Stewart
Treasurer: Russell Labus

Discussion and Action on Current GMA 13 Budget:

Item was tabled.

Discussion and Action on Draft Inter-Local Agreement for Rules and Cost Sharing:

There was some discussion on section 3.04 of the agreement to change that all action should be by unanimous vote to majority vote by the member districts.

Daniel Meyers stated that he took this interlocal agreement to his board and attorney. Mr. Meyers said that they agreed with the concept but had some questions and concerns with the structure of the agreement. Mr. Meyers mentioned that it was suggested that each district have their own separate agreement or contract with the technical consultant as well as payment for services.

Item was tabled.

Discussion and Action on using the TWDB Bracs Report/Model to better Characterize the Groundwater Resources in GMA 13:

Greg Sengelmann said he is not sure if the breakdown of brackish water can be done by the TWDB or if we should have our consultant work on this. Natalie Ballew stated that she will go back to the modeling team and see if this is possible with the current model and get back to us.

No action was taken. Item tabled.

Discussion and Action on Issuing a Request for Proposal for GMA 13 Consulting Services:

The members agreed that the proposal should include for three model runs to be done and any additional runs would be upon request of the individual district and add the breakdown of brackish water within the report. Mr. Sengelmann said he will revise the proposal and send a draft to all members.

No action was taken. Item tabled.

GMA 13 Groundwater District Management Plan Review and Discussion:

- a. Evergreen UWCD
- b. Gonzales County UWCD
- c. Guadalupe County GCD
- d. Edwards Aquifer Authority
- e. Medina County GCD
- f. Uvalde County UWCD
- g. Wintergarden GCD
- h. Plum Creek GCD
- i. McMullen GCD

Greg Sengelmann asked all members if they have revised their management plan with the new DFC. At this moment none of the districts have updated or presented their management plan.

Discussion and Action on Setting up a Similar Rules Committee:

Lonnie Stewart said it will be good to set up a similar rules committee so that all districts within the same GMA are in agreement when it comes to rules. Mr. Stewart mentioned that Sarah with TAGD will be sending an excel spreadsheet to all districts to fill out and that way all can see what changes may need to be made in order to have similar rules.

Greg Sengelmann asked the stakeholders present whether they would like to set up their own committee in order to share their input with the GMA 13 members since the similar rules will affect them.

Item was tabled.

Update to Schedule/Timeline of Activities:

Greg Sengelmann suggested that we meet soon in order to approve the Proposal for Consultant and the Interlocal and Cost Sharing Agreements.

Discussion for Future Agenda Items, and/or Set Date for Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Friday, October 12, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at the Evergreen Underground Water Conservation District office located at 110 Wyoming Blvd., Pleasanton, TX 78064.

Public Comments

None.

Adjourn:

Mr. Hilderbran made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Naumann seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Members, Mr. Sengelmann adjourned the meeting at 11:13 a.m.