



## Joint Planning For Groundwater Management Area # 2

Thursday, March 25, 2021

10:00 AM

HPWD Office, 2930 Avenue Q, Lubbock, TX 79411-2499

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Administrative Officer Jason Coleman called the Groundwater Management Area # 2 (GMA # 2) meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Today's meeting was held via videoconference ("Zoom") pursuant to Governor Greg Abbott's Suspension of Certain Provisions Under Texas Government Code Section 551.127 as authorized by the March 6, 2021 Disaster Declaration for COVID-19 (Coronavirus).

### 2. ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISH QUORUM

Mr. Coleman conducted a roll call of the Groundwater Conservation Districts (GCDs) participating in today's joint planning meeting.

A quorum was present with all of the seven GCDs in GMA 2 represented. (100 percent attendance)

The participating GMA 2 voting representatives were:

- Dicky Wallace, Garza County UWCD.
- Ronnie Hopper, High Plains UWCD.
- Lori Barnes for Weldon Shook, Llano Estacado UWCD.
- Jacob Hernandez for Matt Farmer, Mesa UWCD.
- Dallen Skinner, Permian Basin UWCD.
- Amber Blount for Ross Hilburn, Sandy Land UWCD.
- Layne Marlow for Matt Hogue, South Plains UWCD.

**Guests:** Carmon McCain, High Plains UWCD, Victoria Whitehead, High Plains UWCD, and Billy Weaver, Garza County UWCD.

Mr. Coleman welcomed all GMA # 2 representatives and guests to the meeting.

### 3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Coleman asked for public comment on any agenda item for today's meeting. None was offered and the public comment ended at this time.

### 4. MINUTES

## January 25, 2021 Virtual Meeting Minutes

Mr. Coleman presented draft minutes of the January 25, 2021 virtual GMA # 2 meeting.

An electronic copy was provided to the member districts for review in advance of today's meeting.

UWCD Sandy Land made a motion to approve the draft January 25, 2021 virtual meeting minutes as presented. UWCD South Plains seconded the motion. The motion was Approved.

Ayes: Garza, High Plains, Llano Estacado , Mesa, Permian Basin, Sandy Land, South Plains

### 5. TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD UPDATES

GMA # 2 Liaison Robert Bradley said he did not have any new information from the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) at this time.

Mr. Coleman gave the members an opportunity to ask Mr. Bradley any questions. There were none.

### 6. AGENDA ITEMS AND UPDATES

Mr. Coleman called for discussion of agenda items and updates from the GMA # 2 member districts.

#### The GMA # 2 Members Will Review Draft # 2 Of The Explanatory Report.

Dr. Bill Hutchison, GMA # 2 consultant, gave the members an update of work efforts since the January 25, 2021 virtual meeting.

- Revisions were made to Draft 2 of the Explanatory Report for Desired Future Conditions of the Ogallala, Edwards-Trinity (High Plains), and Dockum Aquifers in GMA#2.
- This included the addition of Permian Basin UWCD's request to adjust the base simulation to include additional pumping in the Dockum Aquifer in Howard County. In addition, a couple of typographical errors were corrected.

Dr. Hutchison said the draft Explanatory Report should serve as a good resource for districts and the public. It is still a work in progress. He invited the Districts to share any other comments or concerns about the report with him.

Mr. Coleman asked the member districts if they had any other questions or comments regarding the draft Explanatory Report. There were none.

#### The GMA # 2 Members Will Discuss And Take Possible Action On Proposed Desired Future Conditions.

As noted in the draft Explanatory Report, the proposed desired future conditions for GMA # 2 are:

- A GMA 2-wide average drawdown of 28 feet between 2013 and 2080 for the Ogallala and Edwards-Trinity (High Plains) Aquifers.
- A GMA 2-wide average drawdown of 31 feet between 2013 and 2080 for the Dockum Aquifer.

If approved today, the GMA#2 member districts will have a minimum 90-day public comment period (March 25-June 23, 2021). Each district must have a public hearing to receive comments about the proposed DFCs during this time. Dr. Hutchison said it may be held in conjunction with a regularly-scheduled Board of Directors meeting.

A summary of comments should be sent to Mr. Coleman following the respective hearings. If no public comments are received, then this needs to be noted as well. All comments will be combined into a summary document for review at a future GMA #2 meeting.

UWCD Sandy Land made a motion to adopt the proposed Desired Future Conditions for GMA # 2 as presented. UWCD Llano Estacado seconded the motion. The motion was Approved.

Ayes: Garza, High Plains, Llano Estacado , Mesa, Permian Basin, Sandy Land, South Plains

## 7. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Mr. Coleman asked if there were any items for future GMA # 2 agendas.

- Dr. Hutchison reminded the group that formal adoption of the DFCs is done by resolution. Therefore, an in-person meeting is preferred in order to have a signed document at the District and GMA levels.
- Mr. McCain will contact the member districts with tentative dates for the next meeting.
- Mesa UWCD offered to serve as host--if in-person meetings are allowed by mid-summer. They were not able to host previous meetings due to COVID-19 restrictions.

## 8. ADJOURN

UWCD Sandy Land made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:25 a.m.. UWCD Mesa seconded the motion. The motion was Approved.

Ayes: Garza, High Plains, Llano Estacado , Mesa, Permian Basin, Sandy Land, South Plains

Respectfully submitted,

Jason Coleman,P.E.  
Administrator, GMA # 2