

**Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting
July 8, 2010**

Board members present at commencement: Bob Larsen, Gary Franklin, Jack Goodman, and Craig Smith. Mary Stone was out of town. Staff present: Kirk Holland, Brian Smith, Dana Wilson, Brian Hunt and Tammy Raymond. Also present were those on the attached sign-in sheet. These minutes represent a summarized version of the meeting; the complete discussion of the following items is recorded digitally.

1. Call to Order.

Dr. Larsen called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m., noting that a quorum of the Board was present.

2. Citizen Communications (Public Comments).

There were no public comments of a general nature.

5. Regular Meeting: Continued Business.

5a. Discussion and possible action to review public inputs received on Desired Future Conditions in GMA-9 and to provide guidance to the GMA-9 Designated Representative concerning its establishment of DFC(s).

Mr. Hunt, Mr. Fieseler, and Mr. Holland described the current status and outlook for DFCs in GMA 9.

After discussion, Mr. Smith made the following motion:

I move that, after having given due consideration to the public comments received by Groundwater Management Area 9 (GMA 9), the BSEACD Designated Representative be authorized to work cooperatively with other groundwater districts within GMA 9 to consider, evaluate, and set Desired Future Conditions (DFCs) for relevant aquifers within GMA 9 that are appropriate, reasonable, achievable, practical, measurable, meets the needs of GMA 9 and its member groundwater districts, and that, to the extent practical based on GMA9 deliberations at that meeting, lie within the following ranges:

- For the Edwards Group of the Edwards-Trinity (Plateau) Aquifer and the Hill Country Trinity Aquifer (undifferentiated), an increase in average aquifer drawdown through 2060 of up to 30 feet.

Mr. Goodman seconded the motion and it passed unanimously with a vote of 4 to 0.

4. Regular Meeting: New Business.

4e. Discussion and possible action on considering an alternative Desired Future Condition for the Trinity Aquifer in GMA -10 and providing guidance to the GMA-10 Designated Representative concerning its establishment of a Trinity DFC.

Mr. Holland described the current status and outlook for the Trinity DFCs in GMA 10.

After discussion, Mr. Smith moved that the Board of BSEACD recommends that the DFCs for the Trinity Aquifer in GMA 10 be set as described below, and in the following priority order:

1st preference - Trinity DFCs for GMA 10, as previously recommended and presented to the GMA 10 Committee, with drawdown during average recharge conditions at no more than 15 feet for the Upper Trinity, 75 feet for the Middle Trinity, and 100 feet for the Lower Trinity Aquifers.

2nd preference – 3 separate Trinity DFCs for the three Trinity Aquifers in the Northern Subdivision of GMA 10, identical in magnitude to the specified drawdowns in the first priority.

3rd preference – a single DFC for the (Undifferentiated) Trinity Aquifer throughout GMA 10 of up to 75 feet of average drawdown.

Mr. Goodman seconded the motion and it passed unanimously with a vote of 4 to 0.

4a. Discussion and possible action on the draft 2011 budget.

Mr. Holland and Ms. Wilson reviewed the preliminary budget for FY 2011, noting the expense reductions already made and the need still to use reserves to balance the budget. Upon request by the staff to help prioritize additional changes, Dr. Larsen volunteered to work with the staff to attempt to reduce the amount of reserves needed before the budget was set forth as the subject of the upcoming public hearing.. The Board may take action following the public hearing set on July 22nd.

4b. Discussion and possible action related to setting legislative initiatives for the upcoming session.

The Board directed the staff to pursue actions necessary to introduce the two highest priority bills: the change in the delineation of the “Austin precincts”, and the direct-discharge prohibition for the contributing zone.

4c. Discussion and possible action on approving the resolution in support of the Bureau of Reclamation desalination grant project application.

After discussion, Mr. Goodman moved approval of Resolution #070810-01 in support of the Bureau of Reclamation desalination grant application.

Mr. Smith seconded the motion and it passed unanimously with a vote of 4 to 0.

4d. Discussion and possible action on reviewing possible changes to the District Rules under current authorities and defining desired next steps in the rulemaking process.

Mr. Holland briefed the Board on possible changes needed to the current District rules under current authorities to prepare for upcoming changes accompanying the establishment of Managed Available Groundwater withdrawal limits.

Mr. Smith moved to direct staff to submit the framework of the proposed rule amendments for consideration by the Policy Advisory Committee.

Mr. Goodman seconded the motion and it passed unanimously with a vote of 4 to 0.

3. Routine Business.

a. **Consent Agenda** Note: These items may be considered and approved as one motion. Directors or citizens may request any consent item be removed from the consent agenda, for consideration and possible approval as an item of Regular Business.

1. **Approval of Financial Reports under the Public Funds Investment Act, Directors' Compensation Claims, and Specified Expenditures greater than \$5,000.**

2. **Approval of minutes from the June 24, 2010 Regular Meeting.**

Mr. Goodman moved approval of the consent agenda as stated above.

Mr. Franklin seconded the motion and it passed unanimously with a vote of 4 to 0.

3. Routine Business.

b. **General Manager's Report.** Note: Topics discussed in the General Manager's Report are intended for general administrative and operational information-transfer purposes. The Directors will not take any action on them in this meeting, unless the topic is specifically listed elsewhere in this as-posted agenda.

1. **Personnel matters and utilization;**
2. **Upcoming public events of possible interest;**
3. **Aquifer conditions and status of drought indicators.**

- 4. Discussion related to current staff work areas and specific activities of staff teams and directors. Note: Individual topics listed below may be discussed by the Board in this meeting, but no action will be taken unless a topic is specifically posted elsewhere in this agenda as an item for possible action. A Director may request an individual topic that is presented only under this agenda item be placed on the posted agenda of some future meeting for Board discussion and possible action.**
- i. Update on operational Team Activities.**
 - ii. Update on status and activities of grant projects.**

Mr. Holland and staff updated the Board and answered directors' questions on the teams' activities concerning the items listed above.

7. Adjournment.

Dr. Larsen adjourned the meeting at 8:38 p.m.

Approved by the Board:

By: 
Robert Larsen, President

Attest: 
Gary Franklin, Secretary