

Calhoun County Groundwater Conservation District Meeting Notice and Agenda

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Government Code and Section 36.064 of the Texas Water Code that the Calhoun County Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors will hold a meeting on May 19, 2026, at 5:30 PM at 312 W. Live Oak, Port Lavaca, Calhoun County, Texas.

AGENDA

1. Call the meeting to order and welcome guests.
2. Receive public comments.
3. Consideration of and possible action on matters related to groundwater management, including the efforts and activities of the District regarding permitting, complaints, investigations, violations, and enforcement cases associated with permitting.
 - a. Characterization of Brackish Groundwater Resources from Calhoun, Jackson, Refugio, and Victoria Counties.
 - b. Large-scale, brackish groundwater development related to the proposed Synergen Ammonia Plant.
4. Consideration of and possible action on matters related to groundwater protection including complaints, investigations, violations, and enforcement cases related to groundwater contamination and waste.
5. Consideration of and possible action on matters related to groundwater monitoring.
6. Consideration of and possible action on matters related to groundwater conservation.
7. Consideration of and possible action on matters related to groundwater resource planning including Groundwater Management Area 15 Joint Planning, proposed desired future conditions, and regional water planning.
8. Consideration of and possible action on matters related to groundwater policy including the Management Plan of the District, the Rules of the District, and draft revisions.
9. Consideration of and possible action on matters related to administration and management including the minutes of previous meetings, amendments to the annual budget of the district, bank accounts, investments, financial reports of the district, bills and invoices of the district, management goals and objectives of the district, administrative policies, staffing, consultant agreements, interlocal cooperation agreements, and support services provided to and from other groundwater conservation districts.
10. Consideration of and possible action on matters related to legal counsel report.
11. Adjourn.

The Calhoun County Groundwater Conservation District may close the meeting, if necessary, to conduct private consultation with legal counsel regarding matters protected by the attorney-client privilege pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Government Code or to discuss matters regarding personnel pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Government Code. The Calhoun County Groundwater Conservation District will return to open meeting, if necessary, to take any action deemed necessary based on discussion in closed meeting pursuant to Section 551.102 of the Government Code.

In Accordance with Title III of the Americans with Disabilities Act, we invite all attendees to advise us of any special accommodations due to disability. Please submit your request as far as possible in advance of event you wish to attend.

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Item 1 - Convene Meeting

Management Discussion:

Staff completed the necessary public notification requirements for the meeting.

See: CCGCD - Meeting Notice - 20260519 - Final.pdf

Management Recommendation:

Call the meeting to order and call the roll of representatives:

Precinct 1: Mr. Steven Dierschke, Director: _____.

Precinct 2: Mr. Wesley (Clay) Brett, Vice-President: _____.

Precinct 3: Mr. Galen Johnson, Secretary: _____.

Precinct 4: Mr. Michael (Mike) Hahn, Treasurer: _____.

At Large: Mr. Harold (Danny) May, President: _____.

General Manager: Tim Andruss: _____.

General Counsel: Jim Allison: _____.

Item 2 - Receive Public Comment

Item 3 - Groundwater Management (Permitting)

Topic 3.1 - Report

Regarding Well Registration Processing

As of April 20, 2026, staff had received 9 well registration applications (ARWs) since October 1, 2025.

As of April 20, 2026, staff had received 16 Notices of Intent to Drill a Well (NIDWs) since October 1, 2025.

Regarding Production Permit Renewal Processing

As of April 20, 2026, staff had received 0 production permit renewal requests (ARPs) since October 1, 2025.

Regarding Permit Processing

As of April 20, 2026, staff had initiated 1 permitting request cases (PRCs) since October 1, 2025.

As of April 20, 2026, staff had 1 permitting request cases pending.

1. Permitting Request Case - PRC-20260310-01- ANHUPPW- Rancho Tres Efes- Pending/Uncontested - Dustin Bruce for Rancho Tres Efes LTD seeks, under permitting request case PRC-20260310-01, a standard-capacity non-historic-use production permit authorizing the production of groundwater from a non-grandfathered well for Livestock and migratory wildlife uses at rates not to exceed 300 gallons per minute or 10 acre-feet per year. The proposed well system is located on a 937-acre tract of land at the intersection of FM 302 and 305, in Calhoun County.

As of April 20, 2026, staff had 60 active or approved production permits recorded in the permitting database with a combined amount of authorized groundwater production per year of 8,143 acre-feet.

Regarding Groundwater Production Report Processing

As of April 20, 2026, staff had processed 82 groundwater production reports for the preceding calendar year since October 1, 2025.

As of April 20, 2026, staff had recorded groundwater production reports for 82 water wells reporting reporting 11,168 acre-feet of groundwater production during CY2025. (TWDB estimated the volume of groundwater produced for rural domestic, livestock, mining, and rig supply exempt uses in Calhoun County in Year 2020 was 177 acre-feet. See:

https://www.twdb.texas.gov/groundwater/management_areas/exempt_use/GMA_15_ExemptUse_2020.pdf.)

Regarding Manage Investigations related to Permitting Violations

As of April 20, 2026, staff had initiated 2 investigations related to groundwater management (i.e., permitting) since October 1, 2025.

As of April 20, 2026, staff had 2 active investigations related to groundwater management (i.e., permitting).

1. INV-20251015-01 - Unpermitted Non-Exempt Use - Active
2. INV- 20260205-01 - Failure to Satisfy Rules of the District - Production Reporting for CY2025 - Active

Regarding Manage Enforcement Cases related to Permitting Violations

As of April 20, 2026, the Board had initiated 0 enforcement case violations related to groundwater management (i.e., permitting) since October 1, 2025.

As of April 20, 2026, staff had 0 unresolved enforcement cases related to groundwater management (i.e., permitting).

Regarding Permit Report Processing

As of April 23, 2026, staff had processed 0 permit reports to permittees since October 1, 2025:

1. Permit Report - PR-20260420-01- OPWF-20221114-01 - POID - CY2025M01 - FINAL
2. Permit Report - PR-20260420-02- OPWF-20221114-01 - POID - CY2025M04 - FINAL
3. Permit Report - PR-20260420-03 - OPWF-20221114-01 - POID - CY2025M07 - FINAL
4. Permit Report - PR-20260420-04 - OPWF-20221114-01 - POID - CY2025M10 - FINAL

As of April 20, 2026, staff had 0 permit report outstanding.

Regarding Brackish Groundwater Assessment

On March 6, 2026, Dr. Young of Intera submitted a final report titled *Characterization of Brackish Groundwater Resources from Calhoun, Jackson, Refugio, and Victoria Counties*. Additional work is scheduled to be completed as part of the project including the delivery of technical data and model files as well as the support regarding the development of draft rule revisions related to deep-saline groundwater production permitting.

Topic 3.2 - Characterization of Brackish Groundwater Resources from Calhoun, Jackson, Refugio, and Victoria Counties

Management Discussion:

On May 14, 2025, the Board of Directors of the Calhoun County Groundwater Conservation District authorized the general manager to 1) accept the proposal submitted by Intera related to characterizing the brackish groundwater, 2) provide notice to Intera to begin the project, and 3) share the costs of the project in an amount not to exceed \$20,000, contingent upon similar cooperation approval by Refugio GCD and Texana GCD.

On May 30, 2025, Mr. Andruss provided to Dr. Young of Intera, via email, notice to proceed with the project as proposed in the the *Proposal to Characterize and Investigate Options to Manage Brackish Resources in Jackson, Calhoun, and Refugio Counties* with a combined cost of \$60,000.

On January 15, 2026, Dr. Young of Intera submitted a draft report titled *Characterization of Brackish Groundwater Resources from Calhoun, Jackson, Refugio, and Victoria Counties*. On March 6, 2026, Dr. Young of Intera submitted a final report titled *Characterization of Brackish Groundwater Resources from Calhoun, Jackson, Refugio, and Victoria Counties*. The report provides detailed information regarding stratigraphy, lithology, estimations of sand percentages of formations, estimation of total dissolved solids concentrations, salinity zone maps, salinity zone cross-sections, documentation regarding the

Central Gulf Coast Brackish Groundwater Flow (CGCBGWF) Model developed for the brackish groundwater resources in the region, and drawdown simulations related to hypothetical deep-saline groundwater production scenarios.

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On March 27, 2026, Tim Andruss initiated the rulemaking effort associated with this project and requested the assistance of Steve Young in that effort.

On April 10, 2026, the Board of Directors of the Victoria County GCD approved the proposal to expand Project PRJ-20263100.09 - Brackish Groundwater Assessment to include the evaluation of the cumulative effects of large-scale brackish groundwater projects in Calhoun, Jackson, Refugio, and Victoria Counties using the recently developed Central Gulf Coast Brackish Groundwater Flow (CGCBGWF) Model in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00.

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On April 13, 2026, Intera was notified of the acceptance and approval of the expansion of the project to include the evaluation of the cumulative effects of large-scale brackish groundwater projects in Calhoun, Jackson, Refugio, and Victoria Counties using the recently developed Central Gulf Coast Brackish Groundwater Flow (CGCBGWF) Model.

Management Recommendation:

Move to accept the report titled *Characterization of Brackish Groundwater Resources from Calhoun, Jackson, Refugio, and Victoria Counties* and instruct the General Manager to post the report on the website of the district.

Topic 3.3 - Large-scale, brackish groundwater development related to the proposed Synergen Ammonia Plant

Management Discussion:

On September 25, 2025, the Board of Directors of the Texana Groundwater Conservation District received a presentation regarding the proposed water development project from Synergen Green Energy, Inc.

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On November 5, 2025, Synergen provided notice of intent to drill a well to be used for detailed investigation of brackish groundwater at their plant site near Weedhaven in Jackson County.

On January 13, 2026, Synergen provided an update on the company's activities related to the investigation.

TGCD - Synergen Test Well - GCD Update- 20260113.pdf

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On February 23, 2026, Mr. Andruss visited the test well site and confirmed the test well was plugged.



On March 26, 2026, staff received notice of opposition the proposed ammonia plant from Jolie McAdams.

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On March 31, 2026, Synergen hosted a public meeting in Port Lavaca at the Bauer Community Center. The meeting was attend by approximately 200 people. Synergen presented up to date information regarding their proposed ammonia plant including information regarding a new location within Calhoun County being evaluated for siting the proposed plant.

On April 2, 2026, Synergen provided details regarding the temporary plugging of the test well drilled in Jackson County at the original site being evaluated as the location of the proposed ammonia plant and the well driller's report for the test well.

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On April 2, 2026, staff received comments regarding the proposed ammonia plant from Jim McCabe.

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On April 6, 2026, staff received comments regarding the proposed ammonia plant from Kim Vanek and Ethan Rafei.

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On April 10, 2026, staff received comments regarding the proposed ammonia plant from Harold Green.

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On April 12, 2026, the District receive a public information request regarding "copies of all items relating to the Synergen Point Comfort Green Ammonia project and large-scale brackish groundwater development" from Becky Wied.



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On April 15, 2026, staff received comments regarding the proposed ammonia plant from Torrie Rogers.



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On April 16, 2026, staff received comments regarding the proposed ammonia plant from Jim McCabe.



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On April 20, 2026, staff received comments regarding the proposed ammonia plant from Texas Representative Lozano and Kimberley Kelly.



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On April 22, 2026, Mr. Andruss responded to an inquiry from Synergen representatives regarding the opportunity to present information regarding the proposed project to the Board of Directors of the Calhoun County Groundwater Conservation District.



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On April 27, 2026, Synergen provided the presentation to be presented at the meeting scheduled for April 27, 2026.



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Management Recommendation:

None.

Topic 3.4- Investigation INV-20251015-01 re Unpermitted Non-Exempt-Use

Management Discussion:

On October 15, 2025, staff of the district created investigation INV-20251015-01 to investigate expired and unpermitted non-exempt use wells.

On November 4, 2025, Mike Benavides, Compliance Specialist began a review of potential unpermitted non-exempt use wells using in Calhoun County. See: [INV-20251015-01 - Unpermitted Non-Exempt Use - Active](#)

On February 6, 2026, staff developed courtesy notices and mailed out by USPS mail to each property owner as recorded in the Calhoun County Appraisal District online records to the 9 locations identified within Calhoun County without any previous-issued production permits that may rely on groundwater production to support non-residential or non-agricultural activities at the site.

As of April 20, 2026, of the 9 locations identified; staff are currently assisting 6 of the property owners that have contacted the district in drafting applications.

Management Recommendation:

None.

Item 4 - Groundwater Protection

Topic 4.1 - Report

Regarding Well Inspections

As of April 20, 2026, staff had recorded 5 well inspection forms (WIFs) since October 1, 2025.

Regarding Manage Investigations related to Groundwater Protection

As of April 20, 2026, staff had initiated 0 investigations related to groundwater protection since October 1, 2025.

As of April 20, 2026, staff had 0 active investigation related to groundwater protection.

Regarding Manage Enforcement Cases related to Groundwater Protection

As of April 20, 2026, the Board had initiated 0 enforcement case violations related to groundwater protection since October 1, 2025.

As of April 20, 2026, staff had 0 unresolved enforcement case violations related to groundwater protection.

Regarding Well Plugging Sponsorship

As of April 20, 2026, staff had not received any requests for assistance with well plugging since October 1, 2025.

Item 5 - Groundwater Monitoring

Topic 5.1 - Report

Regarding Drought Condition Monitoring

As of April 17, 2026, the U.S. Drought Monitor (<https://www.drought.gov/states/texas/county/calhoun>) indicates that 100% of Calhoun County was experiencing drought conditions.

As of April 17, 2026, drought condition information related to the district and the surrounding region of Texas collected from the Water Data for Texas website <https://www.waterdatafortexas.org/drought> indicates that 100% of Calhoun County are experiencing drought conditions.

Regarding Water Level Monitoring

As of April 17, 2026, staff had collected 12 water level measurements since October 1, 2025.

Regarding Water Quality Aquifer Monitoring

As of April 17, 2026, staff had collected 4 water quality field measurements since October 1, 2025.

As of April 17, 2026, staff had collected 0 water quality samples since October 1, 2025.

As of April 17, 2026, staff had received 0 water quality lab reports since October 1, 2025.

Regarding Water Level Assessment

On February 18, 2026, Dr. Young of Intera submitted the draft report of the assessment of calendar years 2024 and 2025 water levels using geostatistical techniques as requested by the cooperating districts. On April 9, 2026, Nick Lamkey of Intera provided the final report of the project for advanced geostatistical evaluation of water level measurements for calendar year 2024 and 2025.

Regarding Water Quality Assessment

On March 27, 2026, Neil Blandford of Daniel B. Stephens and Associates (DBSA) completed the work on the project regarding the general groundwater quality within Victoria, Jackson, Calhoun, and Refugio Counties.

Regarding Subsidence Assessment

On March 12, 2026, the VCGCD submitted, on behalf of the cooperating districts, a grant application to the Texas Water Development Board for a project titled *The Development of the CGCBGF Model for Groundwater Management and Planning*.

The proposed project would 1) integrate hydrogeologic data, measured subsidence, groundwater production and water levels since 1940 to update the Central Gulf Coast Brackish Groundwater Flow (CGCBGF) Model to support the simulation of subsidence using the MODFLOW 6 CSUB subsidence module; 2) determine subsidence rates from 2018 to 2025 from satellite-based InSAR data and deformation measurements from NOAA stations for the four counties within the jurisdictions of the cooperating districts; 3) provide the cooperating districts with the information to refine their rules incentivizing the safe development of brackish groundwater, 4) advance the best available science for modeling impacts from brackish production including subsidence; 5) provide a tool for evaluating the potential impacts of developing brackish groundwater resources, and 6) includes the installation and operation of a subsidence monitoring station.

The proposed project is estimated to cost \$281,000 with the cooperating district contributing \$40,000 (\$10,000 per cooperating district) from the cooperating districts' operating budgets . The application seeks \$231,000 from the grant program. See: VCGCD - TWDB GRSDC Grant - Application - FY2026, VCGCD - TWDB GRSDC Grant - SOW - FY2026, and VCGCD - TWDB GRSDC Grant - Project Budget - FY2026.



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Topic 5.2 - Water Level Assessment

Management Discussion:

On February 3, 2026, Tim Andruss notified Steve Young of Intera of the approval of the project for advanced geostatistical evaluation of water level measurements for calendar year 2024 and 2025 by each of the boards of CCGCD, RGCD, TGCD, and VCGCD. The fixed cost approved for the project by the cooperating districts is \$24,000.00.

On April 9, 2026, Nick Lamkey of Intera provided the final report of the project for advanced geostatistical evaluation of water level measurements for calendar year 2024 and 2025. See report titled *Application of Geostatistical Techniques to Interpret Measured 2024 and 2025 Water Levels*.



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The image below, representing Table 4 from the report, documents the estimated changes in water levels computed for Calhoun County since calendar year 2000.

Table 2

Average annual water level (ft, msl) and change in the average annual water level for Calhoun County for the Chicot Aquifer, the Evangeline Aquifer and the Chicot & Evangeline aquifers

Aquifer	Water Level/ Change	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Chicot	avg. WL (ft)	-7.0	-5.9	-4.9	-0.3	-1.8	1.9	-4.5	-1.0	0.8	-2.6	-2.6	-1.2	-7.6	-5.1	-6.8	-7.7	-7.8	-2.6	-4.2	-2.9	-2.6	-5.0	-1.8	-5.7	-7.6	-7.9
	change (ft)*	0.0	1.1	2.1	6.7	5.2	8.9	2.5	6.1	7.8	4.4	4.4	5.8	-0.6	2.0	0.2	-0.6	-0.8	4.4	2.8	4.1	4.5	2.0	5.2	1.3	-0.6	-0.9
Evangeline	avg. WL (ft)	17.7	11.3	8.1	25.2	13.7	13.3	21.8	28.0	15.1	16.5	18.1	14.6	18.7	10.3	1.2	3.6	3.6	11.6	-8.0	15.2	16.4	9.9	6.6	5.0	-5.5	-6.7
	change (ft)*	0.0	-6.4	-9.6	7.5	-4.0	-4.4	4.1	10.3	-2.6	-1.2	0.4	-3.1	1.0	-7.4	-16.5	-14.2	-14.1	-6.1	-25.8	-2.5	-1.3	-7.8	-11.1	-12.7	-23.2	-24.4
Chicot & Evangeline	avg. WL (ft)	-3.2	-3.7	-3.5	3.7	0.2	3.3	-0.2	3.7	3.1	0.2	0.4	1.0	-3.1	-2.8	-5.7	-6.1	-6.2	-0.4	-5.7	-0.1	0.5	-3.1	-1.3	-4.5	-7.0	-7.6
	change (ft)*	0.0	-0.5	-0.3	7.0	3.4	6.6	3.1	6.9	6.3	3.4	3.6	4.2	0.1	0.4	-2.5	-2.8	-3.0	2.8	-2.5	3.1	3.7	0.1	1.9	-1.3	-3.8	-4.4

* change is measured relative to the year 2000; avg WL is measured relative to mean sea level

The analysis indicates that water levels in the Chicot Aquifer of the Gulf Coast Aquifer System in Calhoun County have declined by 0.9 feet in calendar year 2025 relative to year 2000. The 5-year rolling average of water level change in the Chicot Aquifer of the Gulf Coast Aquifer System in Calhoun County indicates that the recent trend is a 1.4 feet recovery as compared to calendar year 2000.

The analysis indicates that water levels in the Evangeline Aquifer of the Gulf Coast Aquifer System in Calhoun County have declined by -24.4 feet in calendar year 2025 relative to year 2000. The 5-year rolling average of water level change in the Evangeline Aquifer of the Gulf Coast Aquifer System in Calhoun County indicates that the recent trend is a 15.8 feet decline as compared to calendar year 2000.

The analysis indicates that the water level changes of the Chicot and Evangeline Aquifers of the Gulf Coast Aquifer System in Calhoun County have declined by -4.4 feet in calendar year 2025 relative to year 2000, in aggregate. The 5-year rolling average of water level changes of the Chicot and Evangeline Aquifers of the Gulf Coast Aquifer System in Calhoun County ending in year 2025 indicates that the recent trend is a **1.5 feet decline as compared to calendar year 2000**.

The 5-year rolling average of water level changes of the Chicot and Evangeline Aquifers of the Gulf Coast Aquifer System in Calhoun County ending in year 2024 indicates that the recent trend is a **0.1 feet recovery as compared to calendar year 2000**.

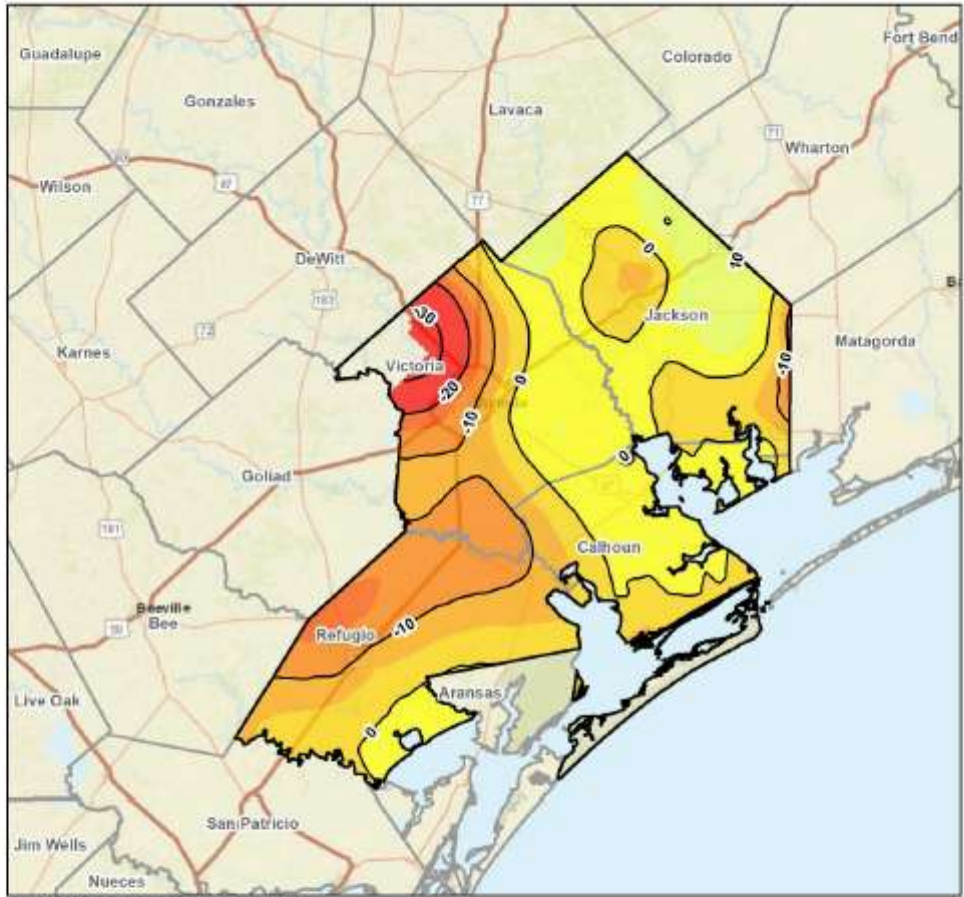
The 5-year rolling average of water level changes of the Chicot and Evangeline Aquifers of the Gulf Coast Aquifer System in Calhoun County ending in year 2023 indicates that the recent trend is a **1.5 feet recovery as compared to calendar year 2000**.

The 5-year rolling average of water level changes of the Chicot and Evangeline Aquifers of the Gulf Coast Aquifer System in Calhoun County ending in year 2022 indicates that the recent trend is a **1.3 feet recovery as compared to calendar year 2000**.

The 5-year rolling average of water level changes of the Chicot and Evangeline Aquifers of the Gulf Coast Aquifer System in Calhoun County ending in year 2021 indicates that the recent trend is a **1.4 feet recovery as compared to calendar year 2000**.

The 5-year rolling average of water level changes of the Chicot and Evangeline Aquifers of the Gulf Coast Aquifer System in Calhoun County ending in year 2020 indicates that the recent trend is a **0.82 feet decline as compared to calendar year 2000**.

The images below, representing Figure 7 and Figure 12 from the report, illustrate the spatial distribution of changes in water levels computed for the Chicot and Evangeline Aquifers in Calhoun County as of calendar year 2025 relative to calendar year 2000, respectively.



**Change in Water Level (ft):
 Chicot 2000 Analysis Year - 2025 Analysis Year**

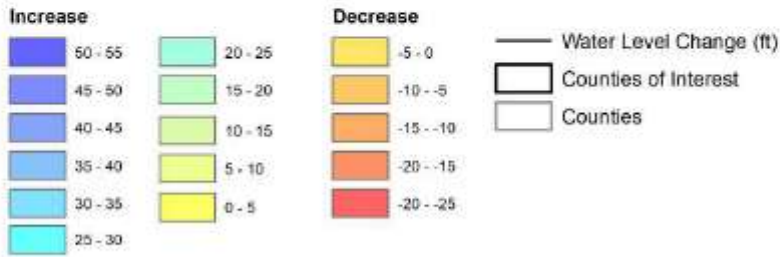


Figure 7 Contours of the change in water levels in the Chicot Aquifer from the 2000 Analysis Year to the 2025 Analysis Year

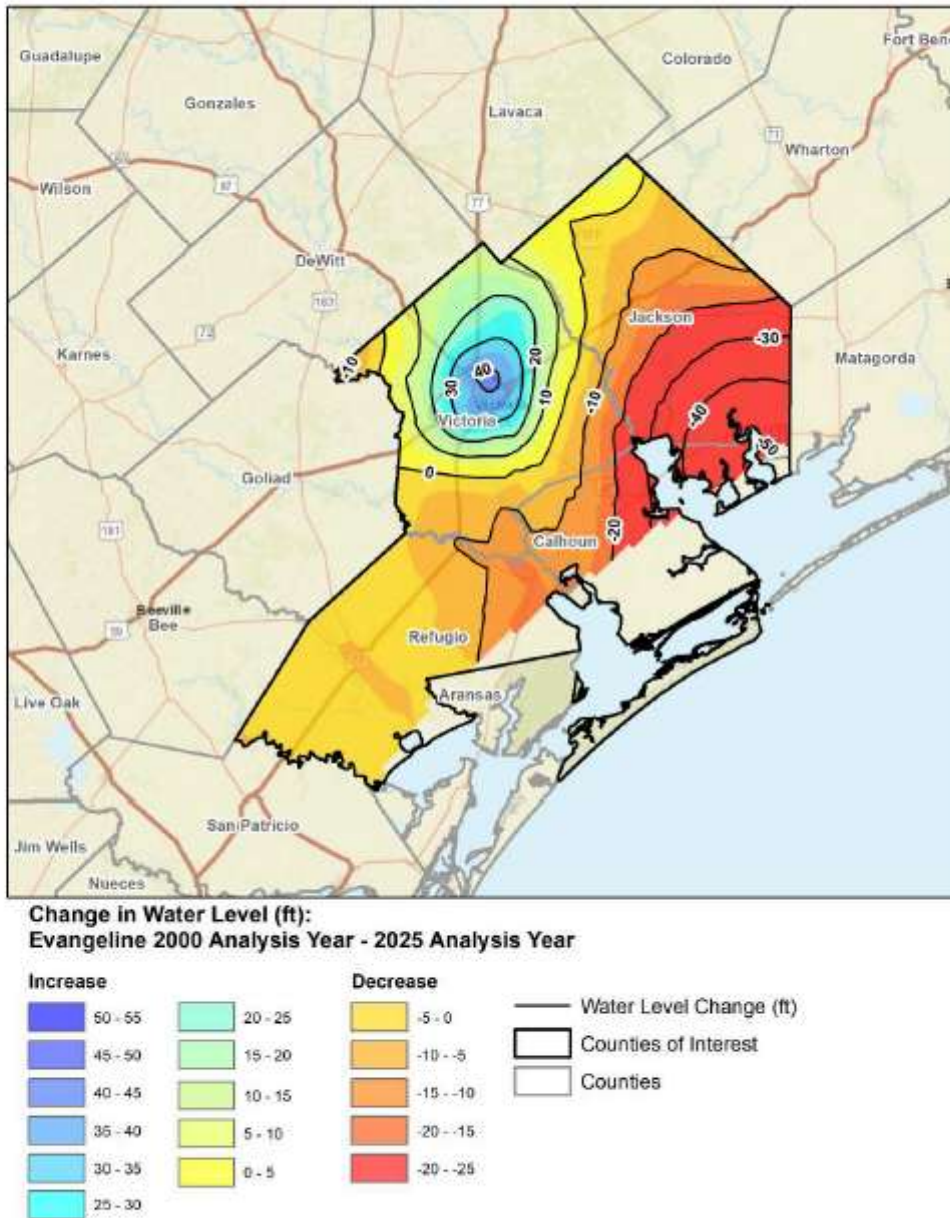


Figure 12 Contours of the change in water levels in the Evangeline Aquifer from the 2000 Analysis Year to the 2025 Analysis Year

The District is a member of and contained completely within Groundwater Management Area 15 (GMA 15). The desire future condition for GMA 15 is expressed as follows:

The representatives of Groundwater Management Area 15 proposed the following Desired Future Conditions for Adoption on April 8, 2021:

1. *The Desired Future Condition for the counties in the groundwater management area (gma-specific DFC) shall not exceed an average drawdown of 13 feet for the Gulf Coast Aquifer System at December 2080; and*
2. *The Desired Future Conditions for each county within the groundwater management area (county-specific DFCs) shall not exceed the values specified in Table A at December*

2080:

Table A. Desired Future Conditions for Counties of GMA 15 expressed as an Average Drawdown between January 2000 and December 2080.

- *Aransas County: 0 feet of drawdown of the Gulf Coast Aquifer System.*
- *Bee County: 7 feet of drawdown of the Gulf Coast Aquifer System.*
- **Calhoun County: 5 feet of drawdown of the Gulf Coast Aquifer System.**
- *Colorado County: 17 feet of drawdown of the Chicot and Evangeline Aquifers; and 25 feet of drawdown of the Jasper Aquifer.*
- *DeWitt County: 17 feet of drawdown of the Gulf Coast Aquifer System.*
- *Fayette County: 44 feet of drawdown of the Gulf Coast Aquifer System.*
- *Goliad County: 4 feet of recovery of the Chicot Aquifer; 2 feet of recovery of the Evangeline Aquifer; 7 feet of drawdown of the Burkeville Aquifer; and 14 feet of drawdown of the Jasper Aquifer.*
- *Jackson County: 15 feet of drawdown of the Gulf Coast Aquifer System.*
- *Karnes County: 22 feet of drawdown of the Gulf Coast Aquifer System.*
- *Lavaca County: 18 feet of drawdown of the Gulf Coast Aquifer System.*
- *Matagorda County: 11 feet of drawdown of the Chicot and Evangeline Aquifers.*
- *Refugio County: 5 feet of drawdown of the Gulf Coast Aquifer System.*
- *Victoria County: 5 feet of drawdown of the Gulf Coast Aquifer System.*
- *Wharton County: 15 feet of drawdown of the Chicot and Evangeline Aquifers.*

Management Recommendation:

Move to accept the report, instruct the General Manager to post the report on the website of the district, concluded that the condition of the Gulf Coast Aquifer within Calhoun County is in compliance with the GMA 15 desired future condition, and instruct the General Manager to investigate and compare monitoring datasets to identify any significant changes over time that may be influencing the analysis.

Item 6 - Groundwater Conservation

Topic 6.1 - Report

Regarding Promote Conservation

On April 9, 2026, staff updated the website of the district to include a brochure titled *Water Conservation Tips* published by the Texas Water Development Board.



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Item 7 - Groundwater Resource Planning

Topic 7.1 - Report

Regarding Regional Water Planning Participation

The South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group (Region L) will meet on May 7, 2026 at 9:30 AM. See: <https://www.regionltexas.org/>.

The South Central Texas Water Advisory Committee (SCTWAC) will meet in Seguin on Friday, April 24, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. at the GBRA Annex Board Room located at 905 Nolan St., Seguin, TX 78155.

Regarding GMA 15 Joint Planning for 4th Planning Cycle

The representatives of Groundwater Management Area 15 met on March 12, 2026, at the consolidated offices of Victoria County, Calhoun County, Refugio, and Texana GCD in Victoria, Texas. Mr. Andruss attended the meeting to participate in 4th Cycle of the Joint Planning as required under Chapter 36 of the Texas Water Code. See: <https://www.vcgcd.org/groundwater-management-area-15>.

The representatives have completed most of the tasks and activities to complete the process of proposing a desired future condition for Groundwater Management Area 15. The representatives approved numerous proposals to amend the adopted desired future condition for Groundwater Management Area 15 and reviewed the management plans of member districts. Those proposals included eliminating the GMA-Wide DFC and changes to the County-Specific DFCs for Goliad and Matagorda Counties. The letters transmitting the proposed amended desired future conditions for GMA 15 were mailed to the member districts on April 7, 2026.

Topic 7.2 - GMA 15 Proposed Amended DFC

Management Discussion:

On March 13, 2026, the representatives of the member districts of Groundwater Management Area 15 approved a motion, by a record vote, to propose the adoption of amended DFCs, interim DFC values, and the plain-language explanation/justification for the proposed change to the previously adopted DFCs for GMA 15 for distribution to the districts in the management area in accordance with 36.108(d-2) of the Texas Water Code. See letter from the GMA 15 Chair, Tim Andruss, to the District dated April 7, 2026.



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Per 36.108(d-2) of the Texas Water Code, "A period of not less than 90 days for public comments begins on the day the proposed desired future conditions are mailed to the districts. During the public comment period and after posting notice as required by Section 36.063, each district shall hold a public hearing on any proposed desired future conditions relevant to that district. During the public comment period, the district shall make available in its office a copy of the proposed desired future conditions and any supporting materials, such as the documentation of factors considered under Subsection (d) and groundwater availability model run results. After the close of the public comment period, the district shall compile and submit to the district representatives for consideration at the next joint planning meeting: (1) a summary of relevant comments received; (2) any suggested revisions to the proposed desired future conditions, and the basis for those revisions; and (3) any supporting materials, including new or revised groundwater availability model run results."

Management Recommendation:

Move to authorize the General Manager to complete all necessary actions to comply with the requirements established under 36.108(d-2) of the Texas Water Code related to the public comment period and prepare for a hearing on the proposed amended DFC at the meeting of the Board of Directors scheduled for July 10, 2026.

Topic 7.3 - Review of Management Plans

Management Discussion:

Section 36.108 states that (b) If two or more districts are located within the boundaries of the same management area, each district shall forward a copy of that district's new or revised management plan to the other districts in the management area. The boards of the districts shall consider the plans

individually and shall compare them to other management plans then in force in the management area.

At the GMA 15 meeting held on January 8, 2026, Mr. Andruss requested that each representative submit to the GMA 15 Administrator, by March 12, 2026, their written consideration of the performance of each member district or its management plan, as appropriate, using the following prompts:

Prompt 1: regarding 36.108(c-1)(1) of the Texas Water Code, review and consider the impact of the district's management plan on planning throughout the management area.

Prompt 2: regarding 36.108(c-1)(2) of the Texas Water Code, review and consider the effectiveness of the measures of the district's management plan for conserving and protecting groundwater and preventing waste within the district and the management area in general.

Prompt 3: regarding 36.108(c-1)(4) of the Texas Water Code, review and consider the degree the district achieving the relevant desired future conditions through the implementation of its management plan and rules.

Note 3a: please identify the specific management plan reviewed by specifying the district and the adoption date of the plan.

Note 3b: please identify the specific rules reviewed by specifying the district and the adoption date of the rules.

Note 3c: please identify any additional information such as annual reports or monitoring data reviewed to support the consideration of the degree of achievement of the relevant desired future conditions.

Mr. Andruss developed the following consideration of the management plans, rules, and performance of the member districts of Groundwater Management Area 15.

Member Districts of GMA 15	Consideration of Performance under 36.108(c-1)(1)	Consideration of Performance under 36.108(c-1)(2)	Consideration of Performance under 36.108(c-1)(4)
<p>Bee GCD</p> <p>Documents reviewed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Management Plan (dt: 1/25/2024) • Rules (dt: 10/18/2012) • Performance Report (dt: 12/18/2025) 	<p>The implementation of the district's management plan on planning throughout the management area should be positive.</p>	<p>The implementation of the district's management plan should effectively result in the conserving and protecting groundwater and preventing waste within the district and the management area in general.</p>	<p>The district appears to be achieving the desired future conditions established during the joint planning process through the implementation of the district's management plan and the enforcement of its rules.</p>
<p>Calhoun County GCD</p> <p>Documents reviewed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Management Plan (dt: 4/24/2023) • Rules (dt: 10/28/2024) 	<p>The implementation of the district's management plan on planning throughout the management area should be positive.</p>	<p>The implementation of the district's management plan should effectively result in the conserving and protecting groundwater and preventing waste within the</p>	<p>The district appears to be achieving the desired future conditions established during the joint planning process through the implementation of the</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performance Report (dt: 5/14/2025) 		district and the management area in general.	district's management plan and the enforcement of its rules.
<p>Coastal Bend GCD</p> <p>Documents reviewed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Management Plan (dt: 3/11/2025) • Rules (dt: 11/14/2023) • Performance Report (dt: 2/26/2026) 	The implementation of the district's management plan on planning throughout the management area should be positive.	The implementation of the district's management plan should effectively result in the conserving and protecting groundwater and preventing waste within the district and the management area in general.	The district appears to be achieving the desired future conditions established during the joint planning process through the implementation of the district's management plan and the enforcement of its rules.
<p>Coastal Plains GCD</p> <p>Documents reviewed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Management Plan (dt: 8/13/2020) • Rules (dt: 9/15/2022) • Performance Report (dt: 3/2/2026) 	The implementation of the district's management plan on planning throughout the management area should be positive.	The implementation of the district's management plan should effectively result in the conserving and protecting groundwater and preventing waste within the district and the management area in general.	The district appears to be achieving the desired future conditions established during the joint planning process through the implementation of the district's management plan and the enforcement of its rules.
<p>Colorado County GCD</p> <p>Documents reviewed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Management Plan (dt: 3/19/2025) • Rules (dt: 9/17/2025) • Performance Report (dt:) 	The implementation of the district's management plan on planning throughout the management area should be positive.	The implementation of the district's management plan should effectively result in the conserving and protecting groundwater and preventing waste within the district and the management area in general.	The district appears to be achieving the desired future conditions established during the joint planning process through the implementation of the district's management plan and the enforcement of its rules.
<p>Corpus Christi ASRCD</p> <p>Documents reviewed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Management Plan (dt: 10/28/2025) • Rules (dt: 12/1/2016) 	The implementation of the district's management plan on planning throughout the management area should be positive.	The implementation of the district's management plan should effectively result in the conserving and protecting groundwater and preventing waste within the district and the management area in general.	The review of the district's achievement of desired future conditions is not warranted due to a lack of dry land, water wells, or a desired future conditions being established for the portion of the district's jurisdictional boundary within Groundwater Management Area 15.

<p>Evergreen UWCD</p> <p>Documents reviewed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Management Plan (dt: 11/30/2023) • Rules (dt: 4/25/2025) • Performance Report (dt: 12/18/2025) 	<p>The implementation of the district's management plan on planning throughout the management area should be positive.</p>	<p>The implementation of the district's management plan should effectively result in the conserving and protecting groundwater and preventing waste within the district and the management area in general.</p>	<p>The district appears to be achieving the desired future conditions established during the joint planning process through the implementation of the district's management plan and the enforcement of its rules.</p>
<p>Fayette County GCD</p> <p>Documents reviewed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Management Plan (dt: 1/8/2024) • Rules (dt: 9/8/2014) • Performance Report (dt: 5/28/2025) 	<p>The implementation of the district's management plan on planning throughout the management area should be positive.</p>	<p>The implementation of the district's management plan should effectively result in the conserving and protecting groundwater and preventing waste within the district and the management area in general.</p>	<p>The district appears to be achieving the desired future conditions established during the joint planning process through the implementation of the district's management plan and the enforcement of its rules.</p>
<p>Goliad County GCD</p> <p>Documents reviewed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Management Plan (dt: 8/7/2023) • Rules (dt: 2/19/2024) • Performance Report (dt: 2/9/2026) 	<p>The implementation of the district's management plan on planning throughout the management area should be positive.</p>	<p>The implementation of the district's management plan should effectively result in the conserving and protecting groundwater and preventing waste within the district and the management area in general.</p>	<p>The district appears to be achieving the aquifer conditions through the implementation of the district's management plan and enforcement of its rules that would achieve the desired future conditions proposed for Goliad County.</p>
<p>Pecan Valley GCD</p> <p>Documents reviewed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Management Plan (dt: 12/14/2023) • Rules (dt: 11/21/2023) • Performance Report (dt: 2/18/2025) 	<p>The implementation of the district's management plan on planning throughout the management area should be positive.</p>	<p>The implementation of the district's management plan should effectively result in the conserving and protecting groundwater and preventing waste within the district and the management area in general.</p>	<p>The district appears to be achieving the desired future conditions established during the joint planning process through the implementation of the district's management plan and the enforcement of its rules.</p>
<p>Refugio GCD</p> <p>Documents reviewed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Management Plan (dt: 4/17/2023) 	<p>The implementation of the district's management plan on planning throughout the</p>	<p>The implementation of the district's management plan should effectively result in the conserving and</p>	<p>The district appears to be achieving the desired future conditions established during the joint planning</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rules (dt: 10/21/2024) Performance Report (dt: 4/22/2024) 	management area should be positive.	protecting groundwater and preventing waste within the district and the management area in general.	process through the implementation of the district's management plan and the enforcement of its rules.
<p>Texana GCD</p> <p>Documents reviewed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Management Plan (dt: 4/20/2023) Rules (dt: 10/17/2024) Performance Report (dt: 4/22/2025) 	The implementation of the district's management plan on planning throughout the management area should be positive.	The implementation of the district's management plan should effectively result in the conserving and protecting groundwater and preventing waste within the district and the management area in general.	The district appears to be achieving the desired future conditions established during the joint planning process through the implementation of the district's management plan and the enforcement of its rules.
<p>Victoria County GCD</p> <p>Documents reviewed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Management Plan (dt: 4/21/2023) Rules (dt: 10/18/2024) Performance Report (dt: 5/8025) 	The implementation of the district's management plan on planning throughout the management area should be positive.	The implementation of the district's management plan should effectively result in the conserving and protecting groundwater and preventing waste within the district and the management area in general.	The district appears to be achieving the desired future conditions established during the joint planning process through the implementation of the district's management plan and the enforcement of its rules.

Management Recommendation:

None.

Item 8 - Groundwater Policy

Topic 8.1 - Report

Regarding Rule Amendments

Staff and legal counsel continue work drafting potential rule revisions for consideration by the Board at a future meeting. Staff awaits input from Intera regarding brackish groundwater resources based on the information developed and provided to the District in the characterization report. In order to develop draft rule revisions necessary to complete the District's deep-saline production permitting regulations, staff and legal counsel will need to consider appropriate designations of deep-saline groundwater production zones and associated production limitations based on the information provided by Intera.

On April 10, 2026, the Board of Directors of the Victoria County GCD authorized the completion of a project by Intera in evaluate the cumulative effects of substantial groundwater production simulated in deep, brackish groundwater zones across Calhoun, Jackson, Refugio, and Victoria Counties.

Staff will postpone development and presentation of potential rule revisions until the completion and public release of the cumulative effects evaluation by VCGCD is completed in an effort to ensure any

draft revision include appropriate safeguards to conserve and protect fresher groundwater resources while incentivizing deep-saline groundwater resources to meet future water demands.

Regarding Legislative Support and Lobbying

Staff and legal counsel continue to coordinate regarding legislative matters. In particular, the interim charges from the Texas Senate and Texas House have been reviewed and scheduled hearings are being tracked.

Item 9 - Administration and Management

Topic 9.1 - Report

Regarding Public Notice and Meeting Coordination

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for July 27, 2026 to convene at 5:30 PM. Special meeting may be scheduled to address unforeseen issues.

Topic 9.2 - Minutes of Previous Meeting

Management Discussion:

The minutes for February 2, 2026, were drafted by the administrative coordinator, reviewed by the other administrative staff and management, and available to the directors for review prior to the meeting. The minutes appear to accurately reflect the actions taken by the board and the context in which those actions were taken.

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Management Recommendation:

Move to accept and approve the meeting minutes for February 2, 2026, as drafted.

Topic 9.3 - Investments of the District

Management Discussion:

The investment reports for December 2025, January and February 2026, have been drafted by the administrative coordinator, reviewed and executed by the investment officer/general manager, and available to the directors for review prior to the meeting.

CCGCD - IR-20251231-01 - FY2026M03 - December 2025.pdf



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CCGCD - IR-20260131-01 - FY2026M04 - January 2026.pdf



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CCGCD - IR-20260228-01 - FY2026M05 - February 2026.pdf



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The balance of all funds of the district as of February 28, 2026, is \$3,041,714.10.

Management Recommendation:

Move to accept the investment reports for December 2025, January 2026, and February 2026.

Topic 9.4 - Financial Transaction Report

The list below identifies each accounts payable transaction that was recorded since January 1, 2026, as of April 20, 2026:

1. ACCTP-20260107-05 - \$2,434.11 - Calhoun County Appraisal District
2. ACCTP-20260107-04 - \$68.69 - McCreary, Veselka, Bragg & Allen
3. ACCTP-20260107-03 - \$112.47 - McCreary, Veselka, Bragg & Allen
4. ACCTP-20260107-02 - \$105.00 - Higginbotham
5. ACCTP-20260107-01 - \$175.00 - Higginbotham
6. ACCTP-20260202-02 - \$31,500.00 - VCGCD - 1st Quarter 2027
7. ACCTP-20260303-01 - \$650,000.00 - Fund Transfer
8. ACCTP-20260327-01 - \$2,434.11 - CCAD - 2nd Quarter
9. ACCTP-20260327-05 - \$100.00 - Timothy Doolin - Reimbursement
10. ACCTP-20260327-03 - \$90.90 - MVBA - January 2026
11. ACCTP-20260327-02 - \$2,241.26 - TML IRP
12. ACCTP-20260327-04 - \$55.71 - MVBA - February 2026

The list below identifies each accounts receivable transaction that was recorded since January 1, 2026, as of April 20, 2026:

1. ACCTR-20260123-02 - \$5,923.94 - Tax Collections
2. ACCTR-20260123-01 - \$10,285.65 - Tax Collections
3. ACCTR-20260114-03 - \$3,537.66 - Tax Collections
4. ACCTR-20260114-02 - \$4,958.04 - Tax Collections
5. ACCTR-20260114-01 - \$4,361.24 - Tax Collections
6. ACCTR-20260210-01 - \$57,072.27 - Tax Collections
7. ACCTR-20260210-02 - \$230,815.38 - Tax Collections
8. ACCTR-20260219-01 - \$2,934.52 - Tax Collections
9. ACCTR-20260228-01 - \$653.30 - Interest
10. ACCTR-20260228-02 - \$490.53 - Interest
11. ACCTR-20260228-03 - \$85.60 - Interest
12. ACCTR-20260228-04 - \$76.83 - Interest
13. ACCTR-20260228-05 - \$4,313.42 - Interest
14. ACCTR-20260303-01 - \$650,000.00 - Fund Transfer
15. ACCTR-20260309-01 - \$2,015.20 - Tax Collections
16. ACCTR-20260309-02 - \$1,130.07 - Tax Collections
17. ACCTR-20260319-01 - \$2,728.51 - Tax Collections
18. ACCTR-20260319-02 - \$666.37 - Tax Collections
19. ACCTR-20260331-01 - \$2,799.53 - Interest
20. ACCTR-20260331-02 - \$74.72 - Interest
21. ACCTR-20260331-03 - \$4,778.50 - Interest

Topic 9.5 - Financial Reports of the District

Management Discussion:

The internal control review reports and internal financial reports for December 2025, January and February 2026 have been compiled by the administrative coordinator and available to the directors for review prior to the meeting.

CCGCD - Adm - FM - Internal Control Review Report - ICRR-20251231-01 - December 2025.pdf



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CCGCD - Internal Financial Report - December 2025.pdf



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CCGCD - Adm - FM - Internal Control Review Report - ICRR-20260131-01 - January 2026.pdf



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CCGCD - Adm - FM - Internal Control Review Report - ICRR-20260228-01 - February 2026.pdf



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Management Recommendation:

Move to accept the internal control review and internal financial reports for December 2025, January 2026, and February 2026.

Topic 9.6 - Unpaid Invoices and Bills

Management Discussion:

The District has outstanding accounts payable invoices that are not considered regular and routine that staff believe are appropriate to pay.

Management Recommendation:

Move to authorize the payment of the following items:

1. ACCTP-20260427-01 - \$1,530.00 - Allison, Bass & Magee
2. ACCTP-20260427-02 - \$31,500.00 - VCGCD - 2nd Qtr 2027
3. ACCTP-20260427-03 - \$1,292.76 - VCGCD - Reimbursement - Dec 2025-Feb 2026
4. ACCTP-20260427-04 - \$6,000.00 - VCGCD - Intera Cost Share

Topic 9.7 - Review of Administrative Policies

Management Discussion:

On January 27, 2025, the Board re-adopted the following policies as the administrative policies of the District: By-Laws; Investment Policy. On March 25, 2026, management identified numerous improvements to the bylaws for consideration by the Board. In order to ensure that the bylaws of the District conform with relevant statutes and present practices of the District, management drafted certain revisions to the previously adopted bylaws of the District in consultation with legal counsel of the District. The revisions (1) remove superfluous or repetitive material or (2) revise the provisions of the Bylaws to conform to Chapter 36, Water Code or current district policies.

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Management Recommendation:

Move to adopted the Bylaws of the District, as drafted.

Item 9.8 - Designation of Investment Officer

Management Discussion:

The position of Investment Officer has been held by Mr. Andruss, General Manager, for many years in large part due to staffing limitation. With the expansion of the staff of the District in response to the long-term cooperative arrangement with other cooperating district, the staffing limitations have been alleviated and provide the opportunity for other staff members to be adequately trained regarding public funds investment and collateralization. In particular, Caitlynn Davenport, Administrative Coordinator, has completed the required Public Funds Investment Act Training for several years with Mr. Andruss. Ms. Davenport has assisted Mr. Andruss with the development of the investment reports for several years as well. Designating Ms. Davenport as the Investment Officer of the District would improve operations while continue the safeguards in place protecting the funds of the District.

Management Recommendation:

Move to designate Ms. Davenport the Investment Officer of Calhoun Groundwater Conservation, rescind the designation of Investment Officer of the Calhoun County Groundwater Conservation from Mr. Andruss, and require Mr. Andruss to approve all fund transfer associated with investing funds of the District.

Item 10.0 - Legal Counsel Report

Item 11.0 - Adjourn Meeting

Management Recommendation:

Move to adjourn the meeting after concluding all business of the District.