Attention GMA 9 General Managers,

At the Monday, January 25, 2021 GMA 9 virtual meeting. The Southwestern Travis County GCD will ask GMA 9 to waive the SWTCGCD share of GMA 9 expenses for the Explanatory Report for this planning cycle.

They will ask this because they have only been in operation for a little over a year. To date, they have relied on donations and some temporary subsidies from Travis County, just to set up an office and begin to adopt rules, set fees, register and permit wells, and they are just now generating their first revenues, which are fee based. Their financial resources are extremely limited.

GMA 9 experienced a similar situation when the Comal Trinity GCD was created in late 2015 during development of the first Explanatory Report, the draft of which came out in March 2016. Comal Trinity's first few months were also unfunded, and they were still months away from adopting Rules, collecting fees, etc. At that time GMA 9 did not required the Comal Trinity GCD to pay cost sharing.

If SWTCGCD cost sharing is waived by the GMA 9 committee, it will mean each of the other GCDs in GMA 9 will incur somewhere in the vicinity of $611.11 in additional costs above and beyond their initial cost sharing.

Please remember to check with your Board Members to see if they are agreeable with this proposal.

If GMA 9 does not waive their participation, it is likely that a motion will be made to allow the SWTCGCD to create a payment schedule in cooperation with Bandera County River Authority and Groundwater District (the GMA 9 contracting entity) and our consultant, Blanton and Asso. Any payment schedule would likely involve quarterly or annual payments over 2-3 years. This would be similar to the one created for the Hays Trinity GCD.

Please remember to check with your Board Members to see if they are agreeable with this alternate proposal.

Be prepared to discuss these issues and your GCD Board position. Also be prepared to vote on one or both of these motions.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Ron Fieseler,

Chairman, GMA 9

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