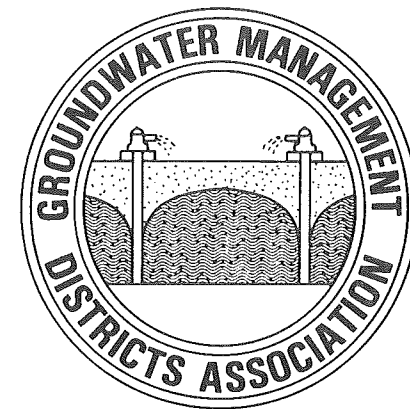


**ARTICLE 2.0:**  
**PURPOSE**

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**GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT  
DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION**

# Constitution



**1975**

*(Amended December 7, 1978 and March 3, 1988)*

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## ARTICLE 1.0: NAME

The name of the Association shall be "Groundwater Management Districts Association" (GMDA).

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- a) To be informed of and exchange ideas on current trends and problems as they affect groundwater, including those which have, or may have, technical, legal, administrative and economic implications.
- b) To review and analyze methods and techniques employed by members and their associates in conducting studies and research on management of groundwater, and in designing and obtaining solutions to problems associated therewith.
- c) To review, analyze, propose, and influence legislation and policy as they affect groundwater.
- d) To evaluate activities and plans of governmental bodies, and other organizations and associations as they relate to groundwater and to take appropriate action.
- e) To develop and propose joint or coordinated plans of action to meet national, interstate and/or regional groundwater problems and needs including affiliations or memberships in other similar organizations or associations.
- f) To assess and encourage, as appropriate, the conjunctive use and management of both surface and groundwater supplies with due consideration for the unique and limiting properties of each resource.
- g) To foster the general public's knowledge and appreciation for the economic advantages of the private enterprise and development of groundwater.
- h) To promote orderly and equitable development, conservation and management of groundwater through local government.

## ARTICLE 3.0: MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the Association shall be open to all individuals, organizations, corporations, districts, agencies, authorities, cities, towns, firms, educational institutions, and other entities interested in furthering the purposes of the Association.

## ARTICLE 4.0: TYPES OF MEMBERSHIP

There shall be four types of membership: District, Organizational, Affiliate, and Individual.

- a) District membership is open only to those districts who have major programs and responsibilities for groundwater development, conservation and management, and which are chartered under the laws of their respective states.
- b) The Organizational membership is open to organizations and associations whose major purposes are the development, conservation and management of groundwater.
- c) The Affiliate membership is open to those organizations, agencies, corporations, businesses or or partnerships affiliated with the interests and purposes of the Association.
- d) The Individual membership is open to those individuals interested in the purposes of the Association.

## ARTICLE 5.0: DUES

The Membership Dues for each type of membership of the Association shall be set annually by the Board of Directors and are payable on October 1 of each year.

## ARTICLE 6.0: BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND VOTING

The association shall be governed by a board of directors consisting of three (3) members from each state with representation in the association by either a District or Organizational membership. The board of directors shall be elected by their state caucuses in accordance with Article 7.0, except for the provision that the immediate past president shall serve as a member of the board for one additional year with full voting privileges. The GMDA Director to NWRA and all GMDA members maintaining positions on NWRA committees shall be considered as non-voting, ex-officio GMDA Board members, unless they have been elected to the board via the state caucus procedure. All voting on Associations matters before the board

of directors shall be determined by the majority vote of the directors present. Any proposition adopted by majority vote of the board can be vetoed by a two-thirds vote of the District membership in attendance at an annual or special meeting; and a call for such veto referendum can be made by any District member. Each District member shall have one vote in such a veto referendum.

## ARTICLE 7.0: STATE CAUCUSES

At each annual meeting a state caucus consisting of the state's entire membership shall meet and by a majority vote of the members in attendance elect directors as follows: Beginning with the 1988 annual meeting three members shall be elected, one for a one year term, one for a two year term and one for a three year term. Thereafter at each annual meeting one director shall be elected for a three year term. At each annual meeting or any special meeting for the entire membership, each state's directors shall call for a state caucus to present Association matters to their caucus. During caucus deliberation of Association matters, caucus voting shall serve as a guide for the voting of the state directors during subsequent board meetings.

It will be the responsibility of the states to provide for the filling of any vacancies which may occur in their respective state representation on the Board of Directors.

## ARTICLE 8.0: CAUCUS VOTING RIGHTS

All members shall be entitled to vote in the state caucuses in accordance with the type of membership (Article 4.0) and as set forth below:

- a) District members shall be entitled to four votes.
- b) Organizational members shall be entitled to three votes.
- c) Affiliate members shall be entitled to two votes.
- d) Individual members shall be entitled to one vote.

## ARTICLE 9.0: OFFICERS

The activities of the Association shall be set and maintained by the Officers who, except for the GMDA Director to NWRA, shall be current board members. The officers shall consist of a President, Vice-president, Secretary/Treasurer and ex-officio GMDA Director to NWRA. The Vice-president shall also serve as president elect and shall assume the office or president whenever vacated.

## ARTICLE 10.0: TERMS OF OFFICE

All officers shall serve for one year, except for the provisions for the accession of the Vice

President to the Presidency, and all officers shall be elected at each annual meeting by majority vote of the Directors in attendance.

## ARTICLE 11.0: DUTIES OF OFFICERS

The officers of the Association shall, until the employment or appointment of a Manager, perform all the routine functions of the Association as follows:

- a) President shall preside over all meetings of the board of directors and shall generally be the spokesperson for the Association in matters of public affairs. He or she shall ultimately assume all responsibility for the Association and its efforts, and shall be allowed to appoint committees as deemed necessary, including representatives to other organizations and committees of similar interest or nature.
- b) Vice President shall preside and assume the duties of the President in his or her absence. He or she shall also be responsible for the upcoming annual meeting preparations.
- c) Secretary/Treasurer shall be responsible for the financial affairs of the Association and shall record the proceedings of the board of director's meetings and other special meetings.
- d) GMDA Director to NWRA shall represent GMDA at NWRA meetings and shall report to the GMDA board all appropriate NWRA actions and activity, specifically including matters pertaining to voting procedures, dues, legal actions, the legislature, and other NWRA affiliations.

## ARTICLE 12.0: MEETINGS OF THE ASSOCIATION

- a) There shall be an annual meeting of the entire membership to carry out the purpose of the Association and to present matters before the Association and state caucuses. The date for such annual meeting shall be set by the board of directors with a minimum of 30-day notice to the membership.
- b) The President or Vice-president can call for a meeting of the board of directors upon 15-day written notice to all directors, advisors, and the GMDA director to NWRA.
- c) Special meetings of the entire membership may be called as deemed necessary by the board of directors with a 15-day notice of such meeting provided to the membership.

## ARTICLE 13.0: AMENDMENTS

These Articles of Association may be amended or repealed in whole or in part upon the two thirds vote of the Board of Directors, and suggested amendments or repeal, may be made by a majority vote of the membership of the Association in accordance with Articles 7.0 and 8.0.