

GMDA/NWRA: Stronger Together

Groundwater issues have gained increasing attention from lawmakers. GMDA, organized to enable local districts across the country to communicate and exchange strategies and technical information, found itself without the means to effectively participate in the national legislative process. The National Water Resources Association (NWRA) already had a network in place, but its traditional role for the 17 western states that make up the NWRA was chiefly oriented toward surface water. By letting GMDA become its groundwater caucus, NWRA broadened its spectrum while allowing GMDA benefits to remain unaltered as an organization. GMDA got the added benefits of a Washington office through which legislative communications could be channeled and groundwater matters within the federal government purview could be monitored. Also, inclusion of GMDA as the groundwater caucus provides a greater audience for the discussion of groundwater issues and the necessary collaboration of surface and groundwater interests.

As a member of the NWRA or of my state association that is affiliated with NWRA, do I need to belong to GMDA?

Dual memberships are strongly recommended. NWRA membership does not automatically qualify you to participate in the policy deliberations of the GMDA at the NWRA Groundwater Caucus. A membership in GMDA lets you add your voice (and vote) to that of your state organization. The transfer of information that strictly relates to groundwater still occurs within GMDA and may not get to you as quickly and efficiently through a state association.

If I belong to GMDA, why would I also join NWRA?

For groundwater issues to be best represented by NWRA to Congress and Administration, groundwater issues need to be represented within the various caucuses, constituents and the general membership of NWRA.

CONFERENCES and BOARD MEETINGS

GMDA holds a winter and summer conference every year. The locations vary across the United States in order to learn about the differences and similarities that exist when dealing with water issues. Additionally, NWRA schedules groundwater caucus work sessions at their national meetings. It is both a learning and a teaching experience at the same time. We come together with the common goal of developing policy and programs that will lead to the best management of our country's most valuable resource, WATER.

GMDA and YOU Managing our Nation's Groundwater Resources

The benefits of GMDA membership will accrue to you in direct proportion to the effort you put into the membership. We want more from you than just your dues. We want our members to participate by attending the conference and taking part in the caucus process. We want members to serve on a variety of committees dealing with the entire spectrum of groundwater issues. We want you to be a building block in a solid network to influence legislation. We want your ideas as we expand our role from reacting to legislative proposals to taking proactive steps to draft the legislation that will benefit our local groundwater resources.

Will you help us meet the challenges that lie ahead? We need your help. Groundwater Management Districts Association, as an affiliate of the National Water Resources Association, has the means by which you can help to determine how we meet the American public's demand for abundant, clean and safe drinking water.
Join GMDA today!

Membership Options

DISTRICT membership is open only to those districts that have major programs and responsibilities for groundwater development, conservation and management, and which are chartered under the laws of their respective states. Dues are \$350 annually.

ORGANIZATIONAL membership is open to those organizations as associations whose major purposes are in the development, conservation and management of groundwater. Dues are \$250 annually.

AFFILIATE membership is open to those organizations, businesses or partnerships affiliated with the interests and purposes of GMDA. Dues are \$125 annually.

INDIVIDUAL membership is open to those individuals interested in the purposes of GMDA. Dues are \$25 annually.

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Join GMDA TODAY!

As a groundwater developer, user, owner or someone who is otherwise concerned with the management, development, conservation and protection of groundwater, your membership in GMDA will enable you to participate in a national legislative process that has a growing priority in Congress. In addition, you will help to develop and influence groundwater programs and take part in the exchange of ideas that has been a cornerstone of the Groundwater Management Districts Association for many years.

**Mail form and payment to:
Secretary, GMDA
P.O. Box 356, Dumas, TX 79029**

Before joining, I need more information.

Please enroll me as a GMDA member in the category listed below. My dues are enclosed.

Membership:

District (\$350)

Organization (\$250)

Affiliate (\$125)

Individual (\$25)

Contact Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Develop Programs

Whatever the need - groundwater quantity, quality or other issue, GMDA members have been in the forefront to develop programs that serve the spectrum of needs at various local, state and national levels.

Exchange Ideas

GMDA is the mechanism by which technical and managerial information is transferred. Many districts have considerable experience and expertise that is available to members. By the same token, these older members benefit from the new technology available today.

Influence Legislation

Affiliation with NWRA has enabled GMDA to expand its role to include monitoring and influencing legislation on the state and federal levels. As membership increases, GMDA will become more and more proactive. This has become more important as groundwater issues gain higher and higher political priority.

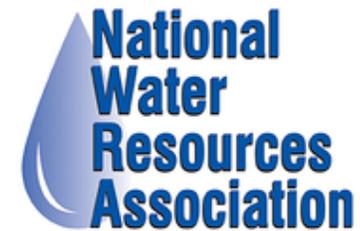


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(NWRA GROUNDWATER CAUCUS)

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