



AGENDA

**Tuesday, October 15, 2013
1:30 pm to 3:30 pm
H-GAC Conference Room A, Second Floor
3555 Timmons Lane**

1. Call to Order/Welcome/Introductions

Welcome by H-GAC

Introductions of BIG members & staff

Review Agenda. Each agenda item shall provide time for discussion by the BIG followed by comments from the audience.

2. Certification of Quorum

3. Approval of Proposed Alternates & Members

BIG members will review the Bacteria Implementation Group Roster.

4. Approval of May 14, 2013, Meeting Summary

BIG members will review the Draft May Meeting Summary Draft.

5. Public Comment

The public may sign up at the beginning of the meeting to make an informal comment of no more than three minutes.

6. Ground Rules Review

H-GAC staff shall lead the BIG in a review the ground rules.

7. Presentation by TCEQ: TMDL Program Update

Mr. Jason Leifester, TCEQ, shall provide an update on the TMDL Program.

8. Presentation by the University of Houston: Update on the Armand Bayou TMDL

Dr. Hanadi Rifai, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering - University of Houston, shall provide an overview of the effort to develop the Armand Bayou TMDL, a watershed adjacent to the BIG.

9. Presentation by Tarleton State University: Update on the East and West Forks of the San Jacinto River TMDL

Dr. Larry Hauck, Texas Institute for Applied Environmental Research - Tarleton State University, shall provide an overview of the effort to develop the East and West Fork San Jacinto TMDL, a watershed adjacent to the BIG.

10. BIG Discussion: Implementation for New TMDLs

H-GAC shall lead a discussion on implementation planning for the new TMDLs outside of but adjacent to the BIG project area as described by TCEQ.

As the BIG I-Plan is written, the I-Plan applies to waterways and their watersheds within the BIG project area. Any segments in the BIG project area that have TMDLs adopted while implementation is underway may be incorporated into the I-Plan.

For other watersheds in the vicinity of the BIG project area that have TMDLs adopted by the TCEQ, stakeholders from those watersheds may petition the BIG to consider incorporating those watersheds into the I-Plan (I.A. 9.4.5).

11. Annual Report & Meeting

H-GAC shall lead a discussion of revisions to the annual report. As described in IA 9.4, H-GAC shall prepare a report and the BIG shall review the report to determine whether identified milestones and bacteria levels in waterways indicate that changes should be made to the I-Plan.

Staff will review a draft certification and award proposal based on tracking BIG implementation.

12. Workgroup Assignments

The BIG shall assign charges, if any, to the workgroups in preparation for the annual meeting in the spring.

13. Other Business/Roundtable

As time permits, H-GAC, BIG members, and stakeholders are encouraged to discuss implementation activities, related projects, and announcements.

14. Next Meeting Date

Late Spring 2014 (Potentially May 20)

H-GAC Conference Room A (2nd Floor)

15. Adjourn

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