

Monitoring Workgroup
Wednesday, November 19, 2008
1:00 PM to 2:00 PM

Individuals Present:

BIG Liaison – Tom Ivy (Texas Stream Team); Michael Bloom (PBS & J); Linda Broach (TCEQ); Steven Johnston (TCEQ); Ralph Calvino (AECOM); Richard Chapin (City of Houston); Tobin Synatschk (Jones & Carter); Robert Snoza (HCFCD); Wade Guy (HCPHES-EPH); Jon Paul Komar (HCPID-WPG); Ray Pavlovich (NCMUD); Michael Thornhill (SWWC); Todd Running (H-GAC)

H-GAC Staff Present:

Rachel Powers; Erin Anderson

Monitoring Ideas:

- Identify sites in ambient monitoring that will measure progress
- Could enhance current monitoring programs (CRP, etc.)
- Need to distinguish between dry/wet weather flows for monitoring data (change SWQM guidelines)
- Administrative monitoring
 - Ordinance adoption (make sure things are tracked)
 - Track how many of each IA was installed/implemented
- Additional/different indicator parameters
- Use same standard method for all sampling
- DUP samples sometimes vary greatly
- Need to measure bacteria viability (Robin Brinkmeyer has a method)
- Usable storage vessel for data/integrated, different types of monitoring
- Decide who will be in charge of keeping track of activities throughout implementation process
- More outfall sampling
- Make sure sampling efforts are not duplicated, coordinate
- Regional coordination of illicit discharge screening
- Regional monitoring database
- Targeted source monitoring to show effectiveness
- After a couple of years analyze sampling data to determine if monitoring program needs to be modified and if any trend lines are noticeable

Next meeting:

Friday, December 12, 2008, 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM, H-GAC offices, Conference Room B