



**Meeting Summary**  
**Tuesday, May 18, 2010**

**Members Present:**

Michael Bloom	Ron Kelling	Linda Pechacek (phone)
Marilyn Christian	Helen Lane	Ceil Price
Catherine Elliott	Craig Maske	Kathy Richolson
Carol Haddock	Cathy McCoy (phone)	Jim Robertson
Teague Harris	Becky Olive	Linda Shead
Tom Ivy	Raymond Pavlovich	Brian Shmaefsky

John Blount was represented by Alisa Max  
Joe Ferro was represented by Jesse Espinoza  
Mike Garver was represented by Linda Shead  
Jason Iken was represented by Carol LaBreche  
James Tynan Kelly was represented by Bruce Heiberg  
Michael Mooney was represented by Ron Kelling  
Melvin Solomon was represented by Joe Clark  
Robert Stokes was represented by Lisa Miller-Marshall  
Michael Turco was represented by Jeanette Oden

**Members Absent:**

Pat Buzbee	Jack Murphy
Robert Collins	Mitchell Page

**Guests Present**

Mike Bagstad (CH2M Hill), Elliott Barr on phone (Johnson Radcliffe Petrov & Bobbit PLLC), Tom Beck (TxDOT), Tony Bennett (AECOM), Daniel Bowen (Eastex Labs), Ralph Calvino (AECOM), Bill Carter (TCEQ), Richard Chapin (City of Houston), Lawrence Childress (City of Houston), Daya Dayananda on phone (City of Pasadena), Bryan Eastham (TCEQ), Rick Felan (TCEQ), Jedediah Greenfield (City of Houston), Angie Hallimore (R.G. Miller Engineering), Greg Hall (City of Conroe), John Harris on phone (City of Friendswood), Nicole Hausler (Port of Houston Auth.), Jonathan Holley (HCFCD), Anita Hunt (Hunt & Hunt Engineering Corp.), Cherie Hyatt (Environmental Allies), Brian Koch (TSSWCB), Kim Laird (TCEQ), Regina Lindsey (GBCC), Scott McDonald (Harris County), Paul Nelson (NHCRWA), Maria Modelska (UH), Chip Morris (TCEQ), Sam Okonkwo (TCEQ), Snehal Patel (Harris County), Mary Purzer (AECOM), Nick Russo (Harris

County PID), Scott Saenger (Jones & Carter), Carol Serna (AEI Engineering), Robert Snoza (HCFCD), Liz Stone (AECOM), Nancy Sullins (Klotz Associates), Laurie Thanheiser (Environmental Infrastructure Planning), Julie Villeneuve (City of Deer Park), Cathy Wahren (City of Houston), Jim Wolfe (Severn Trent)

### **H-GAC Staff Present**

Rachel Powers, Erin Livingston, Todd Running, Jeff Taebel, Justin Bower, Bill Hoffman

#### **1. Welcome & Introductions**

Rachel Powers welcomed and thanked everyone for coming. She initiated self-introductions of BIG members, those on the phone, TCEQ, TSSWCB, and H-GAC staff. Rachel then reviewed the agenda.

#### **2. Certification of Quorum**

Twenty-seven members and alternates were present, achieving a quorum.

#### **3. Approval of Proposed Alternates & Members**

Liz Stone was approved as an alternate for Becky Olive.

Linda Shead was approved as an alternate for Mike Garver.

#### **4. Approval of April 20, 2010, Meeting Summary**

Meeting notes were approved with the following change:

- Craig Maske was present on the phone.

#### **5. Implementation Plan Report**

Rachel began by providing a list of I-Plan sections for workgroups had reached consensus.

Concerns were expressed that workgroups were uncomfortable with the process by which consensus was achieved and would like to meet again to confirm whether each section was acceptable. The opinion was that consensus should happen in a face-to-face setting.

Additionally, concerns were expressed that consensus was not reached on all sections and the amount of time provided for review was not sufficient.

Do any workgroups feel they have reached consensus?

Helen Lane reported the Agriculture and Animals section was ready to be discussed by the BIG.

BIG members need to know what is expected of them when they discuss sections of the I-Plan for approval. What should they do to prepare for the meeting? Should they have already spoken with upper management to make sure they are in agreement? Should they have polled colleagues to make sure there was consensus internally? Opposing views, inconsistent views, and inconsistent approaches need to be vetted in a face-to-face setting.

Jeff Taebel suggested we don't meet again as a full committee until August, or when the workgroups have made sufficient progress. Give workgroup members a long lead time to review the sections. H-GAC will provide in an email explaining what is expected, what homework should be completed before attending the meeting, and what we hope to achieve at the meeting. Once we have a significant number of sections for which the workgroups have met and reached consensus, the BIG will meet to discuss them. A long lead time for review will be provided.

Gratitude was expressed to H-GAC for their flexibility and response to concerns.

#### **6. Other Business/Roundtable**

Chip Morris from TCEQ provided an update on the Houston Metro TMDLS. On Wednesday, June 2, 2010, the five TMDLS will be taken to the Commissioners agenda meeting. The Greens TMDL will be up for adoption and Sims, Brays, Halls, and Eastern Houston TMDLS will be up for approval for public comment. If approved the public comment period will last from June 18, 2010, to July 19, 2010. TCEQ will host two public comment meetings with two TMDLS at each meeting. Rachel will send the meeting locations out once she receives them from Chip. Both meetings will be during the second week of July, which is earlier than they were expecting.

Were comments received on the Greens TMDL?

One comment was received.

#### **7. Next Meeting Date**

The next regularly scheduled meeting has not been determined. Meetings will be posted to the website and emails sent once they are scheduled.

#### **8. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:50 PM.