



**Animals and Agriculture Workgroup  
Meeting Agenda  
Monday, December 8, 2014  
10:00 AM to 12:00 PM  
US Geological Survey – 19241 David Memorial Dr, Shenandoah,  
TX 77385**

### **Call to Order/Welcome/Introductions**

### **Review Summary from 2/11/2014 Meeting**

### **Discussion: Preparing BIG 2014 Annual Report – I-Plan Strategy 7.0 Animal and Agriculture Sources**

Workgroup will:

- review the 2014 Annual Report
- review the timeline for preparing the 2015 report
- report on implementation activities accomplished in the 2014 calendar year,
- discuss expectations for the 2015 Annual Report, and
- discuss focus and priorities for 2015 calendar year.

### **Discussion: Review I-Plan Strategy 7.0 Animals and Agriculture Language**

Workgroup will:

- review approved I-Plan wording
- discuss potential editorial changes
- agree on any updates, and
- develop recommendations, if necessary, that will be presented at the annual BIG meeting for approval.

### **Adjourn**

### **Upcoming Meeting Schedule**

**May 12, 2015:** BIG Annual Meeting

**December 15, 2014:** Waste Water Treatment Facilities and Sanitary Sewer Systems – 1:00 PM at H-GAC



**Animals and Agriculture Workgroup  
Meeting Summary  
Tuesday, February 11, 2014  
10:00 AM to 12:00 PM  
H-GAC Conference Room A, Second Floor**

**Call to Order/Welcome/Introductions**

**Danielle Cioce (Harris County), Tom Ivy (Citizen), Brian Koch (TSSWCB), Will Merrell (H-GAC), Steven Mitchell (TPWD), Thushara Ranatanga (H-GAC), Kyle (NRCS)**

**Review Notes from Last Year's Meeting**

Attendees reviewed the notes from last year to assist with the meeting's discussion.

**Discussion: Preparing BIG 2014 Annual Report – I-Plan Strategy 7.0 Animal and Agriculture Sources**

Workgroup will review data source availability and past year BIG implementation activities related to I-Plan Strategy 7.0:

**Implementation Activity 7.1: Promote Increased Participation in Existing Programs for Erosion Control, Nutrient Reduction, and Livestock Management**

Attendees discussed ongoing programs within the BIG region. TSSWCB reported that there were two WQMP in the BIG Region in the Little Cypress Creek watershed. Also, TSSWCB is working with landowners to close a dairy lagoon on Cypress Creek. The City of Houston noted that they are working with UTMB and UT El Paso on a bacteria source tracking study. May 13, 2014, Harris County is planning an OSSF workshop for authorized agents and service contractors. The Lone Star Healthy Stream Program will be holding a workshop in June for Chambers County.

**Implementation Activity 7.2: Promote Management of Feral Hog Populations**

Two Feral Hog workshops were held during the year, one in Wharton on November 9, 2013 and another in the Dickinson Bayou watershed in September. Additionally Mark Tyson presented the feral hog reduction and education program at an H GAC CWI workshop. Harris County is continuing to work under a Coastal Impact Assistance Grant, \$630,000. The project will be to remove feral hogs from the Addicks and Barker reservoirs. \$110,000 is earmarked to determine water quality benefits of hog removal.

**Discussion: Review I-Plan Strategy 7.0 Animals and Agriculture Language**

Workgroup reviewed the approved I-Plan wording. Workgroup discussed the potential for editorial changes. Workgroup did not make any suggestions regarding changes or updates to the language.

**Adjourn**

**Upcoming Meeting Schedule**

**May 27, 2014:** BIG Annual Meeting

**February 13, 2014:** Illicit Discharges & Dumping, Onsite Sanitary Sewage Facilities

**February 20, 2014:** Stormwater System | Construction & Land Development

**March 11, 2014:** Watershed Outreach

**March 20, 2014:** Monitoring and Plan Revision | Research

**March 25, 2014:** Coordination and Policy