

MS4/Industry/Construction/Stormwater

Work Group Meeting Summary

Armand Bayou I-Plan

May 9, 2013

H-GAC: Aubin Phillips

Meeting Attendees: Danielle Cioce (Harris County), Robert Snoza (HCFCD), Alan Amor (NASA), Wesley Brandon (City of Deer Park), Grace Martinez (Sierra Club), Charriss York (TCWP), Steven Johnson (TCEQ/GBEP), Tim Tiejens (City of La Porte), James Byrd (CLCWA)

This meeting was held at EIH. Participants made self introductions before getting started with the meeting.

There was some initial discussion about the problems that were brought up at the last Coordination Committee meeting. Sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs) were discussed, but probably fit better in the WWTF/OSSF work group. Boater waste was also discussed, however motorized watercraft are not allowed in Armand Bayou and its tributaries, so this problem would only be associated with the Bay Area. There was some discussion about large vessels and cargo ships over 50 feet requiring new permits, however most of this would affect the downstream areas. We'll need to make sure we have industry representatives.

There was some discussion about how detailed this plan is going to need to be. Aubin directed work group members to look at the BIG document to see how much detail is included in it. It tends to be more broad since it covers such a large area, but more detail can be added for Armand Bayou.

There was also some discussion about how much this is going to cost the cities involved. There will not be a direct cost to cities, they will not receive a "bill" for their portion of the plan. However they do need to be involved, so they will be aware of what is going on, and what their obligations may be. This I-Plan will list many different actions and activities and the costs associated with them, it will also list who will be responsible for implementation and how they can fund implementation.

Recreational Use Attainability Analyses (RUAAs) were discussed. These have been completed for a few areas watersheds in an effort to determine what kinds of recreation are actually occurring on area waterways and if the bacteria standards need to be as high as they are. Currently an RUAA has been completed for Armand Bayou by EIH, but no determinations have been made yet. There was also some discussion as to whether or not there may need to be

additional monitoring in the watershed. Look at the WRIM map on the H-GAC website to see where current monitoring sites are.

Work group members also discussed waste haulers. Some of the area cities are requiring permits, so some of the are bypassing those cities and going to others. Requiring permits could also help area cities generate funds to pay for other implementation activities.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 11, 1-2:30 pm at EIH. We discussed additional people we would like to have invited to these meetings: TCEQ Region 12, Construction Industry (GHBA). H-GAC is working on a good map of the watershed to send to work group members and put on the website.