



**East and West Fork of the San Jacinto River (E&W) Bacteria
TMDL:
Workgroup Report**

Public Outreach and Education

June 25, 2014

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I. OVERVIEW

Per Umbrella Contract 582-12-13254, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) requested Public Outreach support from the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) for E&W Bacteria TMDL project, with activities for all elements of Public Outreach including, but not necessarily limited to:

- Identifying and Reserving Facilities for Meetings and / or Events;
- Providing a Facilitator for Any Meetings (As Needed);
- Providing Support for Organizing and Advertising Meetings and / or Events;
- Distribution and Posting of Meeting Agenda(s);
- Preparation of Meeting and / or Event Summaries;
- Preparation of Printed or Other Presentation Materials in Support of a Meeting and / or Event;
- Use of the H-GAC Website for Posting Meeting and / or Event Information; and
- Any Other Necessary Support Activities.

On June 25, 2014 H-GAC facilitated the Public Outreach and Education Workgroup meeting to discuss the details of the TMDL and next steps.

II. PURPOSE

The water bodies included in this analysis are all within the Lake Houston watershed, which originates in Walker, San Jacinto and Grimes and run through Montgomery, Liberty, and Harris counties.

The Purpose of this workgroup meeting was to discuss the following:

1. Present Overview of the TMDL for new participants
2. Review Data derived from the TMDL Study
3. Discuss the Process for Developing an I-Plan
4. Review Two Examples of I-Plans Specific for Subject Area
5. Discuss Time-Line
6. Discuss Next Steps and Upcoming Decision for Either Joining the BIG or Developing an I-Plan



III. **APPROACH**

Interested and invited individuals were contacted directly via e-mail and phone to verify interest in participating on the Public Outreach and Education Workgroup; identify best dates / times for the meeting; to notify them of meeting details; and to remind the potential attendees of the upcoming meeting.

IV. **NOTIFICATION**

Notification of the workgroup meeting took place via phone and e-mail. Additionally, TCEQ asked H-GAC to post meeting details to the project webpage (<http://www.h-gac.com/community/water/tmdl/san-jacinto-river-east-west-forks.aspx>).

V. **MATERIALS**

The following materials were made available for the kickoff meeting:

1. Sign-In Sheet(s)
2. Public Outreach and Education Meeting Agenda
3. Sections of the BIG I-Plan, Dickinson Bayou I-Plan, and Plum Creek Watershed Protection Plan related to topic area.

VI. **MEETING SYNOPSIS**

Location

San Jacinto River Authority
1577 Dam Site Road
Conroe TX 77304

When

Wednesday, June 25, 2014
2 PM – 4 PM



Attendees

NAME	ORGANIZATION REPRESENTED	ASSUMED COUNTY?
Damien Carrey	Lake Houston Area Nature Club	
Tom Douglas	Galveston Bay Foundation	
Randy Acreman	SJRA	
Bret Raley	SJRA	
Glenda Callaway	Citizen	Harris County
Shane Simpson	SJRA	

To view the sign-in sheet in its entirety, please see Attachment A.



Information Requests:

- Load Presentation on Website
- Map Other permitted outfalls
- List of BMPs for MCM
- List of media outlets, school districts, HOAs, special districts in the region

Questions and Comments:

- Are there some outfall permits that are not for WWTFs? Do they still test for *E. coli*?
- The Six minimum control measures for MS4s – are there good example lists somewhere of BMPs used?
- How is improvement measured?
- How is outreach and implementation tracked?
- Lone Star Conservation District – has a good contact list for stakeholders in the region
- Need a good list of media outlets, school districts, HOAs, special districts in the region
- Staff can present at meetings to encourage participation.
- Talk to staff at regional parks and nature centers, Southwest Paddle Sports outfitters
- Send out press releases
- Clean Water/Clear Choice – who can use this – done by Joint Task Force – can use for a nominal fee
- Have people take a pledge – like the pet waste pledge

Meeting Outcomes:

- Group reviewed available data from the TMDL study.
- Group provided comments on data needed for future meetings
- Group given I-plan examples related to Monitoring and Research to review prior to next meeting.
- Group reviewed Time-Line and discussed plans to vote on whether to recommend to the Coordination Committee to join the BIG or develop an I-Plan during the next meeting.

VII. NEXT MEETING

To Be Determined