

# **Clean Rivers Program Steering Committee Meeting**

**Thursday, March 17, 2011**

**2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

**Houston Galveston Area Council Offices**

**3555 Timmons Lane**

**Houston, TX 77027**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Floor - Conference Room A**

## **Agenda with Meeting Summary Notes**

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

*Todd Running welcomed everyone and began introductions.*

**2. Public Comment**

*There were no public comments made at the meeting.*

**3. Draft 2011 Basin Summary Report**

*Todd Running gave a brief presentation about the 2011 Basin Summary Report highlighting the different sections of the report and asking all committee members to take time to read and comment on either the entire report or sections they were most interested in. Comments are due to him or Jean Wright by April 15, 2011.*

**4. Upcoming Coordinated Monitoring Meeting needs input**

*Jean Wright gave a brief introduction regarding the upcoming Coordinated Monitoring Meeting. She explained the purpose of the meeting where all local partners meet with representatives of H-GAC, TCEQ and other state agencies to discuss monitoring locations, frequencies, and the list of parameters being tested. TCEQ is proposing to eliminate orthophosphate phosphorus testing altogether to focus on lowering detection limits of laboratories and to expand the nutrient suite to collect samples for determining total nitrogen.*

**5. Update: Watershed Protection Plans**

- a. Cedar Bayou – *Justin Bowers gave a presentation about the newest Watershed Protection Plan project showing the current status of the watershed and outlining how the project would proceed over the next couple of years.*

**6. Budget Update**

*Todd Running explained that TCEQ still did not have a budget from congress, therefore, H-GAC did not have a proposed budget to discuss with the committee. However, the committee was told that it is very possible H-GAC will be asked to take a 10% or greater reduction in the next 2 year contract due to the state's financial deficit.*

7. *Draft Workplan*

*There is no draft workplan to discuss yet due to having no budget. H-GAC will, most likely, build upon recent projects and review past project ideas to determine how those ideas might be modified to address concerns of the Bacteria Implementation Group (BIG) or other watershed projects. If members or constituents have project ideas, they were asked to submit them to Todd or Jean Wright before the end of April.*

8. *Other Business and Announcements*

- a. *RUAA for San Bernard Above Tidal Segment – EIH has been contracted to conduct an Recreation Use Attainability Analysis on the San Bernard River above tidal segment. EIH could not attend the meeting but requested that attendees take a packet of information regarding the project if they had any first hand knowledge of contact recreation in the area.*

9. *Adjourn – Next meeting has been set for Tuesday, May 10, 2011, when H-GAC expects to have the budget, workplan, and the 2011 Basing Summary Report ready for distribution. If not on that date, the meeting may be rescheduled until Wednesday, June 8, 2011.*