



# Jarbo Bayou Bacteria TMDL: Draft Summary Report

## Coordination Committee Meeting

April 28, 2015

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## I. OVERVIEW

Per Umbrella Contract 582-14-42709, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) requested Public Outreach support from the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) for Jarbo Bayou 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 April 28, 2015 (Round 5), H-GAC conducted a Jarbo Bayou TMDL stakeholder Coordination Committee meeting in Clear Lake Shores.

## II. LOCATION / GEOGRAPHY

According to the Texas State Historical Association, Jarbo Bayou, a part of the San Jacinto - Brazos basin, rises two miles northeast of League City in northern Galveston County and flows northeast for two miles to its mouth on Clear Lake, just east of Clear Lake Shores and west of Kemah.



**III. PURPOSE**

Since 2002, high concentrations of bacteria, which are found in both human and animal waste, have been observed in the bayou.

The presence of these bacteria may indicate a health risk to people who swim or wade in the bayou-activities referred to as "contact recreation" in the Texas Surface Water Quality Standards.

Coordination Committee meeting was convened in order to:

1. Review and Discuss Results of the BIG Coordination and Policy meetings;
2. Review Draft Support Letter
3. Discuss Ongoing Area Implementation Activities; and
4. Discuss Next Steps

**IV. APPROACH**

For Round 5 of this effort, a single meeting was conducted in the City of Clear Lake Shores of Coordination Committee members and invited guests.

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**V. MATERIALS**

The following materials were made available for the Round 4 meeting:

1. Sign-In Sheet(s)
2. Coordination Committee Meeting Agenda
3. Draft Support Letter

**VI. MEETING SYNOPSIS**

***Location***

Clear Lake Shores Civic Club  
931 Cedar  
Clear Lake Shores, TX 77565

***Date & Time***

Tuesday, April 28, 2015  
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

***Attendees***

| <b>Committee Member</b>      | <b>Organization / Interest Represented</b> |
|------------------------------|--|
| Charlene Bohannon            | Galveston Bay Foundation                   |
| Ed Link                      | WCID 12                                    |
| <b>Non-Committee Members</b> | <b>Organization / Interest Represented</b> |
| Linda Broach                 | TCEQ                                       |

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

***Meeting Summary***

- The committee reviewed and discussed results of the BIG Coordination and Policy meetings. The Coordination and Policy workgroup is recommending one additional BIG seat represent the Jarbo Bayou watershed.
- The committee reviewed the Draft Support Letter and agreed to have the letter sent out via email for all Coordination Committee members review and provide any additional comments.
- The committee heard from the Galveston Bay Foundation (GBF) on efforts to reduce bacteria from boaters and marinas. Additionally the GBF also provided information on the Upper Texas Oyster Waters TMDL I-Plan effort. H-GAC discussed BIG



implementation efforts and activities that would benefit the Jarbo Bayou watershed, including the development of an implementation database.

- Next steps include mailing the support letter to the coordination committee and the upcoming vote on joining the Jarbo Bayou watershed to the BIG project area at the next BIG meeting.

**VII. NEXT MEETING**

To Be Determined.

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