

MEETING SUMMARY
NATURAL RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
August 1, 2024

The August 1st meeting of the Natural Resources Advisory Committee was held as a hybrid event both in-person at 3555 Timmons Lane in Houston, Texas and virtually via Zoom. The meeting began at approximately 1:30 PM.

NRAC members present (12 voting, 1 advisory*):

Bill Balboa	Deborah January-	Lisa Marshall*
Brian Shmaefsky	Bevers	Robert Pechukas
Christopher	Jonathan Holley	Parul Pillai (for Scott
Hunniford	Katie Wilson	Jeansonne)
Claudia Sandoval	Kelli Gallagher	Tom Douglas
	Latrice Babin	

**Phone numbers not connected to a Committee Member weren't counted as present. Apologies for any inconvenience. If you were present via call-in and it isn't marked here, [please let Rachel Windham know](#).*

NRAC members not present (23 voting, 5 advisory*):

Adeel Malik	Denae King	Mac Martin*
Andrew Isbell	Dennis Cote	Phyllis Frank
Ayanna Jolivet Mccloud	Ellis Pickett	Richard Zahn
Bob Stokes	Gabriela Sosa*	Scott Saenger
Brittani Flowers*	Glenda Callaway	Shane Porter
Brian Koch	Jin Ye*	Troy Harrison
Carol Guess	Kelli Ondracek*	Upendra Sahu
Cathy Rogers-McCoy	Ken Barnadyn	William Hajdik
Charles "Chuck" Rogers	Leroy Cerny	
Christina Moore	Mel Vargas	

Current Vacancies:

Current vacancies include:

- Vice Chair
- Power Generation or Transmission Utility

H-GAC Staff Present (6):

H-GAC staff present included Andrea Tantillo, Bill Ervin, Erin Livingston, Rachel Windham, Todd Running, and Wendy Almanzan.

Welcome and Roll Call

Committee Chair Deborah January-Bevers welcomed those present for the official start of the meeting and roll was called.

Certify Quorum and Approve Meeting Report

After quorum was confirmed, Ms. January-Bevers called for review and comment on the May 2nd Meeting Minutes. Ms. January-Bevers moved to approve the Meeting Minutes, and Tom Douglas seconded the motion. The minutes passed unanimously.

Membership

Rachel Windham will follow up with the governmental affairs department at H-GAC to coordinate county appointed positions approaching the ends of their terms. Two county appointed positions are currently vacant and will also require coordination with the governmental affairs department to be filled. Now that Ms. Deborah January-Bevers's term as Chair has started, nominations for Vice Chair are needed. One NRAC appointed position (Power Generation or Transmission Utility) also remains to be filled. Suggestions for this position can be brought forward by members of the NRAC to Ms. Windham at rachel.windham@h-gac.com.

Environmental Committee Highlights

- **Regional Flood Management Committee**
On behalf of Amanda Ashcroft, Ms. Windham provided information on activities and updates from the past quarter. Meetings of the Regional Flood Management Committee are scheduled on the third Wednesday of the month from 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM in the months of January, April, July, and October. Meetings are held at the H-GAC offices. Learn more by visiting the committee's [website](#).
- **Solid Waste Management Committee**
Erin Livingston provided information on activities and updates from the past quarter. Solid Waste Management Committee meetings are scheduled on the fourth Wednesday of the month from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM in the months of January, April, July, and October. Meetings are held at the H-GAC offices. Learn more by visiting the committee's [website](#).

Environmental Program Highlights

- **Watershed Protection Plans (WPPs)**
Ms. Windham provided updates on projects including the Clear Creek WPP, East Fork San Jacinto River WPP, and the West Lake Houston WPP Implementation project which will cover the watershed areas of Cypress

Creek, Spring Creek, Lake Creek, and the West Fork of the San Jacinto River. Additionally, H-GAC expects to begin public meetings on a project developing a WPP for Greens Bayou in the early winter.

More information on the Clear Creek WPP can be found on the [project website](#) or by contacting Justin Bower (justin.bower@h-gac.com) directly. Information on other WPP projects can be found at the East Fork San Jacinto River WPP [project website](#), and Greens Bayou WPP [project website](#), and more information can be provided by Ms. Windham (rachel.windham@h-gac.com).

- **Parks & Natural Areas (PNA) Roundtable**

Andrea Tantillo shared information on the PNA field trip to Chrysalis Lake in Bridgeland on May 15, 2024. The next tour is planned for November or December. Lastly, Ms. Tantillo shared information on the 2024 PNA Awards which open for applications on September 1, 2024. For additional information, visit the [PNA website](#).

Subcommittees

- **Water Innovation Strategies of Excellence (WISE) Awards**

Ms. Windham shared that the 2024 WISE awardees were honored at a ceremony on July 29, 2024. The 2025 WISE awards will be discussed in greater detail at the February 2025 meeting of the NRAC. For additional information on this subcommittee and awards program, visit the [WISE award website](#).

Topic of the Day

Rachel Windham, Todd Running, and Bill Ervin provided a review of the FY 2024 Water Quality Management Plan Update. This report covered six major objectives including:

- Wastewater Data Update and Coordination
- Conformance Review for Clean Water State Revolving Fund Projects
- Support Watershed Planning
- On-Site Sewage Facility (OSSF) Planning, Support, and Outreach Activities
- OSSF Mapping Tool Expansion
- Water Quality Management Plan Update Report

Ms. Windham requested the NRAC to advise the H-GAC Board of Directors to accept the Final Report for the FY 2024 Water Quality Management Plan Update as amended based upon comments received from NRAC and the public during the public comment period. Ms. January-Bevers moved to accept the report and Brian Shmaefsky seconded. The NRAC voted to accept the report unanimously.

Roundtable Discussion

Members shared updates about upcoming events.

Public Comment

No public comment was made.

Next Meeting Date

Unless otherwise notified, the next scheduled meeting is **Thursday, November 7, 2024** from **1:30–3:30 p.m.**

Adjourn

Ms. January-Bevers adjourned the meeting at 2:40 p.m.