

Clean Rivers Program Basin Steering Committee Meeting Meeting Summary Notes

Tuesday, May 10, 2016

The second 2016 meeting of the Clean Rivers Program Basin Steering Committee was held at the San Jacinto River Authority General Division Office at Lake Conroe on Tuesday, May 10, 2016. Water Resources Program Manager, Todd Running, called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM.

Members (or their alternates) attending

Ryan Bare	Glenda Callaway	Danielle Cioce
Steve Hupp	Sonja Lewis	Lisa Marshall
Bret Raley	Kelly Rodibaugh	Ashley Wendt
Michelle Wilkins		

Interested Parties/Individuals attending

Zafar Ahmed	Daniele Baker	Daniel Bowen
Richard Chapin	Kaitlen Gary	Chad Hargrave
John Jacobs	Lisa Leija	David Parkhill
Laura Ryckman		

H-GAC Staff Present

Todd Running, Jean Wright, Paniz Miesen, Will Merrell, Kathy Janhsen, Bill Hoffman, and Heather Fields

Welcome

Todd Running, Water Resources Program Manager, welcomed everyone, led introductions of all meeting attendees, and reviewed the agenda for the meeting.

Running called for comments from the public but there were none so he introduced the first presentation.

Presentations

The 2016 Basin Summary Report (BSR): Copies of the Executive Summary (marked draft) were distributed to all attendees on the day of this meeting. Paniz Miesen gave a brief presentation explaining the various parts/sections of the report and how the 2016 BSR is being laid out in a web based format this year. She reviewed the deliverable time line, the table of contents to highlight the various sections and then went into the document to demonstrate how the web based report is accessed. Miesen also went through the various sections in the Executive Summary and asked for final comments. Several comments were fielded and a brief discussion followed each. H-GAC assured those present the comments would be incorporated where possible.

Coordinated Monitoring Schedule: Jean Wright, CRP QAO and Monitoring Coordinator, presented a brief review of how the program has evolved over the last 5 years then went into the expected changes discussed during the FY2017 coordinated monitoring meeting held on Tuesday,

April 12, 2016. Lastly, Wright reported on TCEQ having extra routine monitoring money for FY2017 and how H-GAC was proposing to add monitoring sites to Basins 10, 11, and 13. Specifically, H-GAC identified assessment units (AUs) which had impairments or concerns for one or more parameters but were no longer being monitored. H-GAC proposed adding sites during FY2017 to look at the current water quality status of those AUs. H-GAC is also considering contracting for some biological monitoring of a couple of site during the Index and Critical Periods of FY2017.

Texas Stream Team: Will Merrell gave a presentation about this volunteer monitoring program which is supported by CRP and compliments professional monitoring.

Public Outreach activities: Kathy Janhsen gave a presentation about the various public outreach activities, CRP staff have participated in over the last year.

Riparian Buffer Tool: Paniz Miesen demonstrated the Riparian Buffer Tool developed by H-GAC to help developers and communities plan buffer strips that prevent or minimizes pollutants entering waterways and contaminating surface water.

Other Water Resources Group Special Projects: Todd Running gave a presentation summarizing the various projects that H-GAC's Water Resources Group is working on. All these projects use CRP data for their base data. These include:

- The Bacteria Implementation Group (BIG) Implementation Plan (I-Plan). CRP data shows bacteria concentrations declining within the BIG area.
- Related projects such as additional Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) in the East & West Fork San Jacinto River, and Jarbo Bayou and the Top 5/Least 5 Project.
- Upper Oyster Creek I-Plan
- Basins 11 & 13 – A basin approach to TMDL
- San Bernard River Watershed Protection Plan (WPP)
- Cedar Bayou WPP
- Bastrop Bayou WPP
- West Fork San Jacinto and Lake Creek WPP

CHARM – Community Health and Resources Management mapping application: John Jacobs with the Texas Coastal Watershed Program, presented an overview of this mapping tool and how it would be beneficial to communities in planning for future impacts from developments, etc.

SJRA's Drinking Water Treatment Processes: Mark Smith, SJRA's Drinking Water Production Manager, gave a presentation and virtual tour of the new drinking water treatment facility located on the southeast corner of the Lake Conroe dam. Included in the presentation was the reason for building the plant (Pumping down the aquifers and subsidence), the plan to move customers in the region to surface water instead of relying solely on well water, and plans to enlarge the treatment facility in the future.

Other Business and Announcements

Running asked if anyone had any announcements.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.