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H-GAC, TCEQ TO HOST CHOCOLATE BAY PUBLIC MEETING ON MAY 11

Local Stakeholders Invited to Discuss Water Quality Issues in the Chocolate Bay Watershed (Chocolate, Mustang and Halls Bayous) of Brazoria and Fort Bend Counties

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) and the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) will hold an informational meeting to discuss water quality issues impacting communities along the Chocolate Bay watershed on Wednesday, May 11.

The meeting is open to the public and will be held at the Alvin Public Library, 105 S. Gordon St., Alvin, Texas, from 6 to 8 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss water quality issues affecting communities in the Chocolate Bay watershed, including: Algoa, Arcola, Alvin, Fresno, Hillcrest, Iowa Colony, Liverpool, Manvel, Missouri City, Pearland, and Santa Fe. Pollutants, specifically fecal bacteria, in these waterways may impact public health, local economies, and the natural environment. Residents and organizations will be invited to participate in the future planning meetings to provide input that will be used to develop a watershed-based plan to address water quality.

“Waterways are impacted by everything that happens on the land that drains to them,” said Steven Johnston, senior planner at the H-GAC. “This locally led project seeks to empower stakeholders within the watershed to identify and pursue voluntary solutions to the water quality issues confronting their communities that can also be coordinated with other local flood planning, conservation, and community-led efforts.”

For more information about the project, visit www.h-gac.com/watershed-based-plans/san-jacinto-brazos-coastal-basin-tmdl-and-implementation-plan.

Funding for this effort is provided by a Clean Water Act grant from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), administered by the TCEQ.

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H-GAC is a voluntary association of local governments and local elected officials from the 13-county Gulf Coast planning region, which includes an area of 12,500 square miles and more than 7 million people. H-GAC works to promote efficient and accountable use of local, state, and federal tax dollars; serves as a problem-solving and information forum for local governments; and helps analyze trends and conditions affecting the region. For more information, visit h-gac.com.