



**East and West Fork of the San Jacinto River (E&W) Bacteria
TMDL:
Workgroup Report DRAFT**

Public Outreach and Education

September 3, 2014

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I. **OVERVIEW**

Per Umbrella Contract 582-12-13254, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) requested Public Outreach support from the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) for E&W 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 September 3, 2014 H-GAC facilitated the Public Outreach and Education Workgroup meeting to review and discuss implementation plans, consider joining the BIG and discuss next steps.

II. **PURPOSE**

The water bodies included in this analysis are all within the Lake Houston watershed, which originates in Walker, San Jacinto and Grimes and run through Montgomery, Liberty, and Harris counties.

The Purpose of this workgroup meeting was to discuss the following:

1. Discuss the Process for Developing an I-Plan
2. Review Two Examples of I-Plans and One Watershed Protection Plan Specific for Subject Area
3. Discuss the Benefits and Challenges for Either Joining the BIG or Developing an I-Plan, and
4. Vote to Join the BIG or Develop an I-Plan
5. Discuss Next Steps.



III. **APPROACH**

Stakeholders who attended the previous work group meeting or showed interest in the work group were invited to participate in a Doodle Poll sent via email to identify the best date/time for the next meeting. Once the date and time were selected, the work group was notified via email to provide them with meeting details and to remind the potential attendees of the upcoming meeting.

IV. **NOTIFICATION**

Notification of the workgroup meeting took place via phone and e-mail. Additionally, TCEQ asked H-GAC to post meeting details to the project webpage (<http://www.h-gac.com/community/water/tmdl/san-jacinto-river-east-west-forks.aspx>).

V. **MATERIALS**

The following materials were made available for the meeting:

1. Sign-In Sheet(s)
2. Public Outreach and Education Meeting Agenda
3. Public Outreach and Education Meeting Summary (June 25, 2014)
4. Sections of the BIG I-Plan, Dickinson Bayou I-Plan, and Plum Creek Watershed Protection Plan related to topic area.

VI. **MEETING SYNOPSIS**

Location

Humble Civic Center
8233 Will Clayton Pkwy
Humble, TX 77338

When

Wednesday, September 3, 2014
10 AM – 12 PM



Attendees

NAME	ORGANIZATION REPRESENTED	ASSUMED COUNTY?
Glenda Callaway	Self	Harris
Damien Carey	LHANC	
Frank Green	Montgomery County	
Richard Chapin	City of Houston	

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

Meeting Outcomes:

- Group reviewed sample TMDL I-Plans and Watershed Protection Plans. Group highlighted the need for general bacteria education on a regional scale. Additionally the BIG should consider branding the BIG as part of the regional education effort similar to the Galveston Bay Estuary Program’s Back the Bay Campaign.
- Group discussed the decision to join the Bacteria Implementation Group versus developing an independent plan. Felt that there was value in the time saved by joining the BIG, felt that there was similarity in the strategies presented in the two I-Plans and the sample watershed protection plan, and that specific issues could be reasonably addressed within the BIG I-Plan and work group structure.
- Group voted unanimously to recommend the Coordination Committee vote to join the BIG.

VII. NEXT MEETING

To Be Determined