

# San Jacinto – Brazos Coastal Basin: Public Outreach Report

# **Public Meeting 2**

August 10, 2017

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#### I. OVERVIEW

Per Umbrella Contract 582-14-42709-06, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) requested Public Outreach support from the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) for Basin 11, 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 August 10, 2017 (Public Meeting #2), H-GAC conducted a second public meeting to review the State's Basin Approach, general information on basin water quality, current watershed planning in the basin, reviewed water quality data, potential for future watershed planning in Chocolate Bayou, Halls Bayou and Oyster Creek and next steps.

#### II. PURPOSE

The water bodies included in this analysis are all within Basin 11, which originates in Fort Bend and Harris Counties, transverses Harris, Brazoria and Galveston Counties before entering the Gulf of Mexico by way of Galveston Bay.

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

- 1. Review the purpose of the Basin Approach,
- 2. Present water quality management opportunities,
- 3. Review the conditions of water bodies in the basin, and
- 4. Present progress to date and next steps.



#### III. APPROACH and NOTIFICATION

A list of stakeholders and interested parties was generated based on a survey initiated in FY 2016. Identified stakeholders were contacted directly via e-mail and phone to notify them of the planned public meeting. Additionally, a broad net was cast via email and press release to a larger set of stakeholders and public to announce the public meeting. Announcement was placed on the H-GAC website. Additional meeting details; and meeting reminders were sent to the identified list of stakeholders.

#### IV. MATERIALS

The following materials were made available for the meeting:

- 1. Sign-In Sheet(s)
- 2. Watershed Map / Basin Map
- 3. A copy of the Basin Report 2016

### V. MEETING SYNOPSIS

Location Brazoria County Public Library 105 South Gordon St. Alvin TX

When Thursday, August 10, 2017 3 PM – 5 PM



# **Attendees**

NAME	ORGANIZATION REPRESENTED	ASSUMED COUNTY?
Bob Johnson	Chocolate Bayou CAP	Brazoria
Billie Johnson	Chocolate Bayou CAP	Brazoria
Denise Ehrlich	GCWA	Galveston
Diana Steelquist	City of Santa Fe	Galveston
Brian Wilmer	City of Manvel	Brazoria
Jeanette Peajnski	Citizen, City of Liverpool	Brazoria
Diane Kropp	Citizen, City of Liverpool	Brazoria
Charriss York	Texas AgriLife	Galveston
Loan Allen	City of Iowa Colony	Brazoria
David Van Riper	City of Lake Jackson	Brazoria
Bryan Eastham	GBEP	Harris
D&L Shoobridge	Citizen, Liverpool	Brazoria
Jennifer Elms	EHRA, Brazoria County MUD 56	Brazoria
Fadoni Nagi	Citizen, Alvin	Brazoria
Laurie Rodriquez	City of Pearland	Brazoria
Hugo Salinas	AUC Group	Brazoria
Linda Broach	TCEQ	Harris
Catherine Elliott	HCFCD	Harris

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



### **Meeting Summary**

Mr. Steven Johnston from H-GAC provided a presentation that included an agenda, reviewed the Basin Approach, status of water quality found in the basin, current bacteria impairments, water quality management planning options. Mr. Johnston ask Ms. Charriss York of TX AgriLife to discuss their work on implementing watershed plans through the development of a regional planning group for Brazoria and Galveston Counties. Mr. Johnston then proceeded to review data related to the Chocolate Bayou Technical Support Document and efforts to collect additional bacteria and flow data in Oyster Creek. Mr. Johnston reviewed plans for FY2018 that include developing stakeholder groups within the Chocolate Bayou and Oyster Creek watersheds. Attendees were encouraged to ask questions and discuss water quality in the Basin.

#### VI. <u>NEXT MEETING</u>

To Be Determined.