



San Jacinto – Brazos Coastal Basin: Public Outreach Report

Oyster Creek Coordination Committee Meeting

March 12, 2019

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I. OVERVIEW

Per Umbrella Contract 582-18-81222-04, 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 March 12, 2019 (Oyster Creek Coordination Committee (CC) Meeting), H-GAC conducted a meeting in Lake Jackson to review Oyster Creek water quality data; discuss the roles and responsibilities of the Oyster Creek coordination committee; review and discuss elements of a bacteria reduction plan; and discussed next steps.

II. PURPOSE

Oyster Creek, a waterbody within Basin 11, which originates in Fort Bend County, transverses the middle of Brazoria before entering the Gulf of Mexico by way of Intra Coastal Water Way and the Freeport Channel. Portions of the waterbody do not meet the state's contract recreation standards due to elevated levels of fecal bacteria. The Oyster Creek CC is meeting with the purpose of developing a bacteria reduction plan.

The Oyster Creek CC met to discuss the following:

1. Review Oyster Creek water quality;
2. Discuss the Oyster Creek CC roles and responsibilities, and
3. Review and discuss water quality management opportunities; and
4. Discuss next steps.



III. **APPROACH and NOTIFICATION**

A list of stakeholders and interested parties was generated based on the attendance at four previous public meetings, efforts to contact organizations, interest groups and private individuals directly and word of mouth through attendees and via the Brazoria County Facts newspaper. Identified stakeholders were then contacted directly via e-mail, phone and/or letter to notify them of the CC meeting. The 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. Meeting Presentation
4. Example Approved Regional Bacteria Reduction Plans

V. **MEETING SYNOPSIS**

Location

Lake Jackson Public Library
250 Circle Way
Lake Jackson, TX

When

Tuesday, March 12, 2019
2 PM – 4 PM



Attendees

NAME	ORGANIZATION REPRESENTED	ASSUMED COUNTY?
Debbie Webb	City of Lake Jackson	Brazoria
Brian Koch	TSSWCB	Wharton
Amy Condon	Realtor	Brazoria
Colleen Roco	TPWD	Galveston
Kermit Licklider	Self	Brazoria
Sonja Draper	Brazoria County	Brazoria
Travis Walthall	BASF	Brazoria
James Price	Self	Brazoria
Susana Blausler	BGE	Brazoria
Sara Berry	Self	Brazoria

Meeting Summary

Mr. Steven Johnston from H-GAC provided a presentation that included an agenda, reviewed data specific to the Oyster Creek watershed and information contained in the draft Oyster Creek Technical Support Document. Mr. Johnston reviewed the roles and responsibilities of the Oyster Creek coordination committee. He discussed the anticipated time requirement of committee members, including the potential of two to three additional meetings. Mr. Johnston also noted that members could invite additional individuals and organizations to participate. The group then reviewed and discussed potential bacteria reduction measures. To facilitate the discussion, the attendees were provided copies of several completed and approved plans:

- The San Bernard Watershed Protection Plan (<http://www.houstontx.gov/planhouston/sites/default/files/plans/SanBernardWatershedProtectionPlan121912.pdf>)
- The Tres Palacios Implementation Plan <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/waterquality/tmdl/108trespalacios/108b-trespalacios-iplan-approved.pdf>
- The Tres Palacios Watershed Protection Plan <http://twri.tamu.edu/media/685704/tr-500.pdf>
- Navasota River Below Lake Limestone Watershed Protection Plan <http://twri.tamu.edu/media/661581/tr-497.pdf>

VI. NEXT MEETING

To Be Determined.