



**East and West Fork of the San Jacinto River (E&W) Bacteria
TMDL:
ROUND6 - Public Outreach Report DRAFT**

Coordination Committee Meeting

April 13, 2015

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I. OVERVIEW

Per Umbrella Contract 582-14-42709-2, 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 April 13, 2015 (Round 6), H-GAC conducted a Coordination Committee meeting to discuss the results of discussions with the BIG's Coordination and Policy Workgroup on the E&W joining the BIG. In addition the group discussed the draft support letter, future watershed planning activities and 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 meeting was to discuss the following:

1. Review and discuss results of BIG Coordination and Policy meetings;
2. Review draft support letter;
3. Watershed planning activities; and
4. Discuss next steps and consider next meeting date.



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III. **APPROACH**

All nominated individuals were contacted directly via e-mail and/or phone to verify interest in participating on the Coordination Committee; identify best dates / times for the meeting; to notify them of meeting details; and to remind the Committee of the upcoming meeting.

IV. **NOTIFICATION**

Notification of the meeting took place via phone and/or 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. Coordination Committee meeting agenda; and
3. Draft support letter.

VI. **MEETING SYNOPSIS**

Location
San Jacinto River Authority
1577 Dam Site Road
Conroe TX 77304

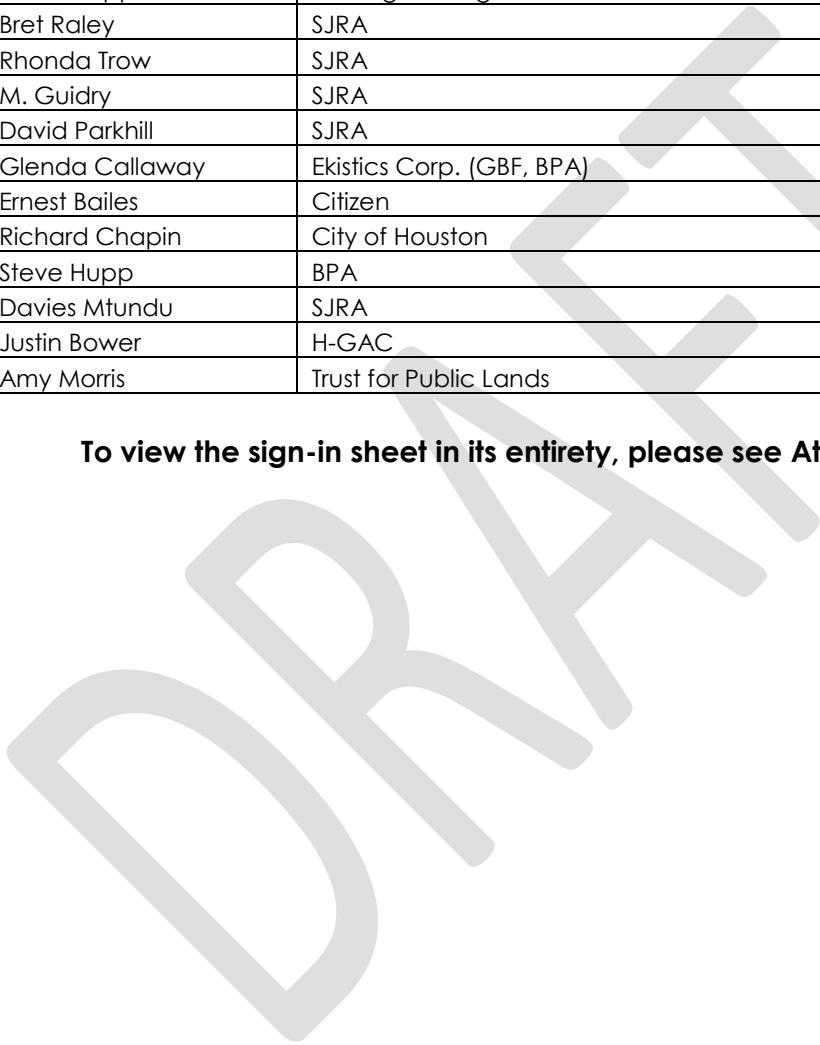
When
Monday, April 13, 2015
1 PM – 3 PM



Attendees

NAME	ORGANIZATION REPRESENTED	ASSUMED COUNTY?
Brian Koch	Texas State Soil Water Conservation Board	Multiple
Frank Green	Montgomery County	Montgomery
Chris Strupp	AEI Engineering	Multiple
Bret Raley	SJRA	Multiple
Rhonda Trow	SJRA	Multiple
M. Guidry	SJRA	Multiple
David Parkhill	SJRA	Montgomery
Glenda Callaway	Ekistics Corp. (GBF, BPA)	Multiple
Ernest Bailes	Citizen	San Jacinto County
Richard Chapin	City of Houston	Harris
Steve Hupp	BPA	Harris
Davies Mtundu	SJRA	Multiple
Justin Bower	H-GAC	Multiple
Amy Morris	Trust for Public Lands	Multiple

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





Meeting Outcomes

- The committee met for approximately two hours.
- The Coordination Committee discussed results of the BIG Coordination and Policy meeting. Results included the tentative recommendation of 6 seats (3 County, 2 Agriculture, and 1 small local government) on the BIG to represent the watershed. H-GAC noted that it would still require the BIG to vote its approval at the next BIG meeting.
- The Coordination Committee reviewed the draft support letter and provided comments. The committee discussed the need to secure local support letters in addition to the support letter from the coordination committee. The committee voted to approve the Coordination Committee support letter as presented.
- The committee heard from representatives of the SJRA, Trust for Public Lands, and the H-GAC. All three organizations are carrying out watershed protection and planning activities. SJRA is in the process of completing a watershed protection plan for the Lake Conroe watershed. The plan will primarily be an internal document but the organization has sought input from the region to inform the agency on important watershed protection activities to consider. The Trust for Public Lands has received a Houston Endowment Grant to conduct a green print on the Lake Houston watershed to assist regional planners, organizations, and local governments to prioritize projects to preserve the water quality of the watershed. H-GAC is in the process of securing 319 funding to complete a watershed protection plan for the West Fork of the San Jacinto River.
- The committee reviewed the next steps which included completing a support letter, securing support letters from member organizations and those outside the committee. H-GAC staff announced the upcoming BIG Annual Meeting scheduled for May 26, 2015.

VII. NEXT MEETING

Location

To Be Determined

When

To Be Determined