

Meeting Summary
Clean River Program Steering Committee
5/26/05

Stakeholders Present

Guy Grossman –TRRC, Chris Barry – Harris County, Cory Horan –TCEQ, Patricia Wise – TCEQ, Jeff East – USGS, Steven Johnston – GBEP, Winston Denton –TPWD, Aaron Wendt - TSSWCB, Mary Ellen Whitworth – BPA, Lori Gernhardt –GCWDA, Jim Adams - SJRA

H-GAC Staff Present

Todd Running, Jean Wright, Bruce Ridpath, Ayo Jibowu, Om Chawla, Gayla Stock

Others Present

Welcome and Introductions

Jim Adams welcomed the group and started the introductions.

Review of Agenda

Running reviewed the items on the agenda and explained what discussion would be taking place during the meeting

Agenda Items

Discussion and Approval of FY2006 Coordinated Monitoring Schedule

Running and Wright led the discussion on the Coordinated Monitoring schedule. Wright explained what had transpired at the Coordinated Monitoring Meeting in March. Each of the attendees was given a listing of the Coordinated Monitoring Schedule. There was brief discussion on how sites were selected. Wright asked that any committee members that have questions or concerns about the schedule. Please contact staff to discuss. The committee approved the FY2006 CMS at the meeting. The list was also posted on the H-GAC website.

Discussion and Approval of Workplan and Budget for FY2006-2007

Running led the discussion of the FY2006-2007 workplan and budget. Each attendee was given a copy of the budget and the workplan. Running went through each section of the workplan and outlined the tasks that will be taken on in the next contract. Running did the same with the budget. He outlined the budget for the ambient monitoring, the continuation projects and each of the special studies that would be conducted in the next biennium. The workplan and budget were approved by the committee.

Update on NELAC Activities

Om Chawla gave a brief update on NELAC activities that H-GAC has undertaken. He explained that he has been working with each of the local agency lab directors to help determine their position in NELAC certification. He explained that local agency lab

personnel would be participating in an upcoming training hosted by H-GAC and given by one of the foremost NELAC experts in the U.S., Marlene Moore. Chawla then gave a general time frame for upcoming NELAC activities and that local labs would start working on their SOPs in the coming months.

Update on Special Studies

Jeff East gave updates of the Lake Creek, Peach Creek, Caney Creek and Mustang Bayou Systematic Monitoring Studies. He explained that all data collection for the Lake Creek study was complete and that the draft report was due out in the next month. Preliminary results indicate that water quality is good in each of the watersheds and that aquatic habitat is of a high quality. East then explained that Data collection efforts on Mustang Bayou are still continuing and that while habitat scores are somewhat low fish IBI scores are higher than expected.

Adjourn

Chairman Adams adjourned the meeting