



**Coordination & Policy Workgroup  
Meeting Summary  
Monday, December 16, 2013  
1:30 PM to 3:30 PM  
H-GAC Conference Room C, Second Floor**

**Call to Order/Welcome/Introductions**

Michael Bloom, Linda Broach, Ralph Calvino, Richard Chapin, Danielle Cioce, Catherine Elliott, Steve Hupp, Diane Humes, Tom Ivy, Carole Lament, Alisa Max, N. Sam Okonkm, Linda Pechacek, Ceil Price, Linda Shead, Tim Tietjens, Tamara Trow, Kristen Wickert

**Review Notes from Last Year's Meeting**

**Discussion: BIG's Ground Rules**

Workgroup will review the BIG's ground rules to determine if any changes are warranted. If changes are needed, the Workgroup will make recommendations before the BIG in May.

**Discussion: Address New TMDLs – BIG Region and Outside**

Workgroup discussed new and recently completed TMDLs within the BIG watershed and those adjacent or near the BIG watershed. The BIG charged the Workgroup with reviewing the I-Plan language that allows adding additional watersheds. The Workgroup determined that a watershed could be added prior to the TMDL being completed when petitioned by the watershed stakeholders for inclusion in the I-Plan.

H-GAC staff will revise the language that currently resides in the I-Plan. The revised language will include allowing new watersheds to join so long as there is a TMDL in progress. Staff will then circulate the language to the Coordination and Policy Workgroup for review. Once the language is finalized, the revised language will be sent to the BIG for acceptance. Once the changes are accepted, new watersheds can be added when request is made to the BIG. The request should provide some means of documenting the interest of the watershed's stakeholders (i.e. meeting summary of watershed group voting to join). Coordination and Policy members also recommended that watershed groups electing to join the BIG should seek but are not required to provide letters of support or resolutions from local jurisdictions in support of joining the BIG and willingness to implement the BIG I-Plan.

**Discussion: Draft BIG Stormwater Certification and Recognition Program**

Workgroup reviewed a draft certification and award program and provided comments and recommend changes to the document. When initiated the Stormwater Certification and Recognition Program will implement the I-Plan's Implementation Activity 4.4: Promote Recognition Programs for Developments that Voluntarily Incorporate Bacteria Reduction Measures. The draft program will be sent to the TCEQ for review and comment.

**Discussion: Preparing Workgroups for BIG 2014 Annual Report**

Workgroup did not have time to review the upcoming BIG workgroup schedule and expectations for each workgroup. H-GAC staff stated that the Annual Report will follow the same route that

took place in 2013. Staff also informed the workgroup that it would be meeting again following all the workgroups and will have an opportunity to review each workgroup's progress.

### **Discussion: Wildlife Bacteria Contribution**

Due to time constraints, this item was moved ahead of the Annual Report discussion. The Workgroup discussed wildlife bacteria contribution and how that contribution is factored into the TMDL calculation. H-GAC staff reported that the wildlife contribution in the Armand TMDL was factored in the NPS calculation. Currently there are insufficient data available to estimate populations and spatial distribution of wildlife and avian species by subwatershed. Consequently it is difficult to assess the magnitude of bacteria contributions from wildlife species as a general category. Members were still interested in what TX Department of Transportation (TX DOT) was doing and asked H-GAC staff to follow-up with TX DOT.

### **Adjourn**

#### **Upcoming Meeting Schedule**

**May 27, 2014:** BIG Annual Meeting

**January 23, 2014:** [Sanitary Sewer Systems](#)

**January 7, 2014:** [Monitoring & Plan Revision](#)

**January 16, 2014:** [Wastewater Treatment Facilities](#)

**February 20, 2014:** [Stormwater System](#) | [Construction & Land Development](#)

**February 11, 2014:** [Residential & Outreach](#)

**February 13, 2014:** [Illicit Discharges & Dumping](#)

**February 11, 2014:** [Animals & Agriculture](#)

**February 13, 2014:** [Onsite Sanitary Sewage Facilities](#)

**March 11, 2014:** [Watershed Outreach](#)

**March 20, 2014:** [Monitoring and Plan Revision](#) | [Research](#)

**March 25, 2014:** [Coordination and Policy](#)