# Public Participation in Clear Creek TMDL Project



Segments 1101, 1101B, 1102, 1102A, 1102B and 2425C – Bacteria

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#### The Value of Stakeholders

- Better solutions come with broad participation from stakeholders
- Increases the degree of understanding issues, possible solutions, and constraints
- Builds support within the watershed for necessary solutions
- Multiple parties often needed to implement solutions



#### Who Are Stakeholders?

- All individuals or organizations in the watershed who:
  - live in the watershed or use the water resource
  - may contribute to the impact to the watershed
  - may be required to carry out control measures
  - can help to develop or implement actions
  - have statutory or regulatory responsibilities
  - are significantly affected by the problem(s)
  - are directly affected by the project's outcome
  - Elected officials of the constituents in the watershed

## Forming a TMDL Advisory Group

- Soliciting Members
  - -House Bill 2912
  - No more than 24 members
  - Goal: have balanced representation within the watershed
  - Invite members, formalize commitment
  - Establish and maintain a roster of members and groundrules



# **Balanced Representation**

Stakeholder membership represents a diversity of viewpoints on issues to be discussed

- Geography
- Income levels
- Ethnicity
- Business (different types and sizes)
- Governments (different sizes and levels)

- Associations, trade groups, organizations
- Consumer and public interest groups
- Industries or occupations regulated and affected



# Stakeholder Group Requirements

- TCEQ Approval
  - Formation of group
  - Membership
- Conduct of Meetings
  - Open to the public, inclusive
  - Ground rules and structure
  - Prior notice of meetings
  - Agendas and meeting summaries
  - Maintain web site at:

http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/implementation/water/tmd I/68-clearcreekbacteria.html

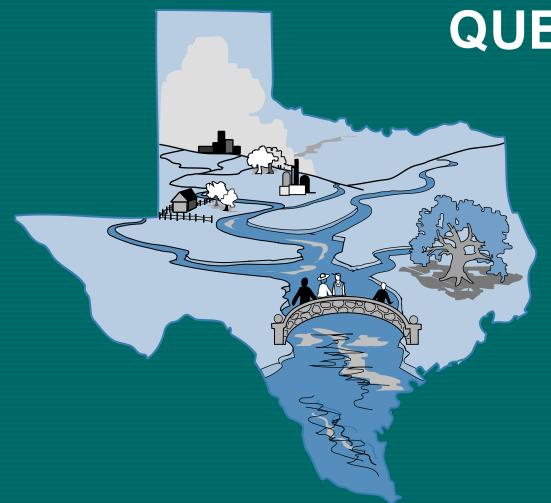
## Role of the Stakeholders

- Communicate project information to others being represented
- Provide personal/organization perspective on all issues
- Provide knowledge of the watershed
- Provide comments and suggestions during the project
- Solicit input from others



# TCEQ's Role in the Stakeholder Process

- Work with stakeholders to ensure they understand the issues and their ideas are considered
- Solicit stakeholder comment at each milestone in the project's development
- Assist Stakeholders in communication
- Hold regular meetings



**QUESTIONS?** 

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