

San Jacinto – Brazos Coastal Basin: Public Outreach Report

Oyster Creek Coordination Committee Meeting

May 23, 2019

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I. <u>OVERVIEW</u>

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 May 23, 2019 (Oyster Creek Coordination Committee (CC) Meeting), H-GAC conducted a meeting in the City of Angleton to discuss Oyster Creek water quality data; review and discuss elements of a bacteria reduction plan; and discussed next steps. H-GAC provided a bacteria reduction best practice questionnaire for the attendees to take and discuss.

II. <u>PURPOSE</u>

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. Review and discuss water quality management opportunities;
- 3. Take a management measure questionnaire; and



4. Discuss next steps.

III. APPROACH and NOTIFICATION

A list of stakeholders and interested parties was generated based on the attendance at previous public and watershed stakeholder 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 contacted directly via e-mail, phone and/or letter to notify them of the second 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. <u>MATERIALS</u>

The following materials were made available for the meeting:

- 1. Sign-In Sheet(s)
- 2. Meeting Presentation/Agenda
- 3. Example Approved Regional Bacteria Reduction Plans
- 4. Management Measure Survey

V. MEETING SYNOPSIS

Location Brazoria County Public Library in Angleton 401 E. Cedar Street Angleton, TX 77515

When Thursday, May 23, 2019 3 PM – 5 PM



Attendees

| NAME | ORGANIZATION REPRESENTED | ASSUMED COUNTY? |
|-----------------|--------------------------|-----------------|
| Debbie Webb | City of Lake Jackson | Brazoria |
| Cathy Sweet | Texas Master Naturalists | Brazoria |
| Chip Sweet | Texas Master naturalists | Brazoria |
| Mike Mullenweg | Brazoria County Parks | Brazoria |
| Travis Walthall | Self | Brazoria |
| Brian Koch | TSSWCB | Wharton |
| Amy Condon | Integrity Mortgage Group | Brazoria |
| Aleisha Pander | Alvin Community College | Brazoria |
| Bryan Frazier | Brazoria County Parks | Brazoria |
| Kent Evans | Self | Brazoria |
| Jazmyn Milford | TCEQ | Brazoria |
| Becki Begley | H-GAC | Harris |

Meeting Summary

Mr. Steven Johnston from H-GAC provided a presentation that included an agenda, a summary of data specific to the Oyster Creek watershed and information contained in the draft Oyster Creek Technical Support Document. Mr. Johnston reviewed potential fecal bacteria sources and potential solutions. The group then took a management measure questionnaire and discussed potential bacteria reduction measures.

VI. <u>NEXT MEETING</u>

To Be Determined.