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Houston-Galveston
Area Council

NATURAL RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Thursday, November 7, 2024, 1:30 PM

Hybrid In-Person/Zoom Meeting



NRAC Agenda

1. Call to Order/Welcome/Introductions

2. Certify Quorum

A quorum of 12 is required to conduct committee business.

NRAC Agenda (continued)

3. Approve Meeting Report

Request approval of August 1, 2024 meeting report. Copies shared via email and available on the NRAC Extranet website.

NRAC Agenda (continued)

4. Membership

H-GAC staff will provide a brief status update on membership.

NRAC Agenda (continued)

5. Environmental Committee Highlights

Coordinators for H-GAC environmental committees will provide information on activities and updates from the past quarter.

- Regional Flood Management Committee (Rachel Windham for Amanda Ashcroft)
- Solid Waste Management Committee (Erin Livingston)

Regional Flood Management Council

- Met on October 23, 2024
- H-GAC staff, Bryant Clark, Senior Planner, introduced himself and his role at H-GAC
- FEMA's Training and Outreach Specialist, Aurora Stegall, spoke about Group Flood Insurance Policies and data from recent storm events
- Will McCrory, Texas Resilience Fellow with SBP, gave an overview of their organization and programs, including the Disaster Resilient Fellowship Program
- Brian Edmondson with Freese & Nichols gave an update on the 2nd round of Texas Regional Flood Planning Process
- Presentations and announcements from this meeting are available on the H-GAC website
- The next meeting will be held virtually via Zoom on:

January 15th

1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

NRAC Agenda (continued)

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6. Environmental Program Highlights


H-GAC Staff will highlight Community & Environmental Planning projects to seek comment and feedback from Committee members.

- Watershed Protection Plan Projects Update (Rachel Windham)
- Parks and Natural Areas Roundtable Update (Rachel Windham for Andrea Tantillo)

Parks and Natural Areas Roundtable Recap

- September Roundtable
 - Invasive Species
 - Using Templates for Park Design
 - Brazoria County Parks Showcase and Updates
- Fall park tour November 13 at Exploration Green
- Spring park tour tentative - Willow Waterhole

Annual Awards

Activity	Timeline
Review Application and Select Judges	July and August
Advertise Awards/Solicit Applications	August
Accept Applications	September 1-30
Judging	Early October
PNA Roundtable Previews Award Recommendations Via Email	Mid October
National Resources Advisory Committee Receives Award Recommendations	Early November 
Notify Winners	Mid December/January
H-GAC Board recognizes winners	January
Advertise Recognition Event	January/early February
Host recognition event	Friday, Feb. 21, 2025



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NRAC Agenda (continued)

7. Subcommittees

Water Innovation Strategies of Excellence Subcommittee

Staff coordinator, Rachel Windham, will provide an update on the status of the Water Innovation Strategies of Excellence Awards and future action.

NRAC Agenda (continued)

8. Topic of the Day

Daniel Thorpe, Conservation Associate, and Katie Sierra, Development and Communications Associate, will present an overview of the Coastal Prairie Conservancy and share information on their priority initiatives.



NRAC Agenda (continued)

9. Roundtable Discussion

NRAC members can bring up issues of import and/or interest for edification and/or discussion at this time. Please take advantage of this agenda item.

Announcement



Join us for our hybrid workshop on on-site sewage facilities
Wednesday, November 20
from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
in person at H-GAC and virtually on Zoom!



<https://www.h-gac.com/clean-water-initiative-workshops>

NRAC Agenda (continued)

10. Public Comment

Members of the public can sign up to public comment. Three minutes allotted for each public comment.

NRAC Agenda (continued)

11. Next Meeting Date

Unless otherwise notified, the next scheduled meeting is:

Thursday, February 6, 2025 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

This meeting will be held as a hybrid in-person/online event.

12. Adjourn