

Jarbo Bayou Bacteria TMDL: Summary Report

Coordination Committee Meeting

December 9, 2014

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I. OVERVIEW

Per Umbrella Contract 582-14-42709, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) requested Public Outreach support from the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) for Jarbo Bayou Bacteria TMDL project, 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 December 9, 2014 (Round 4), H-GAC conducted a Coordination Committee meeting in Clear Lake Shores.

II. LOCATION / GEOGRAPHY

According to the Texas State Historical Association, Jarbo Bayou, a part of the San Jacinto - Brazos basin, rises two miles northeast of League City in northern Galveston County and flows northeast for two miles to its mouth on Clear Lake, just east of Clear Lake Shores and west of Kemah.



III. <u>PURPOSE</u>

Since 2002, high concentrations of bacteria, which are found in both human and animal waste, have been observed in the bayou.

The presence of these bacteria may indicate a health risk to people who swim or wade in the bayou-activities referred to as "contact recreation" in the Texas Surface Water Quality Standards.

Coordination Committee meeting was convened in order to:

- 1. Review and Discuss Recommendations for Joining the BIG
- 2. Review Draft Support Letter
- 3. Discuss Role of the BIG, BIG Organizations, and Work Groups
- 4. Discuss Next Steps

IV. APPROACH

For Round 4 of this effort, a single meeting was conducted in the City of Clear Lake Shores of Coordination Committee members and invited guests.



V. MATERIALS

The following materials were made available for the Round 4 meeting:

- 1. Sign-In Sheet(s)
- 2. Coordination Committee Meeting Agenda
- 3. Watershed Map / BIG Map
- 4. Copies of BIG I-Plan

VI. <u>MEETING SYNOPSIS</u>

Location

Clear Lake Shores Civic Club 931 Cedar Clear Lake Shores, TX 77565

Date & Time

Tuesday, December 9, 2014 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Attendees

Committee Member	Organization / Interest Represented
Angie Galvan	City of Clear Lake Shores
Councilwoman Wanda Zimmer	City of Kemah
Jack Murphy	City of League City
Alexandra Stiles	Galveston Bay Foundation (Alternating)
Katie McCann	Galveston Bay Foundation (Alternating)
Ken Hutchinson	Maritime Sanitation (Alternate)
Kate Sears	Galveston County Health District
Lori FitzSimmons	Galveston County Health District
Non-Committee Members	Organization / Interest Represented
Charriss York	TX AgriLife
Linda Broach	TCEQ
Lisa Marshall	GBEP

To view the sign-in sheet in its entirety, please see Attachment A.



Meeting Summary

- The committee reviewed and discussed recommendation that would be presented in the request to join the BIG. The group was comfortable with the Galveston Bay Foundation representing Boaters and Marinas on the BIG (GBF has currently has a seat on the BIG as a Clear Creek TMDL stakeholder).
- The committee would like to see a watershed representative on the BIG – one of the other two cities (League City already on BIG) or Galveston County Health District.
- They would like to address lack of boater and marina source in the I-Plan – likely in the illicit discharges and dumping section – suggested as a new tasks.
- The committee would like to maintain the Coordination Committee that would meet at least annually.
- The committee finally recommended encouraging the BIG to consider a broader regional educational effort to address bacteria and what increase the BIG's name recognition.
- The committee reviewed the draft letter and made minor edits to the document.
- Committee briefly discussed the BIG and the BIG process.
- Next steps included noting that BIG work group meetings were being held and that the results of this meeting would be taken to the BIG's Coordination and Policy work group.

VII. NEXT MEETING

To Be Determined.