



**Coordination & Policy Work Group
Draft Meeting Summary
Monday, May 18, 2015
1:00 PM to 3:00 PM
H-GAC Conference Room A, Second Floor**

Call to Order/Welcome/Introductions

Michael Bloom (RG Miller), Linda Broach (TCEQ), Richard Chapin (COH), Danielle Cioce (HC), Catherine Elliott (HCFCD), Phillip Goodwin (COH), Alisa Max (HC), Rachel Powers (CEC), Linda Shead (TxCP), Aaron Wiczorek (COH)

Review Notes from 3/30/2015 Meeting

Notes from the previous meeting not supplied.

Old Business

Discussion: Continue Discussion on BIG membership

The work group discussed the results of the previous meeting. It was noted that there were three vacancies on the BIG and that results of the March meeting concluded with the group supporting six BIG seats representing stakeholders on the East and West Fork of the San Jacinto River (E&W) TMDL implementation process, one seat representing the Jarbo Bayou TMDL implementation process and one representing contact recreation. Stakeholders from the San Jacinto River and Jarbo Bayou watersheds are seeking to join the BIG and are interested in possible representation on the BIG.

Work group members voiced concern that the addition of seats to the BIG could affect the BIG's decision making process. The work group discussed the request for representation. The work group determined that the current vacancies could be filled by representatives from the two stakeholder groups. The workgroup then voted on whether additional seats should be added to the BIG above the current thirty-one members. A vote was taken by the work group. The vote resulted in the group supporting two additional seats above the current vacancies.

The work group recommended the BIG consider offering three current vacancies to stakeholders of the E&W TMDL process and the Jarbo TMDL process. The work group also recommended the BIG add two seats to the current thirty-one member roster and consider offering those new seats to stakeholders of the E&W and Jarbo TMDL processes. It was noted that the BIG retains final decision making on this item.

Discussion: Final Recommendation Review

The workgroup reviewed and discussed the other recommendations made by E&W and Jarbo Bayou stakeholders (see table). The recommendations made by the stakeholder groups represent areas of implementation focus for those stakeholder groups and potential items for BIG workgroups to discuss.

TMDL Implementation Plan Stakeholder Process Recommendations	
East and West Fork of the San Jacinto River TMDL Stakeholder Group	Jarbo Bayou TMDL Stakeholder Group
Maintain Coordination Committee	Maintain Coordination Committee
Encourage Regional Bacteria Education	Encourage Regional Bacteria Education
Encourage the Collection of Monitoring Data from Large Undeveloped Regions	Address Geographic Differences between Urban Core, Suburban, and Coastal Areas
Encourage Implementation Practices that Consider Current Impairments and Prevent Future Impairments	Address Boaters and Marinas as Sources of Bacteria in the I-Plan
Encourage Increased Enforcement of Local Environmental Laws	

The workgroup asked H-GAC whether the stakeholders were expecting the BIG to provide support to these recommendations, anticipate changes to the I-Plan, and if the stakeholders understood that the I-Plan is voluntary. H-GAC and BIG members that participated in the TMDL stakeholder processes stated that the stakeholders were informed that the I-Plan is a voluntary plan that provides an implementation framework for each organization to select practices that best meet their needs. Stakeholders were also informed that the BIG does not provide funding but is a sounding board for ideas and a forum to discuss efforts to reduce bacteria. Finally stakeholders from the two watersheds were informed that the BIG functions through the individual workgroups and that the BIG is the final decision making body for items developed by the BIG workgroups.

The workgroup asked if any of the recommendations would require changes to the I-Plan. It was noted that all but one of the recommendations could be found in the I-Plan. Addressing Boaters and Marinas as a source is not currently in the I-Plan and would require the BIG workgroups to discuss the need and propose to the BIG any changes.

New Business

Discussion: Review BIG Annual Meeting Draft Agenda

The workgroup was provided a draft agenda for review. Members were asked if they wished to make any changes. It was noted that the original presentation on Sheldon Lake Restoration was removed and substituted with a presentation on the UHCL stormwater treatment wetland.

Discussion: Review draft 2015 Annual Report

The workgroup was provided a draft 2015 Annual Report. There was insufficient time to review the document. The workgroup was asked to review and provide comments and/or edits.

Announcements/Adjourn

Upcoming Meeting Schedule

BIG Annual Meeting: May 26, 2015 1:00 PM-4:00 PM at H-GAC Conference Rm. B & C