



**Coordination & Policy Work Group
Meeting Agenda
Monday, March 6, 2017
1:00 PM to 3:00 PM
H-GAC Conference Room A, Second Floor**

Call to Order/Welcome/Introductions

Review: 10/11/2016 Meeting Summary

2016 Annual Report

Work group will be given copies of the 2016 Annual Report. Work group will discuss the annual report process, discuss what is working and opportunities for change.

TCEQ Implementation Letter

Work group will complete review of the TCEQ implementation letter.

BIG Implementation Funding

Review and discuss the current state of implementation funding.

2017 Reporting and Spring Meeting

Discuss meeting schedule, reporting options, preparing for I-Plan review and open topic for general discussion.

Announcements/Adjourn

Upcoming Meeting Schedule

5/23/2017	BIG Spring Meeting (1:00 PM)
3/7/2017	WWTF and SSS Work Group (10:00 AM)
3/20/2017	Stormwater and Construction Work Group (1:00 PM)
3/23/2017	OSSF and Illicit Discharge Work Group (1:00 PM)
3/28/2017	Animals, Agriculture and Outreach Work Group (1:00 PM-Location offsite)
4/3/2017	Monitoring and Outreach Work Group (1:00 PM)



Coordination & Policy Work Group
Draft Meeting Summary
Monday, October 11, 2016
1:30 PM to 3:30 PM
H-GAC Conference Room A, Second Floor

Call to Order/Welcome/Introductions

Letha Allen (Public), Zafar Ahmed (COH), Linda Broach (TCEQ), Richard Chapin (COH), Danielle Cioce (HC), Frank Green (Montgomery County), Steve Hupp (BPA), Nate Johnson (GBF), Linda Pechacek (Public), Robert Snoza (HCFCD)

Review: 12/11/2015 and 8/1/2016 Meeting Summaries

The work group reviewed both meeting summaries and did not suggest any changes.

2016 Draft Annual Report

Work group conducted a review the Draft 2016 Annual Report. During the review, members of the work group provided comment and edits to the document. Work group members were provided a week to give any addition comments or edits to the document.

Water Quality Infrastructure Reimbursement

The work group continued discussion on current TCEQ process for getting reimbursement. The work group would like to see the Stormwater work group take up the discussion and ensure the discussion include members of the development community, local governments and TCEQ.

BIG Fall Meeting Agenda

The fall meeting agenda was shared with the work group. The work group reviewed and commented on the BIG Fall Meeting Agenda. The work group determined that it was not appropriate to bring changes to the TMDL calculation for stormwater waste load allocation. The work group would prefer that TCEQ determine the there is a need and then bring to the work group any proposed changes.

BIG Spring Meeting

H-GAC discussed moving the meeting to alternative venues. H-GAC presented it as an option to encourage participation from more remote areas of the BIG. The work group was concerned that it might not result in greater participation. Work group would like H-GAC to evaluate potential meeting locations and continue to discuss.

Announcements/Adjourn

Upcoming Meeting Schedule

10/25/2016 BIG Fall Meeting

October 25, 2016

Mr. Chris Loft, Program Lead
Total Maximum Daily Load Program
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
MC-203
P.O. Box 13087
Austin, TX 78711-3087

Subject: Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Implementation of the Bacteria Implementation Plan

Dear Mr. Loft,

The Houston-Galveston Area Council, on behalf of the Bacteria Implementation Group (BIG), is writing this letter to request information from the TCEQ in support actions taken to implement the Implementation Plan for Seventy-Two Total Maximum Daily Loads for Bacteria in the Houston-Galveston Region (I-Plan). The BIG created the I-Plan to address bacteria impairments and improve water quality in the region. A copy of the I-Plan can be found at: <http://www.hgac.com/community/water/tmdl/BIG/reports.aspx>.

As part of the I-Plan, BIG stakeholders are required to draft an annual report that chronicles projects carried out during the year to assist in tracking implementation of the plan, highlight impactful projects, and to determine if stakeholder efforts are meeting plan goals. TCEQ, notably Region 12 staff, has contributed greatly toward documenting TCEQ's implementation effort and development of annual reports.

The BIG respectfully requests TCEQ provide any additional information covering I-Plan strategies and activities that directly reference contributions by TCEQ, data to support tracking or areas where TCEQ might have additional information.

The BIG is specifically interested in the following:

- **Will TCEQ consider increasing the monitoring frequency permit requirement for WWTFs in the BIG Project Area, I-Plan Activity 1.1?** The BIG proposed in the I-Plan, monitoring at WWTFs at greater frequency than current state permit requirements (Table 6, page 52). The BIG has found since the approval of the I-Plan that the present

frequency at larger permitted flow WWTFs has helped improve plant function. The BIG feel that increasing the frequency at the smaller permitted flow WWTFs would likely prove to be a benefit.

- **How the TCEQ will increase in WWTF compliance and enforcement and provide data to track implementation, I-Plan Activity 1.3?** Activity 1.3 on page 54, Increase Compliance and Enforcement recommends increased 'no notice' inspections, allowing TCEQ to utilize focused sampling investigations, and to increase staffing if necessary.
- **How the TCEQ will strengthen controls on subscriber systems, I-Plan Activity 2.5?** Activity 2.5 found on page 62 recommends identifying subscriber systems and recommends the TCEQ consider rulemaking to require registration of subscriber systems.
- **How the TCEQ will strengthen and better facilitate reimbursement of Bacteria Reduction Measures, I-Plan Activity 4.6?** Activity 4.6 on page 75, the BIG is concerned that the lack of a concrete policy to facilitate MUD reimbursement to developers for stormwater quality features instills risk and inhibits their broad use due to the risk-adverse nature of development process.

Excerpts of the listed I-Plan activities have been enclosed with this letter. Please let us know who we need to follow up with. Thank you for the opportunity to work together on improving water quality in the greater Houston area.

Sincerely,

Todd Running
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Community and Environmental Planning
Houston-Galveston Area Council

Cc: Members of the BIG
Jason Leifester
Lauren Oertel

Enclosure