



**Coordination & Policy Work Group  
Meeting Summary  
Wednesday, November 5, 2014  
10:00 AM to 12:00 PM  
H-GAC Conference Room C, Second Floor**

**Call to Order/Welcome/Introductions**

Linda Broach, Danielle Cioce, Catherine Elliot, Phillip Goodwin, Steve Hupp, Alisa Max, Linda Pechacek, Jim Robertson

**Review Notes from 3/25/2014 Meeting**

The workgroup reviewed the notes from the previous meeting.

**2014 Annual Report**

Workgroup reviewed the 2014 Annual Report and provided no additional comments.

**BIG's Ground Rules**

Workgroup reviewed revisions to the Ground Rules in strike through to determine and provided additional comments. Staff will revised the Ground Rules and resend them out to the workgroup for approval.

**Address New TMDLs – BIG Region and Outside**

Workgroup discussed progress in two watersheds undergoing TMDL Plan development. The East and West Fork of the San Jacinto River TMDL and the Jarbo Bayou TMDL study documents are nearing completion. Coordination Committees for both watersheds have been meeting to determine whether to petition to join the BIG or to develop a standalone implementation plan. East and West Fork stakeholders voted unanimously to join the BIG. They will be seeking additional seats on the BIG to accommodate rural interests: counties, cities and agriculture producers. The request could be for as many as eight seats. The Coordination and Policy work group discussed the need to lower the watershed stakeholder's expectation of additional seats. One solution is for the rural counties to elect one county to represent their interests. Another suggestion is for seats currently on the BIG, to review commitments and look for seats that members are willing to vacate due to other commitments. The work group discussed other recommendations that were likely to be presented to the BIG. The work group asked that the BIG membership list with assigned alternates be mailed out.

**Increasing Stakeholder Participation in the BIG and BIG workgroups**

Work group discussed ways to increase participation in the BIG planning process. Some ideas include moving meetings to other locations, particularly those meetings where the subject matter is more appropriate.

**BIG 2015 Annual Report Process**

Work group discussed the upcoming annual report development process for calendar year 2014. The work group discussed including information on Feral Hog success, potentially Harris County's project in Barker and Addicks Reservoirs. The group discussed developing and presenting to the TCEQ a letter from the BIG restating the BIG's interest in seeing increased

bacteria monitoring frequencies at waste water treatment facilities in the BIG project area. The group also would like to track the City of Houston's efforts at bacteria source tracking research.

### **Announcements/Adjourn**

#### **Upcoming Meeting Schedule**

BIG Annual Meeting: May 12, 2015

OSSF and Illicit Discharge and Dumping Workgroups: November 10, 2014, 1:00 PM

Stormwater, Land Development and Construction Workgroups: November 18, 2014, 1:00 PM

WWTF and SSS Workgroups: December 15, 2014, 1:00 PM

Next Coordination & Policy work group meeting: January 2015