

Meeting Summary Notes  
**H-GAC's Clean Rivers Program**  
**Basin Steering Committee Meeting**  
Held: Wednesday, June 2, 2021 Via: ZOOM

The second 2021 meeting of the Houston-Galveston Area Council's (H-GAC's) Clean Rivers Program (CRP) Basin Steering Committee (BSC) for was held on Wednesday, June 2, 2021, via the ZOOM virtual meeting platform. Todd Running, the Water Resources Program Manager, conducted the meeting. Andrea Tantillo facilitated the meeting with support from several speakers covering various topics. The meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM.

**Attendance List:** (See attached list for additional details)

Brooke Bacuetes	Camilla Biaggi	Andrew Brady	Greg Camp
Danielle Cioce	Lucy Flores	Celina Gauthier Lowry	Ericka Jackson
Elizabeth Kompanik	Kristin Lambrecht	Carole Lamont	Katherine Lee
Nguyen Ly	Mac Martin	Jonathan Morris	Denisse Muniz
Jenny Oakley	Rachel Powers	Patrick Rightmyer	Susanna Scott
Michael Shannon	Linda Shead	Brian Shmaefsky	Shane Simpson
Darryl Tate	Scott Tuma	Jenna Wadman	Pudge Willcox
Carrington Wright	Bryan Kosler	Desta Takie	Venus Price

**H-GAC Staff Present:**

Todd Running, Jean Wright, Jessica Casillas, Kendall Guidroz, Steven Johnston, Rachel Windham, Daniel Albanese, and Andrea Tantillo.

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**Welcome**

Host, Todd Running, and Facilitator, Andrea Tantillo, opened the meeting at 2 PM with a welcome and then gave instructions on how the meeting would be conducted, how individuals could ask questions and participate in ZOOM discussions, and how meeting introductions would be conducted. Then, Todd Running, Water Resources Group Manager, gave a brief outline of the agenda for the meeting, and then, proceeded to conduct a roll call among those who were present in the meeting's participation window. Running said he would call on people to give their name and who they were representing. Wright followed along and kept an attendance list for the meeting to supplement the sign-in sheet everyone was asked to sign. Running asked if there were any public comments, for which, no one spoke up.

**Presentations**

Running presented the final Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) Clean Rivers Program (CRP) FY2022-2023 budget and scope of work. Since the budget and scope of work were covered in detail at the January 2021 meeting, he briefly reviewed the major categories only.

Jean Wright gave a short presentation on the Coordinated Monitoring Schedule for FY2022 which will begin September 1, 2021. Wright also informed the group the draft FY 22-23 QAPP was being compiled for submission to TCEQ on June 15<sup>th</sup>.

Running next presented the *draft* 2021 Basin Summary Report (BSR) layout using ESRI GIS based StoryMap program and explained what content people would see if they clicked on the link <https://datalab.h-gac.com/BSR2021/> The link will be sent out to all committee members for comments as soon as the draft report is finished.

The ‘Monitoring Efficiency Special Study’ presentation was conducted via a pre-recorded presentation. Brian Sims had to leave town due to a family emergency. As soon as he learned of his pending trip, he pre-recorded his presentation for the Basin Steering Committee meeting. The preliminary results showed that H-GAC and all local run efficient monitoring programs. The main issue was found to be data management and data review. H-GAC would work with each local partner to create a standard naming convention for each partner. This would make it easier to track submission of data files to H-GAC and which files were processed for submission to TCEQ. The other common issue was a request for additional training in water quality monitoring, data management, processing, and data interpretation.

Jenny Oakley, Associate Professor at UHCL and project manager for the Targeted Monitoring Special Project, presented an overview of the results of nine assessment unit (AU) investigations. Reports for each AU are being finalized and will be shared with appropriate organizations as soon as they are received. Field crews found lots of high bacteria concentrations during dry weather flows from most but not all AUs. H-GAC staff and she had already met with the city of League City and Houston to discuss findings on Robinson Bayou and Greens Bayou respectively. H-GAC will follow-up with each organization and other responsible parties as reports are finished. If additional funding can be secured, H-GAC is hoping to conduct additional targeted monitoring work in the next biennium.

Steven Johnston, Sr. Planner at H-GAC, gave an update on activities associated with the Bacteria Implementation Group (BIG), and the revisions to the Basin 11 and Basin 13 Implementations Plans for the TMDL Program.

Rachel Windham, H-GAC Planner, gave an update on Watershed Protection Plan development. She highlighted the work that she is doing with Spring Creek.

### **Other Business and Announcements**

Running wrapped up the meeting by reminding people that we will be requesting comments from committee members on the Basin Summary Report soon.

### **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 PM.

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Attended	First Name	Last Name	Organization	Job Title
✓	Daniel	Albanese	Houston Galveston Area Council	
✓	Brooke	Bacuetes	Texas General Land Office	
	Sarah	Bernhardt	Bayou Preservation Association	
✓	Camila	Biaggi	Harris County	
✓	Andrew	Brady	Harris County Pollution Control Services	Deputy Director
✓	Gregory	Camp	EDP	Regulatory Compliance Manager
	Stacey	Carr	TCEQ	Aquatic Scientist
✓	Jessica	Casillas	Houston-Galveston Area Council	Planner
✓	Danielle	Cioce	Harris County Engineering	
✓	Lucy	Flores	Texas General Land Office	Project Manager
✓	Celina	Gauthier Lowry	Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service	Watershed Coordinator
	Ilene	Getzone		
	Tiffany	Guerrero	Eastex Environmental Laboratory, Inc.	QA Manager
✓	Kendall	Guidroz	Houston-Galveston Area Council	
	James	Hicks	City of Houston - Health Dept.	
✓	Ericka	Jackson	Harris County Pollution Control	QA/QC Officer
✓	Steven	Johnston	Houston-Galveston Area Council	
✓	Elizabeth	Kompanik	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality - Field Ops	
✓	Kristin	Lambrecht	Texas Department of Agriculture	Field Representative
✓	Carole	Lamont	Harris County Precinct Three	Administrative Aide
✓	Katherine	Lee	Keep Grimes County Beautiful	911 GIS / Environmental DH
✓	Nguyen	Ly	COH-BPCP	Environmental Investigator V
	Carl	Masterson	Texas Coastal Partners, Region H Water Planning Group, Trinity-San Jac BBASC, HGAC NRAC	
	Lisa	Marshall	Galveston Bay Estuary Program	Program Manager
✓	Mac	Martin	Texas A&M Forest Service	WR Forester
	Jane	Marzano	City of Houston	Environmental Investigator
	Andre	McDonald	FBC LID # 2	Board Member
	Lisa	Montemayor	City of Houston	

✓	Jonathan	Morris	Houston-Galveston Area Council	
✓	Denisse	Muniz	Harris County Pollution Control Services	Investigator
✓	Jenny	Oakley	EIH	Associate Director, Research Programs
	Gordon	Pederson	Gulf Coast Authority	Chief Technical Officer
	Sonia	Phillips	City of League City	Floodplain Administrator
✓	Rachel	Powers	Citizens' Environmental Coalition Educational Fund	Executive Director
	Sylvester L. Skip	Reeder, III	Houston One Voice	Co Founder
✓	Patrick	Rightmyer	City of Houston - Drinking Water Oper	Senior Project Manager
✓	Todd	Running	Houston-Galveston Area Council	
✓	Susanna	Scott	TxDOT	
✓	Michael	Shannon	Galveston County	County Engineer
✓	Linda	Shead	Bayou Preservation Association	Vice Chair
✓	Brian	Shmaefsky	Lone Star College	Professor of Environmental Science
✓	Shane	Simpson	San Jacinto River Authority	
	Brian	Sims	Houston-Galveston Area Council	Senior Planner
✓	Darryl	Tate	City of Houston	Environmental Investigator
✓	Scott	Tuma	City of League City	Project Manager
	David	Villarreal	Texas Department of Agriculture	Environmental Specialist
✓	Jenna	Wadman	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality - CRP Project Mgr	
✓	Pudge	Willcox		
✓	Rachel	Windham	Houston-Galveston Area Council	
	NRCS	Wright	USDA NRCS	
✓	Jean	Wright	Houston-Galveston Area Council	
✓	Carrington	Wright	Texas Department of Transportation	Environmental Specialist
✓	Bryan	Kosler	Harris County Pollution Control	
✓	Desta	Takie	Houston Drinking Water Operations	
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