



San Jacinto – Brazos Coastal Basin: Public Outreach Report

Public Meeting 1

December 6, 2016

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I. **OVERVIEW**

Per Umbrella Contract 582-14-42709-06, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) requested Public Outreach support from the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) for Basin 11, 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 6, 2016 (Public Meeting #1), H-GAC conducted the first public meeting to review the State's Basin Approach, general information on water quality management, work to date and next steps.

II. **PURPOSE**

The water bodies included in this analysis are all within Basin 11, which originates in Fort Bend and Harris Counties, transverses Harris, Brazoria and Galveston Counties before entering the Gulf of Mexico by way of Galveston Bay.

The Purpose of this public meeting was to discuss the following:

1. Review the purpose of the Basin Approach,
2. Present water quality management opportunities,
3. Review the conditions of water bodies in the basin, and
4. Present progress to date and next steps.



III. **APPROACH and NOTIFICATION**

A list of stakeholders and interested parties was generated based on a survey initiated in FY 2016. Identified stakeholders were contacted directly via e-mail and phone to notify them of the planned public meeting. Additionally, a broad net was cast via email and press release to a larger set of stakeholders and general public to announce the public meeting. Announcement was placed on the H-GAC website. Additional meeting details; and meeting reminders were sent to the identified list of stakeholders.

IV. **MATERIALS**

The following materials were made available for the meeting:

1. Sign-In Sheet(s)
2. Watershed Map / Basin Map
3. A copy of the Basin Report - 2016

V. **MEETING SYNOPSIS**

Location

Brazoria County Public Library
105 South Gordon St.
Alvin TX

When

Tuesday, December 6, 2016
4 PM – 6 PM



Attendees

NAME	ORGANIZATION REPRESENTED	ASSUMED COUNTY?
Nate Johnson	Galveston Bay Foundation	Galveston
Jo Mapel	Bailey's Prairie	Brazoria
Brian Koch	TSSWCB	Wharton
Bryan Frazier	Brazoria County Parks Director	Brazoria
Brian Lowery	Citizen	Brazoria
Celina Gauthier Lowery	TCWP	Galveston/Brazoria
Richard Mancilla	City of Pearland	Brazoria
Sarah Bernhardt	GBEP	Harris

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



Meeting Summary

Mr. Steven Johnston from H-GAC provided a presentation that included an agenda, reviewed the Basin Approach, water quality found in the basin, water quality management planning options and potential next steps. Mr. Johnston ask Mr. Nate Johnson of the Galveston Bay Foundation to discuss their work on implementing the Upper Gulf Coast Oyster Waters TMDL. Mr. Brian Koch from the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board was invited to discuss their agency programs to address agriculture sources of bacteria. Attendees were encouraged to ask questions and discuss water quality in the Basin. The attendee from Bailey's Prairie was interested in water quality in Oyster Creek and project plans to collect additional water quality and flow data from the Creek.

VI. NEXT MEETING

To Be Determined.