



Jarbo Bayou Bacteria TMDL: Draft Summary Report

Coordination Committee Meeting

September 24, 2015

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I. OVERVIEW

Per Umbrella Contract 582-14-42709, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) requested Public Outreach support from the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) for Jarbo Bayou Bacteria TMDL project, 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 September 24, 2015 (Round 6), H-GAC conducted a Jarbo Bayou TMDL stakeholder Coordination Committee meeting in Clear Lake Shores.

II. LOCATION / GEOGRAPHY

According to the Texas State Historical Association, Jarbo Bayou, a part of the San Jacinto - Brazos basin, rises two miles northeast of League City in northern Galveston County and flows northeast for two miles to its mouth on Clear Lake, just east of Clear Lake Shores and west of Kemah.



III. **PURPOSE**

Since 2002, high concentrations of bacteria, which are found in both human and animal waste, have been observed in the bayou.

The presence of these bacteria may indicate a health risk to people who swim or wade in the bayou-activities referred to as "contact recreation" in the Texas Surface Water Quality Standards.

Coordination Committee meeting was convened in order to:

1. Discuss Results of the BIG meetings;
2. Review Support Letter
3. Discuss Ongoing Area Implementation Activities; and
4. Discuss Next Steps

IV. **APPROACH**

For Round 6 of this effort, a single meeting was conducted in the City of Clear Lake Shores of Coordination Committee members and invited guests.



V. MATERIALS

The following materials were made available for the Round 6 meeting:

1. Sign-In Sheet(s)
2. Coordination Committee Meeting Agenda
3. Draft Support Letter

VI. MEETING SYNOPSIS

Location

Clear Lake Shores Civic Club
931 Cedar
Clear Lake Shores, TX 77565

Date & Time

Thursday, September 24, 2015
3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Attendees

Committee Member	Organization / Interest Represented
Charlene Bohannon	Galveston Bay Foundation
Jack Murphy	City of League City
Lori Fitzimmons	Galveston County Health District
Wanda Zimmerman	City of Seabrook
Non-Committee Members	Organization / Interest Represented
Lisa Marshall	GBEP/TCEQ
Linda Broach	TCEQ

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

Meeting Summary

- The committee reviewed and discussed results of the BIG meeting. The BIG had met to review changes to the roster and to approve the addition of two new seats. The BIG also approved joining Jarbo Bayous watershed with the BIG project area. The CC discussed potential nominees to the BIG to fill a boater/marina position.



- The committee reviewed the Daft Support Letter and agreed to have the letter sent out via email for all Coordination Committee members review and provide any additional comments.
- The committee conducted a round table to hear from each group member on their efforts to implement bacteria reductions in the watershed. Charlene Bohannon from the Galveston Bay Foundation reported that their current projects include working with stakeholders to make Galveston Bay a “No Discharge Zone” and developing and implementing the Galveston Bay Information Network (GBIN) which is a pollution reporting website. Lisa Marshall from GBEP reported that the Estuary Program will be completing a Galveston Bay Plan update and that the next symposium is scheduled for January 13 and 14th at Moody Gardens. Jack Murphy from the City of League City noted that the city is completing upgrades to their WWTF – South East; participating in the TCEQ SSOI program, and coordinating with Galveston County on MS4 bacteria testing.
- Next steps include mailing the support letter to the coordination committee and seeking individual support letters from members of the committee.

VII. NEXT MEETING

To Be Determined.