

Clean Rivers Program Basin Steering Committee

Tuesday, March 19, 2019

Meeting Summary Notes

The first of two 2019 meetings of the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) Clean Rivers Program (CRP) Basin Steering Committee (BSC) was conducted as a webinar meeting with an option to attend in person. The webinar meeting was held on Tuesday, March 19, 2019, in conference room D at H-GAC in Houston. Water Resources Program Manager, Todd Running, was absent from the meeting due to a family emergency. Staff members conducted the meeting in his absence. It was called to order at 2:00 PM.

Members (or their alternates) attending

Rebecca Andrews
Scott Harris
Bret Raley
Scott Tuma
Kyle Wright

Danielle Cioce
Kristin Lambrecht
Linda Shead
David Villarreal

Denise Ehrlich
Sonja Lewis
Stacy Slawinski
Michele Wilkins

H-GAC Staff Present

Jean Wright, Kathy Janhsen, Becki Begley, Bill Hoffman, and Brian Sims

Welcome

Kathy Janhsen, Principal Program Coordinator, welcomed everyone then led introductions of all meeting attendees. Lastly, she reviewed the purpose for this meeting and introduced the first presenter.

Presentations

Wright gave the presentation on the draft FY2020-2021 Scope of Work and Budget. She reviewed each of the tasks and gave highlights of each major requirement and deliverable. Wright gave a big thank you to TCEQ for adding another \$200,000 to the budget for a targeted monitoring project to identify source of bacteria.

Begley gave a presentation on the draft 2019 Basin Highlights Report (BHR). Once again H-GAC is producing a web-based story-map report that will feature interactive maps. The report is in its final stages of being reviewed and tested. The web application is expected to be sent to TCEQ by April 1.

The last item on the agenda was a brief presentation on the special study that will be included with the FY20-21 budget year. H-GAC will perform a data analysis to identify and put in order from worst to least, the segments/watersheds with the highest bacteria concentrations. From there, the four worst urban segments, the four worst suburban segments, and two worst rural segments will be chosen to perform targeted monitoring. After the ten segments/watersheds are identified, additional data analysis will be conducted to identify the assessment unit (AU) with the highest bacteria concentration. Once the AUs are identified, a subcontractor will conduct a windshield

survey of the watershed along with intensive water quality monitoring to identify source or potential sources of the bacterial contamination. Identified sources will be referred to the responsible city/district to follow through for repairs. At least one AU in each of the ten segments will have targeted monitoring over the two-year period.

Other Business and Announcements

Janhsen opened the floor to attendees to share upcoming activities and meetings with the group. Wright announced that the next Basin Steering Committee meeting is set for May 22nd from 2-4 PM here at H-GAC. All are invited back. We especially want to invite questions and/or discussion on the targeted monitoring project for the next biennium and H-GAC wants to begin a discussion about potential ways to change up monitoring in the future to facilitate special studies while still collecting the minimum data necessary for the TCEQ Texas Integrated Report. Minutes from this meeting will be uploaded to H-GAC's web page for review and if anyone was unable to participate. Slides will be available along with the meeting notes.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 2:38 p.m.