



San Jacinto – Brazos Coastal Basin: Public Outreach Report

Oyster Creek Public Meeting

January 29, 2019

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I. **OVERVIEW**

Per Umbrella Contract 582-18-81222-04, 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 January 29, 2019 (Oyster Creek Public Meeting), H-GAC conducted a public meeting in Lake Jackson to review Oyster Creek water quality data; information contained in the draft Technical Support Document, including load duration curves and TMDL calculations; initiate the development of the Oyster Creek coordination committee and discussed next steps.

II. **PURPOSE**

Oyster Creek, a waterbody within Basin 11, which originates in Fort Bend County, transverses Brazoria before entering the Gulf of Mexico by way of Galveston Bay.

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

1. Review Oyster Creek water quality, load duration curves, and TMDL information,
2. Present water quality management opportunities,
3. Initiate Oyster Creek Coordination Committee, and
4. Introduce the Coastal Communities Implementation Project.



III. **APPROACH and NOTIFICATION**

A list of stakeholders and interested parties was generated based on a survey initiated in FY 2016. The list has since been augmented following four previous public meetings, efforts to contact organizations and interest groups and private individuals. Identified stakeholders were then contacted directly via e-mail, phone and/or letter 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 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. H-GAC also discussed the project with a reporter from the Brazoria County Facts. The reporter wrote several new articles on the meeting.

IV. **MATERIALS**

The following materials were made available for the meeting:

1. Sign-In Sheet(s)
2. Watershed Map / Basin Map
3. Meeting Presentation

V. **MEETING SYNOPSIS**

Location

Lake Jackson Public Library
250 Circle Way
Lake Jackson, TX

When

Tuesday, January 29, 2019
2 PM – 4 PM



Attendees

NAME	ORGANIZATION REPRESENTED	ASSUMED COUNTY?
Debbie Webb	City of Lake Jackson	Brazoria
Charles Robertson	Resident	Brazoria
Cathy Sweet	Resident, TST volunteer	Brazoria
Chip Sweet	Resident, TST volunteer	Brazoria
Dude Payne	Brazoria County – Pct. 1	Brazoria
Darlene Thornsberry	City of Lake Jackson	Brazoria
Jorene Keycock	Resident	Brazoria
Gerald Shanks	Resident	Brazoria
Brian Koch	TSSWCB	Wharton
Billy Koening	Resident	Brazoria
Amy Condon	Realtor	Brazoria
Nikki Sterling	Realtor	Brazoria
Kent Evans	Private Consultant	Brazoria
John Minkent	Master Naturalist	Brazoria
Lynette Brooks	Resident	Brazoria
William Carlton	City of Lake Jackson	Brazoria
Pamela Hagood	Resident	Brazoria
Karen Temple	Resident	Brazoria
Melanie Oldham	Resident	Brazoria
Maddy McCarty	The Facts	Brazoria
Colleen Roco	TPWD	Galveston
Clifton Custer	City of Richwood	Brazoria
Jazmyn Milford	TCEQ – TMDL Program	Travis
Anne Bartlett	Brazosport College	Brazoria
Bob Sipple	Mayor, City of Lake Jackson	Brazoria

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 data specific to the Oyster Creek watershed and information contained in the draft Oyster Creek Technical Support Document. This included a review of load duration curves and presentation of TMDL calculations. Mr. Johnston presented water quality management planning options to address elevated levels of bacteria. Mr. Johnston invited attendees to participate in the development of an Oyster Creek coordination committee. He also discussed the need to attract a broad group of individuals and organizations to participate. Attendees were then provided a presentation by Ms. Becki Begley (H-



GAC) on the Coastal Communities project implementing nonpoint source outreach and information to non-municipal separate storm sewer systems.

VI. NEXT MEETING
To Be Determined.