



**San Jacinto – Brazos Coastal Basin:
Public Outreach Report**

Oyster Creek Coordination Committee Meeting

June 30, 2020

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OVERVIEW

Per Umbrella Contract 582-19-95487-01, 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 June 30, 2020 (Oyster Creek Coordination Committee (CC) Meeting), H-GAC conducted a meeting with members of the Oyster Creek CC to review and discuss the project, provide project updates and focus on I-Plan management measures (MM). The meeting was a web-based meeting.

PURPOSE

Oyster Creek, a waterbody within Basin 11, which originates in Fort Bend County, transverses the middle of Brazoria before entering the Gulf of Mexico by way of Intra Coastal Water Way and the Freeport Channel. Portions of the waterbody do not meet the state's contract recreation standards due to elevated levels of fecal bacteria. The Oyster Creek CC is meeting with the purpose of developing a bacteria reduction plan.

The Oyster Creek CC met to discuss the following:

- Review the Oyster Creek TMDL Project updates;
- Review and discuss fecal bacteria reduction MM;
- Consider the need for a watershed protection plan (WPP);
- Discuss ongoing implementation; and
- Discuss next steps.



APPROACH and NOTIFICATION

A list of stakeholders and interested parties was generated based on the attendance at previous public and watershed stakeholder meetings, and included efforts to contact organizations, interest groups and private individuals directly and word of mouth through attendees. Identified stakeholders were contacted directly via e-mail, phone and/or letter to notify them of the fifth CC meeting. The meeting announcement was placed on the H-GAC website. Additional meeting details; and meeting reminders were sent to the identified list of stakeholders.

MATERIALS

The following materials were made available for the meeting:
Online meeting, handouts were not provided.

MEETING SYNOPSIS

Location
GoToMeeting (online)

When
Tuesday, June 30, 2020
2 PM – 3:30 PM

Attendees

NAME	ORGANIZATION REPRESENTED	ASSUMED COUNTY?
Colleen Roco	TPWD	Region
Kyle Wright	NRCS	Region
Mac Martin	Texas Forest Service	Region
Kermit Licklider	Self	Brazoria
Melissa Washington	GLO	Region
Kent Evans	Self	Brazoria
Jazmyn Milford	TCEQ	Travis/Region
Kendall Guidroz	H-GAC	Harris/Region
Steven Johnston	H-GAC	Harris/Region



Meeting Summary

Mr. Steven Johnston from H-GAC provided the presentation that included an agenda, an update on the Oyster Creek TMDL and a review of MM contained in the draft Oyster Creek I-Plan. Mr. Johnston noted that the Technical Support Document and TMDL Document were with the TCEQ and under review. He stated that the I-Plan was being written and would be delivered to the TCEQ in July. The MM were discussed. How the MMs were determined, including supporting data and estimates was the focus of the meeting. Mr. Johnston reviewed the six draft MMs:

1. Promote Safe Onsite Sewage Facilities Use and Maintenance
2. Support Land Management Initiatives
3. Maintain and Improve Wastewater Treatment Facility and Collection System Function
4. Reduce Stormwater Sources
5. Address Fecal Deposition of Dog Waste
6. Address Fecal Deposition of Feral Populations (Feral Hogs)

Mr. Johnston encouraged attendees to consider the MMs, particularly targets and to comment on any concerns or areas where local knowledge might help refine the measures. Mr. Johnston reviewed the timeline and noted that he hoped to provide a draft copy soon to assist soliciting comments.

NEXT MEETING

To Be Determined.