



**East and West Fork of the San Jacinto River (E&W) Bacteria
TMDL:
ROUND5 - Public Outreach Report**

Steering Committee Meeting

November 3, 2014

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I. **OVERVIEW**

Per Umbrella Contract 582-14-42709-2, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) requested Public Outreach support from the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) for E&W 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 November 3, 2014 (Round 5), H-GAC conducted a Coordination Committee meeting to discuss the implications of joining the BIG, develop recommendation to present to the BIG, discuss a committee support letter to send to TCEQ, and next steps.

II. **PURPOSE**

The water bodies included in this analysis are all within the Lake Houston watershed, which originates in Walker, San Jacinto and Grimes and run through Montgomery, Liberty, and Harris counties.

The Purpose of this meeting was to discuss the following:

1. Review and develop recommendation to joining the BIG
2. Review and discuss developing a support letter
3. Discuss the role of the BIG and BIG partners
4. Discuss next steps and consider next meeting date



III. **APPROACH**

All nominated individuals were contacted directly via e-mail and phone to verify interest in participating on the Coordination Committee; identify best dates / times for the meeting; to notify them of meeting details; and to remind the Committee of the upcoming meeting.

IV. **NOTIFICATION**

Notification of the meeting took place via phone and/or e-mail. Additionally, TCEQ asked H-GAC to post meeting details to the project webpage (<http://www.h-gac.com/community/water/tmdl/san-jacinto-river-east-west-forks.aspx>).

V. **MATERIALS**

The following materials were made available for the meeting:

1. Sign-In Sheet(s)
2. Coordination Committee Meeting Agenda
3. Copies of BIG I-Plan were provided to each attendee

VI. **MEETING SYNOPSIS**

Location

Humble Convention Center
8233 Will Clayton Pkwy
Humble, TX 77338

When

Monday, November 3, 2014
2 PM – 4 PM



Attendees

NAME	ORGANIZATION REPRESENTED	ASSUMED COUNTY?
Alice Best	Texas Parks and Wildlife	Multiple
Stacey Carr	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality	Multiple
Brandt Mannchen	Houston Sierra Club	Multiple
Kim Laird	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality	Multiple
Brian Koch	TSSWCB	Multiple
Chris Strupp	AEI Engineering	Multiple
Danielle Cioce	Harris County	Harris
Dale Everitt	San Jacinto County Pct 1 Deputy Cons,	San Jacinto
Seth Miles	Montgomery County	Montgomery
David Parkhill	San Jacinto River Authority	Montgomery
Glenda Callaway	Ekistics Corp. (GBF, BPA)	Multiple
Jennifer Lorenz	Bayou Land Conservancy	Multiple
Shane Simpson	San Jacinto River Authority	Montgomery
Kathaleen S. Ross	Ross Yard Service	Liberty
Hughes Simpson	Texas A&M Forest Service	Multiple
Richard Chapin	City of Houston	Harris
Warren Oja	Sam Houston N. F.	San Jacinto, Walker
Rudy McClellan	Self	Harris
Steve Hupp	BPA	Harris
Davies Mtundu	San Jacinto River Authority	Montgomery
Tom Douglas	Galveston Bay Foundation	Multiple
TW Garrett	City of Plum Grove	Liberty

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



Meeting Outcomes

- The committee met for approximately two hours.
- The Coordination Committee discussed recommending that the BIG consider 1) address a lack of representation from undeveloped areas (e.g. agriculture producers, silviculture, and rural governments), 2) address lack of monitoring data from undeveloped areas, 3) Encourage a broad regional education campaign concerning bacteria and BIG, and 4) Encourage implementation that considers growth and new developments in addition to restoring impaired areas.
- The Coordination Committee also discussed recommending the counties of Grimes, Walker, San Jacinto and Liberty with a seat on the BIG. Additionally, the committee would like to see a small to medium sized municipality from a rural community like Cleveland or Plum Grove represented on the BIG. The committee agreed with including an agriculture or silviculture producer on the BIG and the name of Ernest Bailes was suggested. Based on the discussion, the group asked H-GAC to begin discussion with the BIG concerning the possibility of adding as many as 8 seats to the BIG.
- The committee discussed the role of the BIG and BIG partners though out the meeting, particularly how to integrate the two groups and to ensure that the northern counties are not left out of the discussions and resources of the BIG.
- The committee reviewed the next steps which included development of a support letter. Several members provided comments to the draft letter sent out via email prior to the meeting. Members also discussed providing support letters from individual members and to seek additional letters from other organizations outside of the committee. The committee agreed up this topic after the meeting via email and at the next meeting.

VII. NEXT MEETING

Location

To Be Determined

When

To Be Determined