

Meeting Summary Notes  
**H-GAC's Clean Rivers Program**  
**Basin Steering Committee Meeting**  
 Hybrid (remote participation via ZOOM)  
 Tuesday, January 14, 2025

The Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) Clean Rivers Program (CRP) Basin Steering Committee (BSC) met Tuesday, January 14, 2025. The meeting was hybrid with in-person attendance in Room 2A at the Houston Galveston Area Council's offices at 3555 Timmons Ln, Houston, TX 77027. Remote attendance was facilitated via the ZOOM virtual meeting platform. Todd Running, Water Resources Program Manager, conducted the meeting. Jenny Oakley and Kendall Guidroz facilitated the meeting with support from staff covering various topics. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM.

**Attendance List:**

Attendance Type	Name	Affiliation
In-Person	Jessie Casillas	Houston Galveston Area Council
	Bill Ervin	Houston Galveston Area Council
	Tiffany Harrison	Eastex Environmental Laboratory
	Steven Johnston	Houston Galveston Area Council
	Kari Jordan	Eastex Environmental Laboratory
	Kristin Lambrecht	Texas Department of Agriculture
	Jenny Oakley	Houston Galveston Area Council
	Todd Running	Houston Galveston Area Council
	Erica Underwood	Houston Galveston Area Council
	Jenna Wadman	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
Remote	Lauren Boggs	Harris County's Office of the County Engineer
	Kaylei Chau	Environmental Institute of Houston, UHCL
	Brittani Flowers	Bayou Preservation Association
	Sam Hill	Texas A&M Forest Service
	Andrew Isbel	Walker County
	Ericka Jackson	Harris County Pollution Control
	Leeanne Kincer	Montgomery County
	Lisa Marshall	Galveston Bay Estuary Program
	Sherah McDaniel	Environmental Institute of Houston, UHCL
	Helmi Merghi	Harris County Pollution Control
	Ty Prause	Colorado County
	Linda Shead	Shead Conservation Solutions
	Brian Shmaefsky	Lone Star College, Environmental Science
	Darryl Tate	City of Houston Health Department
	David Villarreal	Texas Department of Agriculture
Kyle Wright	Natural Resource Conservation Service, USDA	

Presentation available at: <https://www.h-gac.com/clean-rivers-program/committees>

## **Meeting Agenda**

Welcome and Introductions  
Public Comment  
Draft Scope of Work FY26-27  
Draft Budget for FY26-27  
Basin Highlights Report  
FY25 Coordinated Monitoring Meetings  
Watershed Protection Plan Updates  
Total Maximum Daily Load Study Updates  
Other Business and Upcoming Events

### **Welcome and Introductions**

Todd Running, Host and Facilitator, opened the meeting at 10:00 AM with a welcome and then gave instructions on how the meeting would be conducted, and how individuals could ask questions and participate. Running gave a brief outline of the agenda for the meeting and conducted a roll call for in-person participants. Kendall Guidroz, hybrid meeting facilitator conducted a roll call for those who were visible in the meeting's Zoom participant window. The meeting was recorded with transcripts provided for follow-up.

### **Public Comment**

Running asked if there were any public comments, there were none.

### **Draft Scope of Work FY26-27**

Todd Running, gave a presentation on the DRAFT fiscal year 26/27 scope of work and budget for the H-GAC's Clean Rivers Program. The Scope of Work was introduced by task with a detailed description of each task and sub-task.

### **Draft Budget for FY26-27**

Todd Running presented the draft budget was presented by the state provided allocation by year and total. A detailed breakdown of the budget, by budget category, and description of the types of expenses allocated by category was presented.

### **Basin Highlights Report**

Jenny Oakley, H-GAC Clean Rivers Program Coordinator and Quality Assurance Officer, presented on the Basin Highlights Report for fiscal year 2025 which is a Watershed Characterization of the Luce Bayou Watershed. The location of the watershed and a review of the topics planned to be included in the report was presented. The due dates of the draft report, final report, and the on-line Story Map were presented.

### **FY25 Coordinated Monitoring Meetings**

Jenny Oakley presented a summary of the current Houston region Clean Rivers Program sites with a map was presented. Additionally, the structure and dates for the annual Coordinated Monitoring Meetings were presented.

### Watershed Protection Plan and Total Maximum Daily Load Updates

Steven Johnston, H-GAC Principal Planner, presented summaries of the background and process of Watershed Planning including Watershed Protection Plans (WPPs), Total Maximum Daily Load Studies (TMDL) and Implementation Plans. He also presented summaries of all the active WPP and TMDL projects being conducted within H-GAC's 13 county region. Maps of the project areas and brief updates of the status of each project were provided.

### Other Business and Upcoming Events

Jenny Oakley presented on several upcoming meetings and events including:  
H-GAC's Natural Resources Advisory Committee Meeting – February 6, 2025,  
H-GAC's Clean Waters Initiative; Microplastics in Surface Waters – February 24, 2025,  
Trash Bash – March 29, 2025,  
H-GAC's CRP Coordinated Monitoring Workgroup Meetings – April 7-8, 2025,  
H-GAC's Basin Steering Committee Meeting – TBD, early May, 2025, and  
A Surface Water Quality Monitoring Training that the Environmental Institute of Houston, at the University of Houston-Clear Lake will be hosting the week of March 17, 2025.

Contact information was provided for Todd Running, Jenny Oakley, and Jessie Casillas, H-GAC Senior Planner and CRP Data Manager. Mention was made that H-GAC facilitates data requests and reiterated that Jessie Casillas is the point of contact for any data requests.

Todd Running closed the meeting with a request for any questions or comments. Brittani Flowers with Bayou Preservation Association commented that they would be interested in assisting with the Halls Bayou Targeted Bacteria Monitoring project.

### Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:04 AM.