

San Jacinto – Brazos Coastal Basin: Public Outreach Report

Oyster Creek Coordination Committee Meeting

December 10, 2019

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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 December 10, 2019 (Oyster Creek Coordination Committee (CC) Meeting), H-GAC conducted a meeting in the City of Angleton to discuss Oyster Creek water quality data updates; review and discuss elements of a bacteria reduction plan; and discussed next steps. H-GAC provided a draft of bacteria reduction management measures for the attendees to discuss.

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 Oyster Creek water quality updates;
- Review and discuss water quality management measures; 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, efforts to contact organizations, interest groups and private individuals directly and word of mouth through attendees



and via the Brazoria County Facts newspaper. Identified stakeholders were contacted directly via e-mail, phone and/or letter to notify them of the second 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:

Sign-In Sheet(s) Meeting Presentation/Agenda Draft Management Measures

MEETING SYNOPSIS

Location
Brazoria County Public Library in Angleton
401 E. Cedar Street
Angleton, TX 77515

When
Tuesday, December 10, 2019
1 PM – 3 PM

Attendees

NAME	ORGANIZATION REPRESENTED	ASSUMED COUNTY?
Debbie Webb	City of Lake Jackson	Brazoria
Sonja Draper	Brazoria County Commissioners Office	Brazoria
Mac Martin	Texas Forest Service	Region
John O'Connell	TAMU Extension	Brazoria
Brian Koch	TSSWCB	Wharton
Kent Evans	Self	Brazoria
Jazmyn Milford	TCEQ	Travis/Region
Rachel Windham	H-GAC	Harris/Region
Steven Johnston	H-GAC	Harris/Region

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Meeting Summary

Mr. Steven Johnston from H-GAC provided a presentation that included an agenda, an update summary of data specific to the Oyster Creek watershed and information contained in the draft Oyster Creek Technical Support Document and TMDL. Mr. Johnston reviewed potential fecal bacteria sources and potential solutions. Mr. Johnston provided a handout on draft management measures for the watershed. Mr. Johnston reviewed those measure with the attendees.

NEXT MEETING

To Be Determined.