

OSSF/WWTF
Work Group Meeting Summary
Armand Bayou I-Plan
June 10, 2013

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Meeting Attendees: Danielle Cioce (Harris County), Gary Johnson, Eloy Mendoza (CLCWA), Linda Broach (TCEQ), Kim Laird (TCEQ), Carol LaBreche (COH)

This meeting was held at ABNC. Participants made self introductions before getting started with the meeting.

The meeting was spent discussing the implementation activities from the BIG for OSSF and WWTF. There were some questions about where the funding comes from to do all of these implementation activities. A lot of these are grant funded, and some of the work, like the OSSFs is being done by the cities and counties. There were questions about the OSSFs and what if the landowners cannot afford to fix their systems or refuse to fix their systems. There is one case where there is a lawsuit against residents that are not participating. This action would require regulatory authority.

For the WWTFs, it should like a lot of these actions are already taking place in the facilities in the watershed, although only one was represented. Some of the implementation actions did not seem too applicable, but would be necessary to keep in the case of additional growth in the watershed. A lot of these are just for better enforcement of existing rules that the plants are already following.

The general consensus with this group seemed to be that they are already doing many of these things, and would be ok implementing these in the watershed by either joining the BIG or using these in a separate plan. Due to a lack of funding and the scale of many of these activities it would seem more logical and more cost effective to join the BIG since many of these things would be harder to accomplish on a smaller scale.