



**Jarbo Bayou Bacteria TMDL:
Public Outreach Plan**

PUBLIC MEETING

March 21, 2014

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I. OVERVIEW

Per Umbrella Contract 582-12-13254, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has requested Public Outreach support from the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) for Jarbo Bayou 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.

H-GAC will provide support for up to six (6) meetings or events during FY 2014 for the project. This support will include all activities necessary to plan, conduct, and complete each meeting or event, as referenced above. On December 12, 2013 (Round 1), H-GAC conducted a single public meeting in Clear Lake Shores. On January 23, 2014 (Round 2), H-GAC conducted a second public meeting.

II. LOCATION / GEOGRAPHY

According to the Texas State Historical Association, Jarbo Bayou, a part of the San Jacinto - Brazos basin, rises two miles northeast of League City in northern Galveston County and flows northeast for two miles to its mouth on Clear Lake, just east of Clear Lake Shores and west of Kemah.

III. PURPOSE

Since 2002, high concentrations of bacteria, which are found in both human and animal waste, have been observed in the bayou.

The presence of these bacteria may indicate a health risk to people who swim or wade in the bayou. These activities are referred to as “contact recreation” in the Texas Surface Water Quality Standards.



This meeting was a follow up to the December 2013 Jarbo Bayou public meeting. The Purpose of this public meeting was to:

1. Review Bacteria Data Collected to date, and
2. Build a locally-driven, diverse coordination committee to determine next steps in the TMDL stakeholder process.

IV. APPROACH

For Round 2 of this effort, a single public meeting was conducted in the City of Clear Lake Shores with extensive outreach to local and regional stakeholders, as defined below.

Outreach efforts will focus on two primary groups: Public Sector Stakeholders and Private Sector Stakeholders.

1. Public Sector
 - City of Clear Lake Shore
 1. Elected / Appointed Officials
 2. Staff
 - City of Kemah
 1. Elected / Appointed Officials
 2. Staff
 - City of League City
 1. Elected / Appointed Officials
 2. Staff
 - Clear Creek Independent School District
 - Dickinson Independent School District
 - Drainage District(s)
 - Federal / State Agencies, As Appropriate
 - Galveston County
 1. Elected / Appointed Officials
 2. Staff
2. Private Sector
 - BIG Committee
 - Communities Within Watershed
 - Local Businesses
 - Local Media
 - Non-Profits / Community Groups



In addition to including the entities identified here contacted through electronic mailing, the cities of Clear Lake Shores, Kemah, and League City, as well as Galveston County, were all individually contacted with the following results.

City of League City

- City Secretary sent information to all internal staff/officials, and posted details to the Council calendar.
- Flyer was posted to the City bulletin board.

City of Clear Lake Shores

- City Secretary sent information to all internal staff/officials.
- Meeting information was announced during proceeding Council Meeting
- Meeting information was posted to the City website.
- Flyer was posted to the City public message board.

City of Kemah

- City Secretary sent information to all internal staff/officials.
- Meeting information was posted to the City website.

Galveston County

- Operations Manager at drainage district circulated meeting information internally to staff.

The Galveston Bay Foundation also shared meeting information with relevant stakeholders, including those currently monitoring the waterbody through Texas Stream Team and boater/marina organizations.

V. Notification

The Round 2 meeting notice was extended directly to previously involved and interested parties via multiple eblasts, emails, and direct phone calls in addition to traditional public outreach techniques.

1. An initial eblast using Constant Contact, was sent to 506 contacts on January 7, 2014. A follow-up eblast was sent on January 21, 2014 as a reminder.
2. ON January 13, 2014, representatives from the cities of Clear Lake Shores, Kemah, and League City, as well as Galveston County, were contacted by phone with meeting details.
3. Contacts from three marinas within the watershed and representatives from Environmental Institute of Houston, Soil Board, Galveston County Health District, and the Clear Lake Chamber of Commerce were called or emailed on January 13 and 14, 2014.

VI. MEETING TIME AND LOCATIONS



Specific location details for Round 2 can be found below.

City of Clear Lake Shores –

Thursday, January 23, 2014
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Contact: City of Clear Lake Shores, (281) 334-2799

VII. **AGENDA and Meeting Materials**

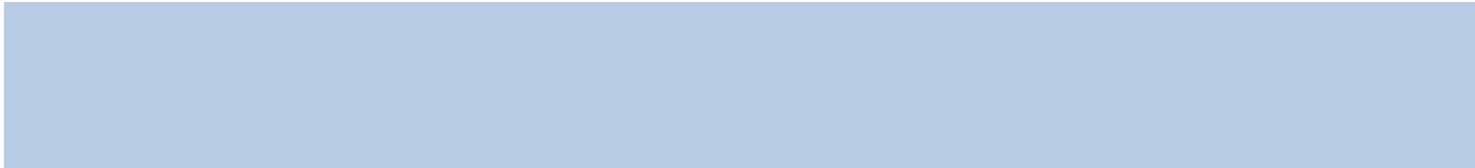
The handouts and resource materials provided for the Round 2 meeting include:

- Agenda
- Public meeting flyer for use by Stakeholders and local community
- Location-specific Sign-in sheets
- One Pager Handout – concerning the watershed and stakeholder process
- Resource copies for review: BIG I-Plan/Executive Summary/Basin Highlights Report 2013
- Way-finding signage
- Watershed Map/BIG Project Area Map



VIII. ATTENDEES

NAME	ORGANIZATIN REPRESENTED
Angie Galvan	City of Clear Lake Shores
Arline Laughter	Texas Stream Team Monitor
Arthur Hultz	Seabrook Seafood
Ed Link	WCID 12
Eric Eberts	Citizen
George Jones	City of Clear Lake Shores
Helle Brown	Texas Stream Team Monitor
Jack Murphy	City of League City
Janet Horton	City of Clear Lake Shores
Jay Johnson	Lazy Bend HOA
Katie McCann	Galveston Bay Foundation
Linda Broach	TCEQ Region 12
Linda Merryman	WCID 12
R. Sowrey	City of Clear Lake Shores
Ronald Brown	Citizen
Skylar Carey	Texas Stream Team



Tim Sneide	City of Clear Lake Shores
Vern Johnson	City of Clear Lake Shores
Wanda Zimmer	City of Kemah

IX. Meeting Results

Attendees were presented with the latest monitoring data and discussed potential sources in the watershed. Attendees reviewed the TMDL stakeholder process and were presented with examples of Coordination Committees and their make-up from completed and on-going TMDL projects. Attendees were then asked to break up into smaller groups based on organizational interest to discuss the TMDL stakeholder process, consider what the Jarbo Bayou Coordination Committee make-up should be, the size of the committee, suggest or designate representatives and are there stakeholders missing from the meeting. Attendees chose a captain for each group to report back to the larger group. The following results were made:

Business Interests/Agriculture Interests

- No Recommendation on the size of the committee.
- Recommended Representatives:
 1. WCID 12: Ed Link, Alternate Linda Merryman
 2. Seabrook Seafood: Arthur Hultz
 3. Invite – Audie McVicker from Maritime, and representative from RV Park.

Citizens within the Watershed

- No recommendation on the size of the committee.
- Recommended Representatives:
 1. Resident – Bud Solmonson



2. HOA Representative – Lazy Bend HOA, invite.
3. RV Park, invite
4. Yacht Club/Marinas/Boaters, invite

Municipalities

- No more than 15 committee members
- Recommended Representatives:
 1. Each City Represented (3)
 2. Galveston County Represented
 3. Lazy Bend HOA, invite
 4. Health District

Environmental Interests

- Recommended between 8-15 representatives
- Recommended Representatives:
 1. Mater Naturalists, invite
 2. Galveston Bay Foundation
 3. Texas Stream Team – Skylar Kerry