

San Jacinto – Brazos Coastal Basin: Public Outreach Report

Public Meeting 5

January 30, 2020

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I. <u>OVERVIEW</u>

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 January 30, 2020 (Public Meeting #5), H-GAC conducted a fifth public meeting to review the State's Basin Approach, general information on basin water quality, and current watershed planning in the basin. The focus of the meeting was to review the Chocolate Bay watershed water quality data; information contained in the draft Chocolate Bayou and Halls Bayou Technical Support Documents and the Mustang Bayou Characterization Report to initiated discussion and development of the Chocolate Bay Watershed coordination committee and next steps.

II. <u>PURPOSE</u>

The water bodies included in this analysis are all within Basin 11, which originates in Fort Bend and transverses Brazoria and Galveston Counties before entering the Gulf of Mexico by way of Galveston Bay.

The Purpose of this public meeting was to discuss the following:

- 1. Review the purpose of the Basin Approach,
- 2. Present water quality management opportunities,
- 3. Review general conditions of water bodies in the basin,



- 4. Review Chocolate, Halls and Mustang Bayou water quality data,
- 5. Initiate Chocolate Bay Watershed Coordination Committee, and
- 6. Present implementation activities.

III. APPROACH and NOTIFICATION

A list of stakeholders and interested parties was generated based on work within the Chocolate Bayou watershed and four previous public meetings. H-GAC in addition, developed a new targeted media and stakeholder outreach approach focused on:

- local news media;
- government community pages;
- churches, schools and nonprofit outreach message boards; and
- social media.

Identified stakeholders were contacted directly via e-mail, phone and/or letter to notify them of the planned public meeting. Announcement was placed on the H-GAC website. Additional meeting details; and meeting reminders were sent to the identified list of stakeholders.

IV. <u>MATERIALS</u>

The following materials were made available for the meeting:

- **1.** Sign-In Sheet(s)
- 2. Watershed Map / Basin Map
- 3. Meeting Presentation

V. <u>MEETING SYNOPSIS</u>

Location Alvin Public Library 105 S Gordon St. Alvin, TX

When Thursday, January 30, 2020 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM



Attendees

NAME	ORGANIZATION REPRESENTED	ASSUMED COUNTY?
Dan Davis	Manvel City Council	Brazoria
Derek Dalvolin	Manvel Resident	Brazoria
Ryan Gerlich	TX AgriLife	Brazos
Brooke Stitt	TX Master Naturalist	Brazoria
Colleen Roco	TPWD	Region
Ed Thomson	State Representative 29 th District	Region
Cindy Vincent	Watershed Resident	Brazoria
Tracy Vincent	Watershed Resident	Brazoria
Rex Goodman	Watershed Resident	Brazoria
Paul Horn	Mayor City of Alvin	Brazoria
John Anders	Pete Olson TX-22	Region
Ted Driscoll	Galveston Bay Foundation	Harris/Region
April Matters	Resident	Galveston
Kelley Kartya	Liverpool Resident	Brazoria
Celine Gauthier-Lowery	TX AgriLife	Brazoria
Janey Townsend	Watershed Resident	Brazoria
Cody Wheeler	Watershed Resident	Brazoria
Debbie Webb	City of Lake Jackson	Brazoria
Melinde Blahr	Brazoria County Drainage District5	Brazoria
Paul Rhodus	Watershed Resident	Brazoria
Ali Trangudi	Watershed Resident	Galveston
Christie Taylor	TAMU	Brazoria
Project Team		
Jazmyn Milford	TCEQ	Travis/Region
Nicole Reed	TCEQ	Travis/Region
Andrea Tantillo	H-GAC	Region
Steven Johnston	H-GAC	Region

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

Meeting Summary

Mr. Steven Johnston from H-GAC provided a presentation that included an agenda, reviewed the Basin Approach, status of water quality found in the Chocolate Bay watershed, current bacteria impairments, and water quality management planning options. Mr. Johnston focused his presentation on data specific to the Chocolate, Halls and Mustang Bayou watersheds and information contained in the draft Chocolate Bayou and Halls Bayou Technical Support Documents and the draft Mustang Bayou Characterization Report. Mr. Johnston invited attendees to participate in



the development of the Chocolate Bay watershed coordination committee. He also discussed the need to attract a broad group of individuals and organizations to participate. Attendees were then provided a presentation by Ryan Gerlich (TX AgriLife) on a project addressing failing onsite sewage facilities.

VI. <u>NEXT MEETING</u>

To Be Determined.