

Meeting notes

Hillebrandt Bayou and Neches Tidal I-Plan Stormwater and Wastewater Workgroup Meeting

Date: January 28, 2021

Time: 2:00pm – 3:00pm

Location: Online via WebEx

Meeting Summary

Welcome and Introductions

Michael Schramm (TWRI) began the meeting with introductions of attendees and workgroup members followed by a brief meeting agenda.

TMDL I-Plan Status

Schramm provided a brief review of the goals of the I-Plan and TMDL process. Schramm updated the TMDL status, indicating the Hillebrandt Bayou TMDL will be reviewed by the commission on Feb.10th and will be followed by a public comment period and public meeting. The Neches Tidal TMDL draft is in internal peer review at TCEQ.

Education and Outreach Management Measures

Schramm provided a recap of what a management measure is for the workgroup. Schramm stated the management measures can be indirect measures, outreach or direct activities. Each management measure will have to include a description, technical and financial assistance, education component, implementation schedule, interim measurable milestones, indicators of progress, monitoring component and the responsible entity. Schramm described a few examples of management measures.

John Conciencie (LJA Engineering) indicated that BMPs implemented for these watersheds already exist and could be documented in the I-Plan. Conciencie will email documents with BMPs being implemented (some have existed since 2008). Stormwater quality website available that has a tab dedicated for public education that would be beneficial for identifying management measures.

Molly Villarreal (City of Beaumont) said it will be difficult to have the city engaged in removing/managing homeless encampments. Almost all homeless initiatives currently paused at the moment. Villarreal will share MS4 SWMP requirement. 2019 SSO report for City of Beaumont is available publicly online. Also have their 2 year CIP and 1st phase of the sanitary sewer study to share.

Taylor Shelton (City of Port Neches) said they also have an updated SSO agreement with TCEQ. Can also provide the 5 year CIP that is updated annually.

David Oates (AgriLife Extension): Recommended Nikki Fitzgerald as a contact for identifying management measures. Have programs/education outreach occurring in the watershed for homeowners. County Extension currently does a number of homeowner visits and programs related to managing gardens and yards, proper application of fertilizers and other yard chemicals to reduce runoff and water quality impacts.

Schramm asked if any master plans exist for I&I or other stormwater quality related issues. Schramm stated we have a good amount of measures that can be evaluated/included in the I-Plan. Schramm will collate this information and gather feedback via email and one-on-one discussions.

It was decided that further communication will occur on-on-one and that suggested measures will be shared with the coordination committee.

Meeting Ended: 2:38pm

Attendees

Attendee	Organization
Michael Schramm	TWRI
Anna Gitter	TWRI
Lucas Gregory	TWRI
Taylor Shelton	City of Port Neches
Nicole Reed	TCEQ
Tim Cawthon	TCEQ
Carla Ethridge	ANRA
Jerimiah Poling	ANRA
Brian French	LJA Engineering
Scott Dunn	Entergy
David Oates	Jefferson County Extension
Molly Villarreal	City of Beaumont
Derek	(did not sign in)