



Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda 2018 Clean Rivers Program Steering Committee

March 7, 2018 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
5D Steakhouse and Lounge
130 Boardwalk
Kenedy, TX 78119

Welcome & Introductions:

- **Co-Chairs Dr. Robert Reed and Maggie Hunt**
 - Introductions

MEETING NOTES FOR WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS:

A copy of the sign in sheet is attached.

NO FORMAL ACTION WAS REQUIRED NOR TAKEN BY THE EAC FOR THIS ITEM.

Presentations Topics:

- **Shaun Donovan, SARA Senior Aquatic Biologist**
 - Natural Resources Update

MEETING NOTES FOR PRESENTATION TOPIC:

- Clean Rivers Program: Biological and 24-hr dissolved oxygen sampling begins March 15th
- Environmental Flows Validation: Field sampling with Biowest and Baylor ongoing. Possibility of future work pending.
- Mid/Lower-Cibolo Creek Watershed Protection Plan (WPP): Stakeholder meetings ongoing, draft WPP to be sent to stakeholders soon. No qualifying rain events for sampling so far in FY18.
- Holistic Freshwater Mussel Study: Finished main stem SAR sampling 11/8/17.
- Mission Reach Avian Study: Surveys, data entry and data QA/QC ongoing.
- Feral Hog Management: 306 hogs removed from October to December 2017. 106 removed during aerial operation in January. 2,878 feral hogs removed to date.
- USGS Oil & Gas Constituents Phase II: Draft report scheduled for SARA review around July 2018.
- LIMS Replacement: Six-week delay in Phase II implementation. Labworks providing support as needed. \$120,000 released.
- Watershed Wise River Discovery: Continued development of new platform through Wordpress.
 - **EAC request for speaker to provide update in River Discovery Project in Fall of 2018.**



- Water Quality Data Analytics: Working on bug fixes, user testing and quick-start guide.
 - Mission Reach Mussel Survivability Study: First full measurement days from February 5-6 demonstrated 100% survivability.
 - FY19 proposed projects review – to be announced after Board approval.
 - **EAC request for speaker to address impervious cover and water quality/quantity.**
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- **Karen Sablan, SARA Senior Aquatic Biologist and Charles Lorea, SARA Watershed Monitoring Supervisor**

- Clean Rivers Program (CRP) Update
- Clean Rivers Program Overview
- Texas Commission on Environmental Quality 2014 Integrated Report
- Fiscal Year 18/19 Clean Rivers Program Allocation of Resources
- Draft 2018 Clean Rivers Program San Antonio River Basin Summary Report

MEETING NOTES FOR PRESENTATION TOPIC:

- The report was prepared by SARA in cooperation with the Environmental Advisory Committee and TCEQ, in accordance with state guidelines.
- Draft Basin Summary Report provided to the EAC for comment - Feb 6, 2018
- Receive and incorporate EAC Comment - March 2, 2018
- Draft Basin Summary Report due to TCEQ - March 15, 2018
- Final Basin Summary Report due to TCEQ – May 31, 2018
- Post Report to CRP web page - June 30, 2018

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- FY19 Coordinated Monitoring Meeting

MEETING NOTES FOR PRESENTATION TOPIC:

- Scheduled for April with goal to maximize regional efforts and improve spatial and temporal coverage of monitoring sites.
- Water monitoring decisions made during the CMM are directed towards:
 - Completing data sets where limited or inadequate data indicates a potential impairment, concern or near nonattainment;
 - Waters with known water quality concerns;
 - Specific priority for water bodies that have no known water quality problems or without current water quality data.
 - Once all monitoring decisions are finalized, SARA will populate the FY19 CMS.

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- CRP Steering Committee Presentation
- **Amanda Nasto, Environmental Investigation Specialist (SARA)**
 - Environmental Investigations
 - MEETING NOTES FOR PRESENTATION TOPIC:
 - SARA Environmental Investigation Specialists:
 - Respond, investigate, and monitor incidents or accidents that have the potential to threaten human health and degrade aquatic resources.
 - Collect water samples when needed and have analysis performed at SARA's Regional Environmental Laboratory.
 - Investigations include:
 - Water quality
 - Sewage spills
 - Illegal dumping
 - Floodplain violation/encroachment
 - Chemical or fuel spill
 - Other reports in the field
 - Natural features
 - Fish kills
 - SARA is informed of incidents by citizens, camera surveillance, air reconnaissance, and monitoring pipeline crossings.
 - Contacts:
 - Texas Commission Environmental Quality (TCEQ) – Spills
 - 1-800-832-8224 (24hrs.)
 - 1-888-777-3186
 - Texas Parks and Wildlife Department – Kills and Spills Team (TPWD-KAST)
 - 1-512-389-4848
 - Travis Tidwell
 - SARA – Environmental Sciences Department
 - Main Line: 1-866-345-7272
 - Ronnie Hernandez: 210-302-3609
 - Amanda Nasto: 210-302-3676
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- **Steven Schauer, Director of Government and Community Affairs (SARA)**
 - Budget and Project Planning Update
 - MEETING NOTES FOR PRESENTATION TOPIC:
 - SARA Strategic Planning Update
 - Review of language for goals
 - New goal planning and process for SARA fiscal year
 - Status of EAC meeting guidance includes proposed position paper to be written and presented to SARA Board of Directors for approval



- SARA project outlook for upcoming fiscal year

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