

Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) FY 18 / 19 Q2 Meeting Minutes

12/07/18

Upstairs at Mattie's Café and Restaurant

131 Courthouse Sq.

Goliad, TX

Introductions

Mr. Reed and Ms. Peace requested that upon the next EAC meeting in Goliad (FY 19/20 Q2) the group organize an "historic tour" (to include *Presidio La Bahia*).

Mr Schauer indicated that staff would facilitate the request

Mr. Reed requested that CRP presentation timeline align with TCEQ CRP deliverables timeline. Staff indicated that greater effort toward coordination of the timelines could be accomplished.

Mr. Walker will provide Annual TCEQ CRP Deliverables timeline to the EAC, and align the EAC meeting schedule as necessary.

Presentation Regarding CRP Monitoring Efforts

– Chuck Lorea, San Antonio River Authority (River Authority)

See presentation link on [San Antonio River Authority website](#)

See the [Coordinated Monitoring Schedule Website](#) which includes all monitoring stations within the San Antonio River Basin.

Mr. Lorea indicated that the threshold for "high aquatic life" is an Index of Biotic Integrity (I.B.I.) score of 41 or above, but varies throughout the basin depending on the Eco Region.

Ms. Peace inquired whether River Authority's CRP Team would be interested in a "Citizen's Stream Team" to assist with efforts near Castroville.

Mr. Lorea indicated that the CRP team might be able to coordinate with a "Citizen's Stream Team" in some way.

Review of River Authority's Fiscal Year 2018 / 2019 Agency Goals and Objectives

– Steven Schauer, River Authority

For details regarding specific projects, see [River Authority Project Budgets Book](#)

Mr. Reed inquired as to how the documentation outlining Agency Goals and Objectives is utilized, and by whom.

Mr. Schauer responded that the main audience is the River Authority Executive Staff and the Board of Directors, and that the documentation exists to allow staff to monitor projects and budgets, and adapt as necessary.

Ms. Peace requested information regarding Low Impact Development (LID) and Green Infrastructure investments into River Authority projects as it becomes available.

Ms. Kharod inquired as to how to interpret a project that displays over 100% budget (an example was given of a project that has 106% budget).

Mr. Schauer responded that River Authority employs a mid – year review process, whereby in the instance of projects operating under budget, which thus, have funds to spare, said funds will be re - allocated to a project in need of further funding.

EAC Discussion and Project / Programming Recommendations for River Authority's Fiscal Year 2019 / 2020 Agency Goals and Objectives

- facilitated by Steven Schauer, and Hillary Lilly, River Authority

Discussion produced EAC Funding Recommendations for FY 2019 / 2020.

See EAC Funding Recommendations 2019-2020, posted on [River Authority EAC web page](#).

Other

Staff suggested the EAC receive a future presentation from the River Authority Stormwater Management team regarding the Green Stormwater Infrastructure Master Plan (GSI).

Staff agreed to provide information regarding LID and GSI investments in River Authority projects to the EAC as it becomes available.

Ms. Peace requested that GEAA receive a GSI presentation as soon as possible.

Mr. Reed and Ms. Kharod requested that staff provide them with further information regarding GSI Master Planning.

Ms. Peace requested that Mr. Shaun Donovan provide his presentation his research in the Mussel population of the San Antonio River Basin.

Staff agreed that a future presentation regarding the Mission Reach Avian Study be provided to the EAC, and that the Mission Reach Avian Study Story Map will be distributed to the EAC.

Mr. Reed requested to meet with Mr. Schauer and Aarin Teague regarding the status of the River Road Stream Restoration project.

Staff agreed to provide the EAC with an option to view the test version of the River Discovery website.