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MEETING SUMMARY

A Basin-Wide Approach to Address Bacterial Impairments in the Upper Trinity River Basin

Upper Trinity River Basin Coordinating Committee

August 06, 2015
9:30 AM to 11:30 AM

**North Central Texas Council of Governments
616 Six Flags Drive, Arlington, TX 76011
Meeting Room: Pitstick Executive Board Room**

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- Welcome & Introductions (Larry Beran)
 - Project Website (NCTCOG)

NCTCOG staff provided an overview of the project website content for the Upper Trinity River Basin Coordination Committee including uploaded meeting materials, and a link to the RPS survey. Future items that will be posted on the website include the upcoming project annual report from AgriLife and additional maps for the project.

 - Recovery Potential Screening (RPS) & Survey (Kelly Albus)

AgriLife staff presented on the content of the RPS website including the resources available on the EPA website. The group discussed the objective of the indicator survey as mainly RPS's ability to rank watersheds based on the large number of indicators based on the data and needs of the stakeholders in the region. TCEQ noted that this effort would focus on new areas and would be not redundant to other water quality efforts in the region.
 - Basin-Wide Water Quality Status (David Pendergrass)

TIAER staff discussed the state of data and samples for water quality in the study area. The amount of data in the watersheds varied greatly and data should be taken in context to the land uses adjacent and upstream of the sample site. Overall recent data is lacking for several of the sites. TIAER promoted the idea of a technical subcommittee to address sampling and data for the project. It was also recommended sharing data among regional partners to improve data coverage for the project watersheds.
 - Recreation Use Attainability Analyses (RUAAs) in the Basin (Joe Martin)

The primary focus of the presentation was to acquire data and sampling to make realistic expectations for water quality thresholds depending on the primary use of the stream. The streams are selected from

the 303(d) list and surveys of recreational use are sent out to the TCEQ regions, TPWD, and River Authorities. RUAA changes require a 30 day Public participation Process or formal approval into TSWQS, and approval by the EPA. These requests are reviewed triennial schedule and any changes will be included in the 2017 TSWQS revision. Current RUAs under review in the DFW region include:

- 0806E Sycamore Creek
- 0822A Cottonwood Branch
- 0822B Grapevine Creek
- 0838C Walnut Creek
- 0841E Copart Branch Mountain Creek
- 0841F Cottonwood Creek
- 0841G Dalworth Creek
- 0841H Delaware Creek
- 0841J Estelle Creek
- 0841K Fish Creek
- 0841Q North Fish Creek
- 0841N Kirby Creek
- 0841U West Irving Creek

- **FY-2015 Project Report (Joe Shelnett)**

The FY2015 Final Report will be available in the fall and will be uploaded to the UTRBCC website. The document will be very large therefore the subsections will be available individually for stakeholders to read without having to review the entire document.

- **Committee Structure (Larry Beran)**

- **Coordinating Committee**

The Next meeting will be in October, the exact date will be forth coming.

- **Technical Subcommittee**

No specific mention was made for the future steps for the technical subcommittee.

- **Next Steps**

The Coordinating Committee members discussed the existing water quality plans in their region. City of Dallas indicated that their monitoring data reflected the same result as the data collected by TIAER for White Rock Creek. A discussion of regional sampling efforts between Water Districts and cities for Marine Creek, Little Fossil Creek, and White Rock Creek above White Rock Lake.

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