

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY  
**AGENDA ITEM REQUEST**

**AGENDA REQUESTED: October 15, 2010**

**DATE OF REQUEST: September 24, 2010**

**NAME & NUMBER OF PERSON TO CONTACT REGARDING CHANGES TO THIS REQUEST, IF NEEDED: Monica Harris, 512-239-5906**

**CAPTION: Docket No. 2010-1396-MIS; Consideration of a resolution to fill membership positions on the Galveston Bay Council. The Council is an advisory body to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality whose function is to advise the commission on the implementation of The Galveston Bay Plan. (Monica Harris) 2010-054-MIS-NR**



**Kelly Keel, Director, Water Quality Planning Division**



**L'Oreal W. Stepney, P.E., Deputy, Office of Water**

# Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

## INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

**To:** Commissioners **Date:** September 24, 2010

**Thru:** La Donna Castanuela, Chief Clerk  
Mark R. Vickery, P.G., Executive Director

**From:**  L'Oreal W. Stepney, P.E., Deputy Director  
Office of Water

**Subject:** Commission Approval of Resolution to Fill Membership Positions on the Galveston Bay Council  
Docket No.: 2010-1396-MIS  
Non-rule Project Number: 2010-054-MIS-NR

### Reasons for the resolution package:

The resolution is submitted for the Commission to consider filling forty-one (41) of the forty-one (41) positions on the Galveston Bay Council (GBC). The GBC is an official advisory committee to the Commission for the Galveston Bay Estuary Program (GBEP). The GBC was created by resolution of the Commission on November 21, 1995 and expires November 15, 2015. Members serve 4 year terms. The terms are staggered such that only half of the terms expire at the same time. This year, however, all 41 positions are being submitted for Commission approval concurrently. Nominees submitted for approval will fill positions for the November 2007 to November 2011, four-year term and the November 2009 to November 2013, four-year term.

Reorganizations affecting the division delayed the 2007-2011 membership positions and subsequent advancement to Commission Agenda. Thus, 2007-2011 positions are being submitted with positions for the 2009-2013, 4-year term. GBC members currently filling these positions agreed to continue serving until nominations could be approved.

The GBC helps guide implementation of *The Galveston Bay Plan (The Plan)*, the Comprehensive Conservation Management Plan (CCMP) for Galveston Bay, developed under Section 320 of the Clean Water Act of 1987.

### Galveston Bay Council Composition:

The Galveston Bay Plan, and subsequently the original resolution creating the GBC in 1995, lists 41 entities to represent diverse areas of interest in accordance with Section 320 of the Clean Water Act. Membership positions can be grouped into two categories:

- 1) Named Entities: State and federal agencies, regional entities, and other named entities identified in the Galveston Bay Plan due to the direct impact the organization or function has on the bay (e.g. San Jacinto River Authority, Galveston Bay Foundation) or because that organization represents a coalition of members with a specific interest relevant to the bay (e.g. East Harris County Manufacturer's Association, Greater Houston Partnership, League of Women Voters)
- 2) Named Interest: Positions representing a specific interest or group that provides balance and diversity (e.g. Minority Community, Commercial Fisheries, Small Local Government)

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**Nomination Process:**

Nominations for positions falling under category 1 are made by the Executive Director of that respective agency or entity or his/her delegate. See group 1 nominees on Attachment 1.

Nominations for positions falling under category 2 are solicited and reviewed by the Galveston Bay Council Nominations Committee. Nominations are open, and are taken from Council members at large, various groups actively involved in bay related activities, and County Judges in the surrounding counties as appropriate. Nominations are based on relevant expertise, experience and capacity to represent a specific group or interest, and willingness to serve.

Nominations received are vetted through the nominations subcommittee and submitted to the Galveston Bay Council to determine which nominees will be recommended to the Commission for consideration.

Nominees are listed in Attachment 1. Biographical information on the nominees is included in Attachment 2.

- **Under what authority are we taking this action?**

The Commission is authorized to establish and maintain advisory committees under Texas Water Code, Section 5.107. In addition, the Commission is charged with implementing *The Galveston Bay Plan (The Plan)*, as outlined in the Texas Estuaries Act, under Texas Water Code, Section 5.601-5.609.

*The Plan* directs that the Galveston Bay Council be representative of federal, state, and local natural resource agencies, the research community, local government, citizen groups, including representatives from low income and minority communities, and other Galveston Bay stakeholders.

Membership is consistent with the Texas Government Code, Chapter 2110, "State Agency Advisory Committees," and with the approved CCMP. Membership also conforms to requirements of Section 320 of the Federal Clean Water Act by including representatives from the groups and organizations specified in the Act.

- **Is this resolution required by federal rule or state statute? Which ones?**

The resolution is not required; however, it implements *The Plan*, specifically the sections governing plan implementation and the role and make-up of the GBC.

- **What issue(s) or problem(s) are we trying to solve? Address.**

The Commission is charged with implementing *The Plan*. *The Plan* calls for creation of the Galveston Bay Council to guide implementation. Maintaining appropriate membership on the Galveston Bay Council ensures compliance of *The Plan* and facilitates effective comprehensive management of Galveston Bay.

- **Will there be a fiscal impact? If so, estimate.**

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**Impact on agency programs:**

Federal funding for the Galveston Bay Estuary Program under Section 320 of the Federal Clean Water Act could be jeopardized if Galveston Bay Council membership is not inclusive of representatives identified in the Act, and subsequently *The Plan*.

**Agency contacts:**

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Monica Harris, Water Quality Planning Division, 239-5906  
Robert Brush, Staff Attorney, 239-5600

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Attachments

cc: Chief Clerk, 5 copies  
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Office of General Counsel

cc: (without attachments):  
Kelly Keel, Water Quality Planning Division Director  
Monica Harris, Manager, Planning and Implementation  
Robert Brush, Staff Attorney  
Helen Drummond, Galveston Bay Estuary Program

## Attachment 1: List of Nominees for Galveston Bay Council (August 2010)

Type Of Organization	Interest Represented	Appointee/Nominee	4-Year Term
<b>Federal Agencies:</b>	U.S. Coast Guard	Brian Diner**	2007-2011
	U.S. Geological Survey	Mike Turco**	2007-2011
	National Marine Fisheries Service	Heather Young	2007-2011
	Natural Resource Conservation Service	Scott Alford**	2007-2011
	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	Carolyn Murphy	2009-2013
	Environmental Protection Agency	J. Douglas Jacobson	2009-2013
	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	John Huffman	2009-2013
<b>State Agencies:</b>	Texas Department of Agriculture	Jennifer Bailey**	2007-2011
	Texas General Land Office	Nominee TBD by GLO**	2007-2011
	Texas Department of State Health Services	Kirk Wiles	2007-2011
	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality	Gail Rothe **	2007-2011
	Texas Parks & Wildlife Department	Rebecca Hensley**	2007-2011
	Texas Railroad Commission	Guy Grossman	2009-2013
	Texas Department of Transportation	Norm King	2009-2013
	Texas State Soil & Water Conservation Board	Brian Koch	2009-2013
	Texas Water Development Board	Carla Guthrie, PhD	2009-2013
<b>Regional/Local Governments</b>	Gulf Coast Waste Disposal Authority	Lori Traweek	2007-2011
	Houston-Galveston Area Council	Carl Masterson	2007-2011
	City of Houston	Ceil Price	2007-2011
	<b>Medium Local Governments - pop 25K-500K (Galveston County)</b>	<b>Dennis Harris**</b>	<b>2007-2011</b>
	<b>Small Local Governments - pop &lt;25,000 (Chambers County)</b>	<b>George Willcox*</b>	<b>2007-2011</b>
	Trinity River Authority	Richard Browning	2007-2011
	Port of Houston Authority	Garry McMahan**	2009-2013

	<b>Large Local Governments - pop &gt;500K (Harris County Flood Control District)</b>	<b>Michael D. Talbott, P.E.*</b>	<b>2009-2013</b>
	San Jacinto River Authority	Reed Eichelberger	2009-2013
<b>Environmental/ Citizen's Groups</b>	Galveston Bay Foundation	Glenda Callaway	2007-2011
	<b>Citizens-at-Large (Brazoria County)</b>	<b>Sharron L. Stewart*</b>	<b>2007-2011</b>
	<b>Minority Community Representative (Harris County-Nature Heritage Society)</b>	<b>Glenn Miller*</b>	<b>2007-2011</b>
	League of Women Voters	Nancy Parra	2007-2011
	Coastal Conservation Association	Jayo Washington	2009-2013
	<b>Low-income Community Representative (Harris County Small Business Owner)</b>	<b>Albert Gonzales*</b>	<b>2009-2013</b>
	<b>Other Conservation Organizations (Texas Coastal Partners)</b>	<b>Linda Shead, P.E.<sup>1*</sup></b>	<b>2009-2013</b>
<b>Private Sector:</b>	Galveston County Economic Alliance	Chuck Wemple**	2007-2011
	Greater Houston Partnership	Jim Kachtick, P.E.	2009-2013
	<b>Utilities (RRI Energy, formerly Reliant)</b>	<b>William (Bill) Baker**</b>	<b>2009-2013</b>
	<b>Industry (Exxon Mobil)</b>	<b>Greg Biddinger, Ph.D<sup>2*</sup></b>	<b>2009-2013</b>
	<b>Marinas (Marina Bay Harbor Yacht Club in Clear Lake Shores)</b>	<b>Helen Paige*</b>	<b>2009-2013</b>
	<b>Commercial Fisheries (Oysterman- Manager of Jeri's Seafood)</b>	<b>Tracy Woody**</b>	<b>2009-2013</b>
	East Harris County Manufacturer's Association	Ana Partin	2009-2013
<b>Research/Academia:</b>	<b>Major Universities (University of Houston)</b>	<b>Hanadi Rafai**</b>	<b>2007-2011</b>
	Texas Sea Grant Program	John Jacob**	2009-2013

Group 1 positions are appointed by their respective agency or organization as listed in *The Galveston Bay Plan*. Group 1 members are presented in regular font.

\*Group 2 positions are nominated by existing members of the Galveston Bay Council, County Judges and other Galveston Bay partners at large, as applicable. Nominations are based on expertise, experience and capacity to represent stakeholder group, and willingness to serve/commitment. **Group 2 members are highlighted in bold font for easy reference.**

\*\* New nominees, those who have not been confirmed by the Commission. If a vacancy exists under group 1 positions, representatives appointed by that respective entity may begin serving prior to confirmation. Group 2 nominees cannot begin serving until approved by the Commission.

<sup>1</sup> Galveston Bay Council Chair

<sup>2</sup> Galveston Bay Council Vice-Chair

## Attachment 2: Biographical Information for Nominees in Attachment 1

### Brian Diner, MSTC

#### Representing the U. S. Coast Guard

**Education:** Keiser University, B.A., Business Administration, in progress

**Responsibilities:** Supervisor for Sector Houston/Galveston Marine Environmental Response Office, coordinates with TGLO, TCEQ, EPA, and other stakeholders as per the National Contingency Plan.

**Program Involvement:** Appointed by USCG in 2007, but has not been confirmed.

### Michael Turco

#### Representing the United States Geological Survey

**Education:** B.S., Geology, University of Nebraska - Omaha, 1997; M.S., Geoscience, University of Nebraska - Lincoln, 2009

**Responsibilities:** Mr. Turco is the Chief of the USGS Texas Water Science Center, Gulf Coast Program Office near Houston, Texas. He also serves as the USGS Coastal Coordinator for the Texas Gulf Coast and is a participant in the USGS Gulf of Mexico Science Committee. The USGS is a worldwide leader in the research of the natural world and serves as the research arm of the U.S. Department of Interior.

Mr. Turco is interested in a broad base of surface-water and ground-water research. Specific interests include the interaction between surface- and ground-water in unconsolidated aquifers and consequential effects on water-quality. His technical background is in surface-water hydrology and the simulation ground-water flow and transport in various types of aquifers nationwide. He has been a Hydrologist for the USGS since 1996, working in Iowa and Nebraska prior to assuming his position in Texas in 2004. He is a member of the National Groundwater Association, the Houston Geological Society, and the Geological Society of America.

**Program Involvement:** Appointed by USGS in 2007, but has not been confirmed.

### Heather Young

#### Representing the National Marine Fisheries Service

**Education:** Texas A & M University, B.S., Marine Biology, Texas A & M University, M.S., Marine Resource Management

**Responsibilities:** A biologist in the Habitat Conservation Division of NOAA's National Marine Fisheries in the Southeast region. Responsibilities include reviewing proposed coastal development projects, providing technical guidance, and making recommendations to protect and conserve marine fishery habitats and associated living marine resources. Also engaged in planning and leading implementation of both local and regional coastal habitat protection and restoration initiatives and on-the-ground habitat projects. Serves as NOAA's federal facilitator for the Gulf of Mexico Alliance Habitat Conservation and Restoration Team.

**Program Involvement:** Appointed by NMFS in 2003 and is being appointed to continue representing NMFS.

**Scott Alford**

**Representing the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service**

**Education:** Stephen F. Austin State University, B.S., Forestry

**Responsibilities:** Serves as a conservation specialist for NRCS with expertise in forestry and habitat restoration. Currently assisting in developing further cultivation and restoration technology that will be implemented in a variety of habitat restoration projects in the Galveston Bay system. Involved in the Interagency Coordination Team for the Houston Ship Channel; Beneficial Uses of Dredge Material Work Group- Port of Houston.

**Program Involvement:** Appointed by NRCS in 2008, but has not been confirmed.

**Carolyn Murphy**

**Representing the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers**

**Education:** The University of Texas at Austin, M.A , Anthropology; The University of Houston at Clear Lake, M.S., Environmental Management

**Responsibilities:** Chief of the Environmental Section of the Galveston District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

**Program Involvement:** Appointed to represent COE on the Council in 2001.

**J. Douglas Jacobson**

**Representing the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency**

**Education:** University of Texas, B.A.; St. Mary's University, J.D.

**Responsibilities:** Estuary Program Coordinator and the Gulf of Mexico Coordinator for the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 6. He handles coastal policy issues within the coastal zone.

**Program Involvement:** Jointly served as EPA Representative with various Water Quality Division Directors since 1998 and has served on the Budget and Priorities, Water and Sediment Quality and Natural Resources Uses Subcommittees. Prior to working for the EPA he was a lobbyist for the National Cattlemen's Association and a legislative assistant for U.S. Senator Phil Gramm.

**John Huffman**

**Representing the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service**

**Education:** University of Houston at Clear Lake, B.S., M.S., Environmental Science

**Responsibilities:** Coastal Program Coordinator for United States Fish and Wildlife Service. He is responsible for coordinating habitat restoration projects along the entire Texas Gulf Coast. Prior to his work at USFWS he was an ecologist for PBS&J Consulting and a coastal biologist for the Texas General Land Office.

**Program Involvement:** Appointed by USFWS in 2004 and is being appointed to continue representing the Service.

**Jennifer Bailey**

**Representing the Texas Department of Agriculture**

**Education:** Prairie View A&M University, B.S. Agriculture Economics; M.S. Agriculture Economics

**Responsibilities:** Serves as the Gulf Coast Regional Director and oversees all programs and divisions related to the Texas Department of Agriculture. These divisions include programs in marketing, pesticides and regulatory enforcement.

**Program Involvement:** Appointed by TDA in 2007, but has not been confirmed.

**Nominee to be determined by the Texas General Land Office**

**Representing the Texas General Land Office**

**Education:**

**Responsibilities:**

**Program Involvement:**

**Kirk Wiles**

**Representing the Texas Department of State Health Services**

**Education:** Texas A&M, B.S.

**Responsibilities:** Serves as the Manager of the Seafood and Aquatic Life Group. Responsibilities include, regulating the Texas seafood industry and issuing seafood consumption advisories for Texas. Has been employed by TDSHS, formerly Texas Department of Health, for 32 years.

**Program Involvement:** Appointed by TDSHS in 1995, and is being appointed to continue to represent TDSHS. Also participates on the Monitoring and Water/Sediment Quality Subcommittees of the Council. Previously involved in the Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee during *Plan* development (1990-1994).

**Gail Rothe**

**Representing the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality**

**Education:** University of Texas, B.A. Biology, Cornell University, M.S. Nutritional Epidemiology

**Responsibilities:** Coastal and Estuary Programs Coordinator/TCEQ. Coordinate the work of the Galveston Bay Estuary Program and the Coastal Bend Bays and Estuary Program with the Austin office of the TCEQ. Represent TCEQ during the multi-agency staff-level deliberations for funding decisions for the Coastal Management Program and the Coastal Impact Assistance Program. Previously worked in the Total Maximum Daily Load Program and the Clean Rivers Program. Managed the Clean Water Act Categorical 106 grant, which funded a wide range of water program activities.

**Program Involvement:** Appointed in 2009, but has not been confirmed. Participation on the Budget and Planning subcommittee since January 2008. Represented Division Director at previous Council meetings.

**Rebecca Hensley**

**Representing the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department-Coastal Fisheries**

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**Rebecca Hensley**

**Representing the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department-Coastal Fisheries**

**Education:** University of Texas, B.S., M.S., Biology

**Responsibilities:** Ecosystem Resources Program Director, under the Science and Policy Branch in Coastal Fisheries Division. Handles/coordinates TPWD coastal ecosystem issues (e.g., wetland and storm water permit response, freshwater inflow analyses, habitat conservation and mitigation, fish kill response and assessment, Coastal Expo events). Previously served as Galveston Bay Ecosystem Leader with TPWD Coastal Fisheries.

**Program Involvement:** Appointed by TPWD in 2008, but has not been confirmed.

### **Guy Grossman**

#### **Representing the Texas Railroad Commission**

**Education:** Texas A & M University B.S., Geology; University of St. Thomas M.B.A., Finance

**Responsibilities:** District Director for the Texas Railroad Commission (TRC). Management of the TRC's Oil and Gas Division # 3, which major functions are oil spills, safety, state funded plugging, state funded cleanup and other regulatory issues.

**Program Involvement:** Appointed by TRC in 2000 and is being appointed to continue representing TRC; served on the Science/Technical and Management Committee during Plan development.

### **Norm King**

#### **Representing the Texas Department of Transportation**

**Education:** Associates Degree from San Jacinto College, major Meteorology, Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Management from University of Houston a Clear Lake.

**Responsibilities:** Manager, Ecological Resources Management Branch, TXDOT Environmental Affairs Division in Austin, Texas. He has 30 years experience in environmental compliance and permitting in private industry and government, 10 years of which have been with TXDOT.

**Program Involvement:** Appointed by TXDOT in 2001 and is being appointed to continue representing TXDOT.

### **Brian Koch**

#### **Representing the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board**

**Education:** Texas A & M University-Kingsville, B.S. Range and Wildlife Management

**Responsibilities:** Watershed Coordinator for the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board (TSSWCB). Current duties include providing technical assistance to watershed planning activities such as Watershed Protection Plans and Total Maximum Daily Load projects involving agricultural and silvicultural nonpoint source pollution and locating areas for potential Watershed Protection Plans in the TSSWCB Wharton Region which is comprised of 47 counties and 40 Soil and Water Conservation Districts in Southeast and South Central Texas.

**Program Involvement:** Appointed by TSSWCB in 2007 and is being appointed to continue representing TSSWCB.

## Carla Guthrie

### Representing the Texas Water Development Board

**Education:** Baylor University, B.S., Ecology; Texas Tech University, M.S., Ecology; University of Texas at Austin, PhD, Ecology, Evolution, Behavior

**Responsibilities:** Team Lead for the Bays and Estuaries Program in the Surface Water Resources Division of the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB). Responsibilities include supervising and leading program staff, as well as managing and coordinating studies addressing the freshwater inflow needs of Texas bays and estuaries. She participates in the Galveston Bay Freshwater Inflows Group, the statewide Freshwater Inflow Workgroup, the Senate Bill 3 process for environmental flows, and the San Antonio Bay Partnership Steering Committee.

**Program Involvement:** Appointed by TWDB in 2006 and is being appointed to continue representing TWDB.

## Carl Masterson

### Representing the Houston-Galveston Area Council

**Education:** Texas A&M University, B.S., Zoology

**Responsibilities:** Serves as the Regional Program Coordinator for the Houston-Galveston Area Council. Is a Mentor for junior staff, and a liaison for local, state, and federal representatives. A Member of the Greater Houston Partnership Water Resources Committee, Sam Houston Resource Conservation & Development Council Board, Water Environment Association of Texas, Water Environment Federation, and Texas Association of Environmental Professionals. Past experience includes serving as the Past President (1994-95) of the Texas Association of Environmental Professionals, Past President (1982-83) of the Water Environment Association of Texas, and Former Biologist for the Texas Water Quality Board (1970-76).

**Program Involvement:** Appointed by H-GAC in 1999 and is being appointed to continue representing H-GAC. Served as Galveston Bay Council Chair, 2007-2009. Also served on the Galveston Bay National Estuary Program Management Committee.

## Ceil Price

### Representing the City of Houston

**Education:** B.A., Duke University; J.D., University of Houston Law Center

**Responsibilities:** Advises city regarding environmental compliance and enforcement; areas of interest include drinking water, storm water, wastewater treatment and collection; floodplain management and brownfields.

**Program Involvement:** Appointed by the City of Houston in 2006 and is being appointed to continue representing the City of Houston.

## Dennis Harris

### Representing Medium Local Governments (pop 25,000>500,000)

**Education:** Parks and Recreation Administration, B.A., Prairie View A & M University

**Responsibilities:** Director for the Galveston County Department of Parks & Senior Services. As

Director, he is responsible for all County parks, community centers, boat ramps, County operated beaches and senior citizen services. He has been in the Parks profession for over 29 years. Prior to coming to Galveston County, he worked with the City of Houston Parks and Recreation department and City of Fort Worth Parks and Community Services department. He is a past President of the Texas Recreation and Parks Society and is currently a board member of the Texas Parks and Recreation Foundation, National Recreation Parks Association Ethnic Minority Society and a member of the Gulf Coast Park Director's Association.

**Program Involvement:** New nominee.

### **George Willcox**

#### **Representing Small Local Governments (pop <25,000)**

**Education:** Texas A&M, B.S., Animal Husbandry

**Responsibilities:** Currently serves as a consultant for the Chambers-Liberty Counties Navigation District and was General Manager for twelve years overseeing the district's agricultural irrigation system that contained 128, 000 acres of service area, predominantly used for rice production. He was also employed by Trinity Bay Conservation District as a Utility Superintendent and General Manager for seventeen years. He is a member of the American Water Works Association, Texas Water Conservation Association, Texas Irrigation Council, the Trinity River Authority Clean Rivers Steering Committee, the Board of Directors of Texas Water Conservation Association, the Region H Water Planning Group representing agriculture, the Houston-Galveston Area Council Natural Resources Advisory Committee.

**Program Involvement:** Nominated in 1999 by Judge Jimmy Sylvia, County Judge for Chambers County, to represent Small Local Governments. Due to his interest, expertise, and level of participation, he has been nominated to continue representing Small local Governments. Participates on the Galveston Bay Estuary Program's Natural Resource Uses Committee and the Galveston Bay Freshwater Inflows Group. A lifetime resident of Chambers County, a small rural county on the east side of the bay.

### **Richard M. Browning**

#### **Representing the Trinity River Authority**

**Education:** Southwestern University, B.S., Chemistry, Biology, University of Florida, Ph.D., Genetics

**Responsibilities:** Senior Manager, Planning & Environmental Division, Trinity River Authority. Responsibilities include master planning for the Trinity River basin, ambient water quality and water resource studies throughout the basin, cooperative ambient water monitoring and studies among cities and water agencies within the basin, and the Clean Rivers Program for the basin. Also a member of the Upper Trinity Water Quality Compact, the Water Environment Federation, and American Water Works Association.

**Program Involvement:** Appointed by TRA in 1995 and is being appointed to continue representing TRA. Served on the Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee of the Galveston Bay National Estuary Program, 1989-1994.

### **Garry McMahan**

#### **Representing the Port of Houston Authority**

**Education:** Marine Biology, B.S., Southwest Texas State University

**Responsibilities:** Garry McMahan is currently Program Coordinator for License and Permits at the Port

of Houston Authority (PHA). His recent employment at the Port follows an 11 year career with the Texas General Land Office (GLO) where he served as Director of the Upper Coast Field Office for 8 of those years. Garry's interest in Galveston Bay covers his whole life; from fishing Christmas Bay as a youngster, to restoring seagrass in West Bay while working at National Marine Fisheries Service and managing submerged lands at GLO and the Port.

**Program Involvement:** Appointed by Port of Houston Authority in 2009, but has not been confirmed.

**Michael D. Talbott, P.E.**

**Representing Large Local Governments (pop>500K)**

**Education:** Texas A&M University, B.S., Civil Engineering; University of Houston, M.S., Business Administration

**Responsibilities:** Director of the Harris County Flood Control District (HCFCD). Responsibilities include devising countywide flood damage reduction plans, implementing the plans and maintaining the infrastructure.

**Program Involvement:** Has represented Large Local Governments since in 1995 and is being nominated to continue. Served as Chair of the Council (2003-2005).

**Reed Eichelberger**

**Representing the San Jacinto River Authority**

**Education:** University of Houston, B.S.

**Responsibilities:** General Manager of the San Jacinto River Authority (SJRA).

**Program Involvement:** Has served on Galveston Bay Council since 2000.

**Glenda L. Callaway**

**Representing the Galveston Bay Foundation**

**Education:** University of Houston, B.S., M.S., Political Science

**Responsibilities:** A founding member and current emeritus trustee of the Galveston Bay Foundation. Also a local business owner where she provides services to clients in areas of socioeconomic analysis, environmental impact assessment and public involvement programs. Serves on the Bay and Basin Advisory Stakeholder Committee for the Trinity and San Jacinto River Basins and Galveston Bay; on the National Resources Advisory Council, Houston-Galveston Area Council; advisory trustee to the Bayou Preservation Association; current emeritus trustee; former chair, Galveston Bay Foundation

**Program Involvement:** Appointed by the Galveston Bay Foundation in 1995 and is being appointed to continue representing the Foundation. She served as Council Chair (1997-1998) and Vice-Chair of the Council (1995-1996) and was a Management Committee Member (1990-1994) during Plan development.

**Sharron L. Stewart**

**Representing the Citizens at Large**

**Education:** Texas Christian University, B.A., Education

**Responsibilities:** Currently serves on the Executive Committee of the Galveston Bay Foundation, Co – Chairs the Wetland Permit Review Committee, and is a founding Board Member. She is the immediate Past President of the Cradle of Texas Conservancy. Has served as President of the Texas Environmental Coalition, and on the Boards of the Coastal Society, Texas Committee on Natural Resources, San Jacinto Lung Association, and on the Steering Committee of the Environmental Foresight Project. She participated in the negotiated rule making on natural resources (on behalf of the Estuary Program) for the Texas Oil Spill Act. Received 2 Presidential appointments to the National Committee on Oceans and Atmosphere. Has been appointed by Governors in the areas of Coastal Management, Deep Water Port Authority and the Gulf of Mexico Program. She served on the Executive Committee for the General Land Office’s development of the Coastal Management Program, and on their Marine Debris Steering Committee. For Parks and Wildlife, she served on the Artificial Reef Advisory Committee. She worked with the Keystone Center and Congress on the re - authorization of RECRA, the Clean Water Act, the creation of the Gulf of Mexico Program, Facility Siting and Plastics in the Marine Environment. For many years she has been active state wide and nationally on issues of coastal management, deep water ports, oil spills, habitat, wetland and estuarine protection. She testified before Congress on these issues.

**Program Involvement:** Nominated to represent citizens-at-large and is being nominated to serve a new term. Serves as Chairman of the Consistency Review Subcommittee, on the Budget and Priorities Subcommittee. Member of the Monitoring and Research, and the Citizens’ Participation Subcommittees. She was a Management Committee Member and Chaired the Citizens’ Participation Subcommittee during Plan development.

### Glenn Miller

#### Representing the Minority Representatives

**Education:** Sociology, Los Angeles City College

**Responsibilities:** Executive Director for the Nature Heritage Society, an urban natural resource education organization that focuses on education to inner city youth. Has been involved in community-based activities for over 30 years and has been involved with natural resource youth programs for 18 years. Currently responsible for providing natural resource education programs for schools, city and county parks centers in the Houston area and for natural resource agencies through Texas.

**Program Involvement:** Nominated by Council Nominations Committee and confirmed by the Commission in 2006 to represent minority communities and is being nominated to serve a full 4 year – term (2008-2011).

### Nancy Parra

#### Representing the League of Women Voters

**Education:** DePaul University, B.A.; University Of Chicago, PhD, English Language and Literature

**Responsibilities:** Currently serves on the League of Women Voters Board of Directors, is a member of the League’s Natural Resources Committee, and actively participates in the formation of the League’s positions on environmental and natural resources issues. Has been a past member of the Neartown Civic Association for six years and served as director, treasurer and vice president. She has also worked with the Rice Design Alliance and Blue Print Houston, acting as a facilitator at the recent Citizen’s Congress II.

**Program Involvement:** Appointed by the League of Women Voters in 2006 and is being appointed to continue representing the League.

## Jayo Washington

### Representing the Coastal Conservation Association

**Education:** University of Houston, B.A., Communications

**Responsibilities:** Director of Marketing at M.L. Wismer Distributing and Mayor of City of Shoreacres, 2006-2010. Has been a CCA member for 20 plus years; previously served as the CCAs Trinity Bay Chapter President and a member of the state communication committee. He is also a member and past President of the La Porte Rotary Club.

**Program Involvement:** Appointed to represent CCA in 2005.

## Albert Gonzales

### Representing the Low Income Community Representatives

**Education:** San Jacinto College, A.A., Business Administration

**Responsibilities:** Local small business owner (self-employed management consultant). Currently a member of the Pasadena Citizens Advisory Council since 1992, a current member of the National Association of Parliamentarians and Texas Democratic Party Parliamentarians.

**Program Involvement:** Served on Galveston Bay Council since 1999 and is being nominated to continue representing low income communities. Also participated on the Public Participation and Education Subcommittee, the Natural Resource Uses Subcommittee, the Water and Sediment Quality Subcommittee and the Invasive Species Workgroup.

## Linda Shead, P.E.

### Representing Other Conservation Organizations

**Education:** University of Texas at Austin, B.S., Engineering and Zoology

**Responsibilities:** Founding member of Texas Coastal Partners, a non-profit organization focused on preserving and enhancing natural resources of the Texas Coast. She serves as the Program Chair. Ms. Shead is also owner of Shead Conservation Solutions, established in summer 2009, and currently a subcontractor on two conservation programs in Chambers County. She has also consulted for other local and national nonprofit organizations. From 2002-2009, she was Program Director of the Coastal & Southeast Texas Office of the Trust for Public Land, providing strategic direction and overseeing conservation visioning, conservation transactions, conservation finance, and conservation outreach for the Houston-Galveston area and throughout the Texas coast. She implemented the Saving Our Coastal Heritage Program and the Southeast Texas Program to assist local governments in increasing public access to Galveston Bay, its tributaries, and other conservation lands, for public enjoyment, water quality protection, and wildlife. From 1989 to 2002, she was executive director of the Galveston Bay Foundation, a locally, regionally, state, and nationally recognized organization working for the Bay. Ms. Shead has represented bay interests on a variety of local, state, and federal committees, including the Galveston Bay Freshwater Inflows Group, the Outer Continental Shelf Policy Committee of the Minerals Management Service, the Citizens Advisory Committee of the Gulf of Mexico Program, the Federal Advisory Committee on Total Maximum Daily Loads, and the Natural Resources Advisory Committee of the Houston-Galveston Area Council.

**Program Involvement:** Has served on the Council since 2006 and has been a member on the Natural Resource Uses Committee since 2000.

## Chuck Wemple

### Representing Galveston County Economic Interest

**Education:** Geology, B.S., University of Montana

**Responsibilities:** Manager of the Gulf Coast Economic Development District and the H-GAC Economic Development Program. Previously served on GBEP subcommittees. Responsible for identifying opportunities to increase economic diversity and sustainability in the 13 county region (including all counties that border Galveston Bay), with an emphasis on local food, green industries, natural resources and tourism. Project experience includes mining, power generation, environmental investigation and remediation, wetlands delineation, permitting and disaster recovery. Background includes working in the private, non-profit, and government sectors.

**Program Involvement:** Nominated by the Gulf Coast Economic Development District and supported by Galveston County Judge Yarbrough in 2010.

## Jim Kachtick, P.E.

### Representing the Greater Houston Partnership

**Education:** University of Texas at Austin, B.S., Chemical Engineering; University Of Houston at Clear Lake, M.S., Environmental Management

**Responsibilities:** Former Environmental Manager for the southern region of Occidental Chemical Corporation (OCCs) through 2003. Served as OCCs representative on the GHPs Environmental Committee and is currently involved with GHP efforts as a volunteer. Also serves on the Gulf of Mexico Program's Management and Citizen's Advisory Committees (since 2000).

**Program Involvement:** Has served on the Galveston Bay Council since 1995 and served on the Galveston Bay Estuary Program Management Committee during Plan development. Also, served as the first Galveston Bay Council Chair (1995-1997).

## William Baker

### Representing the Utilities

**Education:** Texas A&M University, B.S., Wildlife & Fisheries Biology; University of Houston Clear Lake, M.S., Environmental Science

**Responsibilities:** Currently Manager of Ecological Services for RRI Energy. Prior to his 27 years in ecological resource management for the Environmental Dept. at RRI Energy and its predecessor companies, he worked 6 years as a Marine Biologist with the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department. As the ecological services manager, he is responsible for implementation of RRI Energy's National Environmental Partnership Program, providing guidance to RRI Energy land managers across the U.S. to encourage habitat enhancement and preservation of ecological resources, being active in the restoration of both estuarine and freshwater wetlands, prairies, forests, and reef habitats across the U.S., evaluating impingement and entrainment impacts at power plant intake systems, providing corporate guidance for threatened or endangered species, and sensitive habitat issues across the U.S., and managing the company's carbon sequestration assets and work with partners to develop new opportunities. He has been actively involved in community groups since the early 1990s. Affiliations include Chairman of the Texas Habitat Protection Advisory Panel for the Gulf of Mexico Fisheries Management Council, Member of the Harte Research Institute for Gulf of Mexico Studies Advisory Council, Secretary for Gulf Coast Bird Observatory Board of Trustees, Member of Armand Bayou

Nature Center Advisory Board, Member of Southern California Wetland Recovery Project Advisory Committee, Member of California Central Region Kelp Consortium, Member of Galveston Bay Foundation Executive Board of Trustees, and Member of American Fisheries Society.

**Program Involvement:** Member of Natural Resource Uses Subcommittee since 1995.

## Gregory Biddinger

### Representing the Industry

**Education:** Mt. St. Mary's College, B.S., Science Education, Indiana State University, PhD, Life Science (Ecology/Physiology), Cornell University, Post Doc. Ecological and Toxicology.

**Responsibilities:** Currently, Manager, Sustainability and Natural Land Management for the ExxonMobil U.S. Real Estate Strategy Study. His 24 year career with Exxon Mobil includes technical and management positions with ExxonMobil Biomedical Sciences, Inc. (1986-1993 and 2004-2009) and ExxonMobil Refining and Supply (1993-2004). He has previously held positions as section Head of Ecotoxicology, Refinery Environmental Manager, and Global Environmental Science Advisor and Program Coordinator for Natural Land Management, External to ExxonMobil, He has been a member of the U.S. EPA's Chartered Science Advisory Board (SAB) and currently participates on its ad hoc committee on Integration of Science into Decision Making. In addition to his work on SAB committees, he has been active in numerous expert panels and peer reviews for the U.S. EPA, OECD and SETAC. He has and continues to represent ExxonMobil with key land conservation groups such as the Land Trust Alliance, the Trust for Public Land and the Nature Conservancy.

**Program Involvement:** Served since 2007, and being nominated to serve a new term. Elected Vice Chair in January 2010.

## Helen Page

### Representing the Marinas

**Education:** Texas A&M University, B.S., Recreation, Parks and Tourism Science with a specialization in Wildlife Ecology and Management

**Responsibilities:** Manager of Marina Bay Harbor Yacht Club in Clear Lake Shores since 2002 and earned them certification under Clean Marina Program. She has a Galveston Bay Master Naturalist Certification and volunteers with the Galveston Bay Foundation (GBF) and the Clear Creek Environmental Foundation. She is a Director on the Board for the Marina Association of Texas (MAT) and is a member of the Clear Lake Marina Association. She has worked on the Boater Waste Education Campaign since 2007 with GBF and is currently working on the committee for the Upper Gulf Coast Oyster waters TMDL Implementation Plan.

**Program Involvement:** Served since 2007, and being nominated to serve a new term.

## Tracy Woody

### Representing the Commercial Fisheries

**Education:** 30 year OJT as an Oyster Farmer.

**Responsibilities:** Commercial Oysterman. Currently serves as Manager of Jeri's Seafood. He is also a member of the Trinity and San Jacinto Rivers and Galveston Bay and Basin Stakeholder Committee. He has serves as Justice of the Peace in Chambers county since 1995.

**Program Involvement:** New Nominee

## Ana Partin

### Representing the East Harris County Manufacturer's Association

**Education:** Texas A & I University, B.S., Chemical Engineering, University of Houston-Clear Lake, M.S., Mathematics

**Responsibilities:** Senior Environmental Engineer working on air, waste and wastewater issues for Georgia Gulf Chemicals and Vinyls, LLC since 1995. From 1988 to 1995, worked as process, design and environmental engineer for Exxon Mobil. Currently serves on the Texas Chemical Council's Air Conservation and Water and Waste Management committees.

**Program Involvement:** Appointed to represent EHCMA on the Galveston Bay Council in 2005.

## Hanadi Rafai

### Representing Major Universities

**Education:** American University of Beirut, B.E., Civil Engineering; Rice University, M.S., Environmental Engineering; Rice University, PhD, Environmental Engineering

**Responsibilities:** Professor in Civil and Environmental Engineering at University of Houston (main campus). Teaches courses in Computers, Engineering Design, Contaminant Fate and Transport and Geographic Information Systems or GIS. Research focused on studying and modeling industrial and municipal pollutants in urban and rural watersheds. Completed numerous studies for Galveston Bay over the past 15 yrs. Recently served on TCEQ task force for pathogen TMDLs. Served in the past on TCEQ committees to develop environmental guidance and policies.

**Program Involvement:** New Nominee

## John Jacob

### Representing Texas A&M Sea Grant Program

**Education:** Texas Tech University, B.S. & M.S.; Texas A&M University, Ph.D.

**Responsibilities:** Director, Texas Coastal Watershed Program, which provides education and outreach to local governments and citizens about the impact of land use on watershed health and water quality. Associate Professor, Department of Recreation, Park, and Tourism Sciences.

**Program Involvement:** Appointed in 2008, but has not been confirmed.

# TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



October 15, 2010

**A RESOLUTION** Appointing stakeholders to fill membership positions on the Galveston Bay Council, an advisory committee to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (the Commission) for the Galveston Bay Estuary Program; Docket No. 2010-1396-MIS.

**WHEREAS**, The Texas Water Code identifies the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality as the lead state agency for the implementation of *The Galveston Bay Plan*, a comprehensive conservation management plan developed under the National Estuary Program; and

**WHEREAS**, *The Galveston Bay Plan* specifies forty-one interest groups be represented to acquire the range of expertise and interest needed for effective comprehensive management; and

**WHEREAS**, *The Galveston Bay Plan* directs that the Galveston Bay Council be representative of federal, state, and local natural resource agencies, the research community, local government, citizen groups, including representatives from low income and minority communities, and other Galveston Bay stakeholders; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission appoints nominees for 4 year terms whose experience, expertise, and commitment will promote the implementation of *The Galveston Bay Plan*; and

**WHEREAS**, the number of stakeholders to hold membership on the Galveston Bay Council is forty-one; and

**WHEREAS**, the membership of the Galveston Bay Council conforms with the requirements of Section 320 of the Federal Clean Water Act by including representatives from the groups and organizations specified in the Act; and

**WHEREAS**, forty-one members of the Galveston Bay Council were originally appointed by the Commission by Order of Resolution on November 21, 1995; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 15, 2010, forty-one positions are to be filled by the persons listed in Attachment 1.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY** that those persons listed in Attachment 1 are approved with their terms expiring as noted on the attachment.

Issue date:

TEXAS COMMISSISON ON  
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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Bryan W. Shaw, Ph.D, Chairman