

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
AGENDA ITEM REQUEST

AGENDA REQUESTED: December 7, 2011

DATE OF REQUEST: November 18, 2011

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

CAPTION: Docket No. 2011-1360-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. Project No. 2011-063-MIS-NR (Monica Harris)

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Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

Interoffice Memorandum

To: Commissioners **Date:** November 18, 2011

Thru: Bridget Bohac, Chief Clerk
Mark R. Vickery, P.G., Executive Director

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

Docket No.: 2011-1360-MIS

Subject: Commission Approval of Resolution to Fill Membership Positions on the Galveston Bay Council
Rule Project No. 2011-063-MIS-NR

Background:

The resolution is submitted for the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (commission) to consider filling 24 of the 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 four-year terms. The terms are staggered such that only half of the terms expire at the same time. Nominees submitted for approval will fill positions for the November 2011 to November 2015, four-year term, and vacancies created due to retirements for the November 2009 to November 2013, four-year term.

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

Galveston Bay Council Composition:

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

- 1) **Named Entities:** State and federal agencies, regional entities, and other named entities identified in *The 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.

Nominations for positions falling under category 2 are solicited and reviewed by the GBC 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 GBC 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, § 5.107. In addition, the commission is charged with implementing *The Plan* as outlined in the Texas Estuaries Act, under Texas Water Code, §§5.601 - 5.609.

The Plan directs that the GBC 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 Clean Water Act, §320 by including representatives from the groups and organizations specified in the Clean Water 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?

The commission is charged with implementing *The Plan*. *The Plan* calls for creation of the GBC to guide implementation. Maintaining appropriate membership on the GBC ensures

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compliance of *The Plan* and facilitates effective comprehensive management of Galveston Bay.

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

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

Key points in the proposal rulemaking schedule:

Anticipated Agenda date: December 7, 2011

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Attachments

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Attachment 1: List of Nominees for Galveston Bay Council 2011-2015

| Type Of Organization | Interest Represented | Appointee/Nominee | 4-Year Term |
|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------|------------------|
| Federal Agencies: | U.S. Coast Guard | Thomas Cole | 2011-2015 |
| | U.S. Geological Survey | Mike Turco | 2011-2015 |
| | National Marine Fisheries Service | Heather Young | 2011-2015 |
| | Natural Resources Conservation Service | Scott Alford | 2011-2015 |
| State Agencies: | Texas Department of Agriculture | Jennifer Bailey | 2011-2015 |
| | Texas General Land Office | Kate Zultner | 2011-2015 |
| | Texas Department of State Health Services | Kirk Wiles | 2011-2015 |
| | Texas Commission on Environmental Quality | Kelly Holligan | 2011-2015 |
| | Texas Parks & Wildlife Department | Rebecca Hensley | 2011-2015 |
| | Texas Railroad Commission | Randall Johnson* | 2009-2013 |
| | Texas Department of Transportation | David Nuckels* | 2009-2013 |
| Regional/Local Governments | Gulf Coast Waste Disposal Authority | Lori Traweek | 2011-2015 |
| | Houston-Galveston Area Council | Jeff Taebel | 2011-2015 |
| | City of Houston | Ceil Price | 2011-2015 |
| | Medium Local Governments - pop 25K- 500K (Galveston County) | Dennis Harris | 2011-2015 |
| | Small Local Governments - pop <25,000 (Chambers County) | Mary Beth Stegler | 2011-2015 |
| | Trinity River Authority | Glenn Clingenpeel | 2011-2015 |
| Environmental/Citizen's Groups | Galveston Bay Foundation | Glenda Callaway | 2011-2015 |
| | Citizens-at-Large (Brazoria County) | Sharron L. Stewart | 2011-2015 |
| | Minority Community Representative (Harris County-Nature Heritage Society) | Glenn Miller | 2011-2015 |
| | League of Women Voters | Nancy Parra | 2011-2015 |
| Private Sector: | Galveston County Economic Alliance | Chuck Wemple | 2011-2015 |
| | Greater Houston Partnership | Beth Etherage* | 2009-2013 |
| Research/Academia: | Major Universities (University of Houston) | Hanadi Rafai | 2011-2015 |

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

Group 2 positions are nominated by existing members of the GBC, 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 appointment to complete the existing 2009-2013 term.

Attachment 2: Biographical Information for Attachment 1

Thomas Cole

Representing the U. S. Coast Guard

Education: University of Texas, B.A., English. Graduated from the Chief Petty Officers Academy of the United States Coast Guard.

Responsibilities: Mr. Cole has provided over 15 years of active duty service in the U. S. Coast Guard roughly split between the Texas Gulf Coast and the Caribbean. He provides daily Response and Prevention mission support, encompassing spill investigation/ response, waterways management, facility inspections, container inspections, explosives handling and port state control examinations. Handles weekend after-hours vessel inspections and pollution response as a Marine Inspector and Federal On Scene Coordinator's Representative.

Program Involvement: New Nominee, recommended for 2011-2015 term.

Michael Turco

Representing the United States Geological Survey (USGS)

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 of 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 and is being recommended for a 2011-2015 term.

Heather Young

Representing the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS)

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 NMFS 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 recommended for a 2011-2015 term.

Scott Alford

Representing the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

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 and is being recommended for a 2011-2015 term.

Jennifer Bailey

Representing the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA)

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 TDA. These divisions include programs in marketing, pesticides and regulatory enforcement.

Program Involvement: Appointed by TDA in 2007 and is being recommended for a 2011-2015 term.

Kate Zultner

Representing the Texas General Land Office (GLO)

Education: B.A., Environmental Analysis, Boston University

Responsibilities: Currently serves as the Consistency Review Coordinator for the Texas Coastal Management Program. Additionally, serves as the coastal resources legislative liaison and helps manage grants received under GLO's Coastal Management Program. Previously worked in Washington, D.C. for the Coastal States Organization (CSO) which represents the 34 coastal states on ocean and coastal issues to Congress, the Administration and other stakeholders. At CSO she served as the Policy Coordinator working with the states on renewable energy issues and holding stakeholder meetings with the Regional Associations on advancing Integrated Ocean Observing Systems, and was also responsible for managing CSO's grants and program budget. As a part of the work on renewable energy, she served on CSO's Coastal and Marine Renewable Energy Workgroup.

Program Involvement: Appointed by GLO in 2009 and is being recommended for a 2011-2015 term.

Kirk Wiles

Representing the Texas Department of State Health Services (TDSHS)

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 recommended for a 2011-2015 term. 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).

Kelly Holligan

Representing the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)

Education: B.S. in Wildlife and Fisheries, Texas A&M University

Responsibilities: Serves as the director of the TCEQ's Water Quality Planning Division. In his capacity he is responsible for the water quality standards; surface water quality monitoring; Clean Rivers Program; bays and estuaries programs; TMDL Program; Non-Point Source (319) Program; and the Houston Laboratory. Mr. Holligan is a 21-year TCEQ veteran with technical experience in the agency's water quality programs.

Program Involvement: New nominee, recommended for a 2011-2015 term.

Rebecca Hensley

Representing the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD)- 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 and is being recommended for a 2011-2015 term.

Randall Johnson

Representing the Texas Railroad Commission (TRC)

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

Responsibilities: District Director for the TRC. Management of the TRC's Oil and Gas Division # 3. Major functions of the division are oil spills, safety, state funded plugging, state funded cleanup and other regulatory issues.

Program Involvement: New nominee to complete the existing 2009-2013 term.

David Nuckels

Representing the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT)

Education: B.S., Rangeland Ecology and Management, Texas A&M University; M.Ag., Natural Resources Development, Texas A&M University

Responsibilities: Water resources specialist and staff biologist for Ecological Resources Management Branch of TXDOT's Environmental Affairs Division. Formerly served as TXDOT's staff level liaison to the Coastal Coordination Council/Executive Council, and was a member of the permit assistance group with the CCC/Tx. General Land Office. Also led the storm water advisory team for TXDOT's construction site storm water inspection program, and reviewed grant proposals for TXDOT's involvement in the Coastal Impact Assistance and Coastal Management programs.

Program Involvement: New nominee to complete the existing 2009-2013 term.

Lori Traweek

Representing the Gulf Coast Waste Disposal Authority (GCWDA)

Education: University of Southwestern Louisiana, B.S., Aquatic and Fisheries Biology

Responsibilities: Serves as Manager of General Operations for the GCWDA and is responsible for the operations of three industrial wastewater facilities, an industrial solid waste landfill, a trucked-in waste receiving station and GCWDA's central laboratory. Employed with GCWDA for 18 years.

Program Involvement: Appointed to represent GCWDA on the council in 1999 and is being recommended for a 2011-2015 term. Served as Council Vice Chair from 2004-2006 and was Council Chair from 2006-2008. Also participates on the Research and Water/Sediment Quality Subcommittee and Budget and Priorities Subcommittee.

Jeff Taebel

Representing the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC)

Education: Master of Urban Planning, Texas A&M University, and a B.S. in Life Sciences, University of Nebraska

Responsibilities: Is Director of Community and Environmental Planning at the H-GAC. He oversees the agency's community and environmental planning, socioeconomic modeling, economic development and community enhancement initiatives. He has 25 years of experience in urban and regional planning, including 21 in his current position. Actively involved in community service, professional development and planning education. Jeff is a former President of the Texas Chapter of the American Planning Association and in 2008 was inducted as a Fellow of the American Institute of Certified Planners. He also serves as an Adjunct Faculty member of the Graduate Community Development Program at Prairie View A&M University.

Program Involvement: Appointed by H-GAC in 2010 and is being recommended for a 2011-2015 term.

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 recommended for a 2011-2015 term.

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: Nominated and confirmed in 2010 and is being recommended for a 2011-2015 term.

Mary Beth Stegler

Representing Small Local Governments (pop <25,000)

Education: Anahuac High School, 1973

Responsibilities: Currently General Manger of the Chambers-Liberty Counties Navigation District. Chambers-Liberty Counties Navigation District has two major functions, navigation and water supply, and is the local sponsor for five shallow draft dredging projects within the district as well as fresh water supplier for local municipalities and rice production.

Program Involvement: New nominee, recommended for a 2011-2015 term.

Glenn Clingenpeel

Representing the Trinity River Authority (TRA)

Education: University of Texas, B.A., B.S., Biology. University of North Texas, M.S., Environmental Sciences, University of Texas at Arlington, M.A., Business Administration

Responsibilities: Senior Manager, Planning & Environmental Management Division, Trinity River Authority of Texas. He joined the Trinity River Authority in April 1998 and has served in a number of positions including the Clean Rivers Program Coordinator and Executive Assistant to the General Manager. He serves on several local, state and federal committees including the North Central Texas Council of Governments Water Resources Council, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality's Surface Water Quality Standards Workgroup, and the EPA's Region 6 Technical Advisory Panel. He is currently a board member with the Water Environment Association of Texas where he chairs the Utility Management Committee.

Program Involvement: Appointed by TRA in 2011 and is being recommended to represent the Trinity River Authority for the 2011-2015 term.

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; and former chair, Galveston Bay Foundation.

Program Involvement: Appointed by the Galveston Bay Foundation in 1995 and is being recommended for a 2011-2015 term. 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 two 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 RCRA, 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 recommended for a 2011-2015 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 in 2006 and is being recommended for a 2011-2015 term.

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 recommended for a 2011-2015 term.

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 Houston-Galveston Area Council 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 and confirmed in 2010 and is being recommended for a 2011-2015 term.

Beth Etherage

Representing the Greater Houston Partnership (GHP)

Education: Texas A&M University, B.S., Bioenvironmental Sciences; Texas A&M University, M.Ag., Natural Resources Development

Responsibilities: Responsibilities: Currently employed as Manager of Energy and Environment Public Policy at the GHP. Previously employed as an Environmental Specialist for Michael Baker, Jr., Inc. Performed environmental impact analyses on various proposed TxDOT projects in the bay region. Coordinated policy advocacy efforts on behalf of GHP members on a number of water issues including the preservation of environmental flows for Trinity and San Jacinto Rivers and Galveston Bay system.

Program Involvement: New nominee to complete the existing 2009-2013 term.

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: Nominated and confirmed in 2010 and is being recommended for a 2011-2015 term.

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



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. 2011-1360-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 four 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 November 16, 2011, twenty-four of the 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

Bryan W. Shaw, Ph.D., Chairman