

Trinity and San Jacinto River Basins and Galveston Bay  
Basin and Bay Area Stakeholder Committee  
Wednesday, January 6, 2010 at 1:00 pm  
San Jacinto River Authority Offices  
Conroe, Texas

**Meeting Minutes**

**Call to order**

Chairman Vance called the meeting to order and all attending members introduced themselves.

**Approval of meeting minutes**

Minutes from the previous meeting were approved with no changes.

**Public Comment**

None.

**Resignation of James Murray/Consideration of Glynna Leiper**

Glynna Leiper was not present at the meeting, so this item was postponed.

**Subcommittee Update on Facilitation Services**

Ken Kramer reported that facilitation funds available from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service would only amount to \$5,000-\$10,000, leaving the need for an additional \$20,000-\$25,000. His conversation with SAC chairman Bob Huston revealed that any funding from the SAC was unlikely. For the time being, progress on acquiring sufficient funding for facilitation services is at a standstill.

**BBEST Recommendations Report – Freshwater Inflows to Galveston Bay**

BBEST chairman Dr. Bill Espey gave a brief history of the development of the freshwater inflows recommendations. BBEST vice-chairman Dr. Jim Lester presented inflow recommendations based on a salinity zonation approach that were endorsed by eight of the 15 BBEST members. Representing a majority of the remainder of the BBEST, member Tony Smith then presented a critique of the salinity zonation approach and explained the “minority” group’s endorsement of inflow targets developed by the Galveston Bay Freshwater Inflows Group and recommended by the Region H water planning group. Comments from various BBEST members and questions from various stakeholder members followed the presentations.

**Public Comments**

One individual asked Dr. Lester what was meant by “some habitat” when he made statements in his presentation that there is a certain probability that some habitat will be suitable. Dr. Lester explained that it’s simply greater than zero.

**Agenda Topics for Next Committee Meeting**

Two presentations will be given on the BBEST recommendations for instream flows at the upcoming meeting on February 3<sup>rd</sup>. In addition, the committee will review their charge and discuss how to accomplish it in the given timeframe. The meeting after next was set for February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1:00 pm at the San Jacinto River Authority office.

**Adjourn**