

**MEETING OF THE NUECES RIVER AND CORPUS CHRISTI BAY AND
BAFFIN BAY BASIN AND BAY AREA STAKEHOLDERS COMMITTEE
(NUECES BBASC)**

10:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

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MINUTES

**Call to order, roll call, and review membership and authorize changes
as necessary**

Chairman Mims called the meeting to order. Roll call and a quorum was reached. A review of the current membership was discussed. Vacancies of the various interest groups were discussed:

- recreational water users (upper basin)
- municipal (upper basin)
- commercial fisheries (lower basin)
- electrical generation (upper basin)

By consensus the members agreed to attempt to fill these vacancies, however, if a reasonable effort was made to find candidates or if a candidate is not found or not available, the position will remain vacant.

Elect officers for Calendar Year 2010

After discussion, Con Mims was nominated for committee chair and James Dodson was nominated as committee vice-chair. By consensus the committee members approved these nominations.

**Presentation on City of Corpus Christi's regional water supply
program**

Member Gus Gonzalez, city of Corpus Christi, provided an overview of Corpus Christi's water supply and water planning. He discussed background for region N water planning, the city's regional water supply, and opportunities and their impacts. He also noted sources of water, discussed raw and treated water customer, as well as raw water status and trends.

**Presentation on accomplishments of the Nueces Estuary Advisory
Council and the Agreed Order and discussion on how this will be used**

Member Ray Allen, Coastal Bend Bays and Estuaries Program, discussed the agreed orders that created the Nueces Estuary Advisory Council, providing background and perspective. He also discussed the history of Nueces delta water projects.

Comments from Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

Cory Horan, TCEQ gave a brief update on environmental flow activities across the state, noting the environmental flow recommendation reports from the Trinity/San Jacinto and Sabine/Neches BBESTs had been submitted to the EFAG, the TCEQ, and their related BBASC.

Comments from Texas Environmental Flows Science Advisory Committee Liaison, Paul Montagna, on completed BBEST reports

Dr. Paul Montagna provided an overview of the SAC process and charges of each group. He noted the the deadline for the SAC to provide comments on the submitted BBEST reports was in February 2010.

BBEST Budget Discussion

Ruben Solis, TWDB, discussed funding for the SB3 BBESTs. He noted that funding wasn't allocated for the Nueces BBEST as they will not be created until the next fiscal biennium. He noted that the BBEST would be allocated \$188,000 for fiscal year 2011.

Discussion and appropriate action on selection of Basin and Bay Expert Science Team (BBEST) members

Vice-chair James Dodson discussed the activities of the BBEST selection work group. He identified the various areas of expertise the that the subcommittee was focusing on. He explained that the next setps were to distribute nomination forms to gather additional nominees, and that these would be compiled and distributed to BBASC members, with the formal selection to occur at the April committee meeting. The subcommittee has recommended that the BBEST be made of 12 members. March 31, 2010 will be the deadline for submission of nominations.

Discuss time and location for next meeting

The next committee meeting is scheduled for April 21, 2010 at 10:00 am. The meeting will be held in the upper basin, specific location TBD.

Potential agenda items include:

- Report from BBEST selection subcommittee
- BBEST selection
- Regional presentations
 - Edwards Aquifer recharge structures
 - Region L plan as it affects the Nueces basin
 - Instream ecology of upper basin
- Discussion of SAC implementation guidance