

**Colorado and Lavaca Rivers and Matagorda and Lavaca Bays
Basin and Bay Area Stakeholder Committee (BBASC) meeting**

Thursday, November 21, 2013 at 10:00 am
LCRA's Eastern Maintenance Facility, 104 E. State Hwy 71 Bypass
La Grange, TX 78945

MINUTES

Members Present: Myron Hess, Vice-Chair; Doug Anders for Pat Brzozowski; Karen Bondy; Steve Box for Andrew Sansom; Jim Dailey; Jeff Fox for Teresa Lutes; John Hoffman for Joe King; Neil Hudgins for Ronald Gertson; Frank Lewis; Jack Maloney; Buddy Treybig

Call to Order and Introductions

BBASC vice-chair Myron Hess called the meeting to order. The members and alternates present introduced themselves.

Discussion and Agreement on Agenda

The members agreed to accept the agenda as presented.

Public Comment

none

BBASC Vacancies and Member Contact Information

BBASC vice-chair Myron Hess informed the members that Bob Pickens representing public interests had resigned. Members agreed to a December 16th, 2013 nomination deadline for a replacement. TCEQ will send the vacancy announcement and nomination form to the BBASC. In addition, TCEQ circulated the current BBASC contact list and requested members review and revise their contact information as necessary.

Overview of Legislature Adopted Funding for Work Plan Implementation & SAC's Recommendations to the EFAG

Ruben Solis, TWDB gave a brief overview on the status of the potential funding from the legislature adopted Rider in the Appropriations Bill that provided \$2.0 million during the next biennium for the purpose of continued study of environmental and instream flows for basins. The Guadalupe/San Antonio basin is allocated \$750,000 in that Rider. Mr. Solis explained that the SAC's letter to the Environmental Flows Advisory Group (EFAG), dated September 10th, 2013, recommended an even split of \$312,500 between the four additional eflow's basins (Colorado/Lavaca, Brazos, Nueces, Trinity/San Jacinto) deemed appropriate to be considered for funding. Mr. Solis explained that the funds would have to be spent and all work completed by the end of the biennium (i.e. August 2015). Mr. Solis suggested that stakeholders focus on prioritizing work plan projects in accordance with the SAC's funding recommendations for projects as well as develop scopes of work and scoring criteria for received proposals. He stated that TWDB will assist stakeholder groups by soliciting proposals and administering contracts. He also noted that persons directly involved in developing and scoring scopes of work likely would be considered ineligible to receive funding because of conflict of issue concerns. Members inquired as to when the EFAG would next meet to approve the funding and

Mr. Solis stated that no meeting has been scheduled. Mr. Solis also stated that the priority workplan items and scopes of work would need to be taken to the TWDB Board for approval. The TWDB would need the information from the stakeholders approximately one month prior to scheduled board meetings. Mr. Solis will provide the stakeholders with a schedule of future TWDB board meetings.

Discussion Regarding the Funding Process

BBASC Vice-chair Myron Hess stated that the group needed to decide which projects to prioritize and circulated the August 26, 2013 letter from the Patrick Brzozowski to the SAC identifying 4 priority workplan projects totaling \$580,000 as a starting point. After discussion of the best way to get value for the limited funding available, the stakeholders decided to direct \$250,000 to Task 12 Subpart 8 (Evaluate achievement of the BBEST freshwater inflow recommendations in Matagorda Bay and Lavaca Bay and ecological response to recent freshwater inflow quantities and distribution) and the remaining \$62,500 to Task 15 (Implement a program to review effectiveness of strategies that could be used where there may be inadequate amounts of water currently or in the future to support an ecologically sound stream or estuary). A workgroup was created consisting of Myron Hess, Bryan Cook, Steve Box, Buddy Treybig and Patrick Brzozowski to develop specific scopes of work for the two workplan items to be used as the basis for requests for proposals. The work group is tasked with having the draft scopes of work ready for consideration for approval by the BBASC in an anticipated upcoming conference call meeting. The group will also need to propose selection criteria for use in rating proposals. Vice-chair Hess mentioned that the BBASC may choose to add members to the workgroup to score the proposals received by the TWDB or may want to create a new work group for that purpose.

Additional Items

None

Public Comment

none

Set Next meeting Date, Time and Location

A teleconference will be scheduled, potentially during the week of December 16-20 or December 30-January 3 to act on the public interest vacancy and the approval of specific scopes of work and selection criteria.

Meeting Adjourned