

**Guadalupe, San Antonio, Mission, and Aransas Rivers and Mission,  
Copano, Aransas, and San Antonio Bays Basin and Bay Area Stakeholder  
Committee (BBASC) meeting**

Friday, April 11, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.

GBRA River Annex, 905 Nolan Street, Seguin, TX

**MINUTES**

**Members Present**

Suzanne Scott, Chair; Tyson Broad; Doris Cooksey; Milan Michalec; James Lee Murphy; Mike Peters; Jennifer Ellis; Garrett Engelking; Josh Gray; Steve Raabe (for Con Mims)

**Attended by Teleconference**

Diane Wassenich, Vice-Chair; David Mauk; Thurman Clements; Hope Wells (for Robert Puente); James Dodson

**Public Comment**

No public comments were made at this time.

**Discussion and Agreement on Agenda**

The members agreed to accept the agenda as presented.

**Approval of Minutes from November 21, 2013 Meeting**

Since a quorum was not present, approval of the November 21<sup>st</sup> draft meeting minutes will be postponed till the next meeting.

**Discussion and Appropriate Action Regarding**

**(a) RFQ Evaluation Team Recommendations**

Tyson Broad presented an overview of the Evaluation Team's work-to-date on scoring received proposals. He described the process by which the evaluation team scored proposals as well as provided a synopsis of each selected proposal for the five areas of study advertised in the RFQ. He stated that the evaluation team individually scored proposals and submitted their scores to TWDB. Once TWDB presented the ranked results back to the evaluation team, members were only allowed to discuss whether top-ranked proposals were responsive to the original RFQ. All top-ranked proposals were considered responsive and were selected to enter into negotiations with TWDB and GSA BBASC. The selected top-ranked proposals are as follows:

- Study 1 - Texas Instream Flow Program Studies
  - Contractor(s): San Antonio River Authority (SARA), BioWest, Texas State University
  - The proposal will expand on the Texas Instream Flow Program Studies ongoing within the two basins but will focus on hypothesis testing and validation of the adopted environmental flow standards. SARA provided an additional \$30,000 in funding for the project.
- Study 2 – Lower Basin/Estuarine Inflow Studies
  - Contractor(s): UTA-University of Texas at Austin (UTA)

- Proposed using recently collected lidar data to refine hydrodynamic modeling in the lower basin.
- Study 3 – *Rangia* Clam Investigations
  - Contractor(s): [UTMSI University of Texas – Marine Science Institute \(UTMSI\)](#), BioWest, SARA
  - Proposed a *Rangia* clam study using remote sensing and shell growth rings to determine shifts in the distribution of populations through time. An additional \$20,000 in cofunding is being provided by SARA.
- Study 4 – Key Estuarine Faunal Species Studies
  - Contractor(s): UTMSI
  - Proposed a more extensive literature review with regard to the life history dynamics of white shrimp and blue crabs as well as MRA time series modeling. George Ward recently completed a literature review of blue crab data and published his findings.
- Study 5 – Strategy Options for Meeting Attainment Frequencies for the Estuaries
  - Contractor(s): Joe Trungale, [Trungale Engineering & Science \(TES\)](#), [San Antonio Bay Partnership \(SABP\)-NWF](#)
  - Proposed a strategy to evaluate acquiring water rights to dedicate to environmental flows. This project will use modeling to determine yield of junior and senior water rights to environmental flows as well as the potential of aquifer storage and recharge (ASR) to amplify return.

**(b) Negotiation Participants**

Nolan Ralphelt, TWDB, indicated that while input from all BBASC members concerning the negotiated scopes of work would be beneficial, only one person would be allowed to act as a representative for the group and participate in negotiations. TWDB also indicated that comments concerning negotiations should remain confidential between BBASC members. Gregg Eckhart, GSA BBEST member, was selected to represent the GSA BBASC during negotiations and members agreed to provide comments via email. No members present expressed concern or objected to this proposed process.

**Discussion on Study Teams Reporting to the BBASC**

Suzanne Scott suggested that contractors be required to present their proposals and results to the full BBASC at milestones during their respective projects (i.e. at the beginning, mid-point, and upon completion the studies). Steve Raabe further suggested that the presentations be staggered and that the mid-point presentation be a significant milestone in the project. Members present were supportive of these suggestions and agreed that study team presentations should be requested during negotiations.

**Next meeting Date, Time and Location**

TBD

**Agenda Items for Future Consideration**

Study team presentations will be scheduled as future meeting dates are determined.

**Public Comment**

Nueces BBASC member, Tom Ballou, suggested revising meeting rules to allow for the GSA BBASC to meet and achieve quorum via conference call.

**Meeting Adjourned**