

Leon River Bacteria  
Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL)  
Meeting - 6/28/06  
Hamilton, Texas

Attendees:

Aaron	Wendt	TX State Soil & Water Conservation Board
Bill	Flannery	City of Comanche
Bob	Whitney	TX Coop Ext Service - Comanche County
Bruce	Lesikar	Texas Cooperative Extension Service
Carolyn	Smith	Land Owner
Carrol	Seago	Land Owner
Clint	Wolfe	Texas Water Resources Institute
Daren	Harmel	USDA-NRS
Donna	Long	TX State Soil & Water Conservation Board
Frank	Valleman	Wildcat Dairy
Fred	Weaver	City of Gatesville
Hall	DeBusk	Hamilton-Coryell Soil & Water Cons Dist
James & Sue	Lester	
Jay	Bragg	Brazos River Authority
Jim & Sheron	Kenton	Land Owner
John	Foster	TX State Soil & Water Conservation Board
Jonas	Miller	U.S. Congress/John Carter/Congressional Affairs
Lial	Tischler	Consultant, Texas Assoc of Dairymen
Mel	Vargas	Parson's Engineering
Norman	Mullin	Enviro-Ag Engineering
Representative Sid	Miller	Texas House of Representatives - District 59
Richard	Eyster	Texas Department of Agriculture
Robert	Ozment	TCEQ – Region 9 (WACO)
Rodney	Stephens	Land Owner
Ted	Simpson	NRCS
The Honorable Fred	Cox	Hamilton County Judge
Whit H	Weems	Texas Cooperative Extension - Hamilton County
Laurie	Fleet	TX State Soil & Water Conservation Board
Roy	Rumsey	Mayor – City of Hamilton
Joe	McMale	Enviro-Ag Engineering
Juanita	Anders	MN Ranch
Lucas	Gregory	Texas Water Resources Institute
Don	Brandenberger	TX State Soil & Water Conservation Board
Charlie	Upchurch	TX State Soil & Water Conservation Board
Steve	Jones	TX State Soil & Water Conservation Board
Marti	Ischy	
Paul	Pettit	
Winona	Henry	TCEQ – Abeline Region
Chris	Miller	TCEQ – Abeline Region

Rick	Webb	Enviro-Ag Engineering
Marvin	Reavis	City of Gustine/Circle T Arena
Carson	Loving	Dairy Industry
Fred	Sprague	Farm Bureau

TCEQ Project and Contract Staff:

Kerry	Nieman
Faith	Hambleton
Clyde	Bohmfolk
Earlene	Lambeth
James Miertschin	James Miertschin & Associates

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## Stakeholder Meeting Agenda

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**Texas Commission on Environmental Quality**  
REGARDING  
**Leon River Bacteria**  
**Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Project**

**June 28, 2006**  
**Lee Conference Center**  
**114 East Main Street**  
**Hamilton, TX**  
**1:30 PM – 3:30 PM**

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The purpose of the meeting is to inform the stakeholders of the status of work for a TMDL Project on the Leon River and to provide an opportunity for input. Because of time limits, this meeting is about the Leon River Bacteria TMDL Project work only. If other issues arise, we will see that they are passed along to the appropriate individual(s). (Time Allotments Are Approximate)

### Preliminary Steps

Welcome/Meeting Logistics	(1:30 – 1:35)
Introduction of Participants	(1:35 – 1:45)
Meeting Purpose and Ground Rules	(1:45 – 1:55)

### Discussion of TMDL & 2<sup>nd</sup> Round of Model Comments

Sensitivity Analysis	(1:55 – 2:30)
TCEQ Responses to 2 <sup>nd</sup> Round of Model Comments	(2:30 – 3:15)

### Next Steps

Model Revisions/Standing Issues/Model Finalization	(3:15 – 3:30)
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*Adjourn*

Judge Fred Cox of Hamilton, Texas opened the meeting with introductions of various stakeholders of the Leon River TMDL meeting. Earlene Lambeth thanked the Texas Land Bank of Lampasas for providing the stakeholder with refreshments. After self-introductions the meeting was turned over to the TCEQ, TMDL Project Manager, Kerry Niemann. Kerry thanked the stakeholders for their continued involvement and comments and said the purpose of the days' meeting was to go through the second round of responses and comments on the draft report created through the Technical Committee. A copy of the comment table was distributed and a review and discussion was presented comment by comment. See web site below for a copy of the table.

<http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/assets/public/implementation/water/tmdl/34leon/34-leoncommround2.pdf>

and

[http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/implementation/water/tmdl/34-leon\\_group.html#documents](http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/implementation/water/tmdl/34-leon_group.html#documents)

A suggestion was made by one of the stakeholders to begin to organize to petition the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to have the Leon River TMDL reflect a non-contact recreation water-body. Faith reminded the stakeholders that the TCEQ would have to write the TMDL according to the current standard that is in place but that the TMDL could make recommendations for a change.

Another stakeholder reminded the group that the water quality standard process is a very different and separate regulatory and public process than the TMDL process. It was suggested to package the strategy to change the standard to adhere to the separate state regulatory processes. The suggestion was made by the stakeholder to get into the standard revision process and not to attach it to the TMDL process because there will not be as much leverage and reaction or response if it is done under the TMDL process. It was decided that a separate group would need to be formed for the standard request change. Another stakeholder reminded the TMDL stakeholder committee that not all the public or stakeholders were represented at the TMDL meeting being held that day and a new public outreach effort should be made to ensure all of the stakeholders in the watershed would be in agreement to changing the standard to non-contact.

Kerry pointed out that everyone involved had gone through a rigorous process of addressing comments and making changes to the model that reflects stakeholder comments.

The meeting was adjourned.