Minutes
November 15, 2005 & December 1, 2005 Meetings
Trinity River Bacteria TMDL Project
Initial Public Meetings
Arlington, Texas & Ennis, Texas

Potential Stakeholders Present:

Arlington, TX (Nov. 15, 2005)

Sam Brush - North Central Texas Council of Governments
James Cummings - City of Grand Prairie
Mark Ernst - Tarrant Regional Water District
Vicki Stokes -City of Fort Worth

Ennis, TX (Dec. 1, 2005)

Kristy Oates - U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resource Conservation Service (USDA-NRCS)
Dennis Reger - USDA-NRCS
Charles Slovak - City of Palmer
Chris Tolar - Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), Dallas
Aaron Wendt - Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board (TSSWCB)
Adam Whisenant - Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

Others Present:

Arlington, TX (Nov. 15, 2005)

Greg Ajemian - City of Dallas, Trinity River Corridor Project
Michael Brooks -USDA-NRCS, Arlington Service Center
Robert Hall - TxDOT, Dallas
Carla Kartmag - TxDOT
Glenn Lubke - USDA-NRCS, Forney Service Center
Jay McCurley - TxDOT, Dallas
Richard Talley - City of Fort Worth

Ennis, TX (Dec. 1, 2005)

Rich Mason - TxDOT
Don Noles - TxDOT
Trey Shanks - Freese and Nichols

Support Staff (Nov. 15 and Dec. 1, 2005):

Dania Drogolewicz - Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)
John Mummert - TCEQ, Region 4 Arlington
Larry Hauck - Texas Institute for Applied Environmental Research (TIAER)
Jeff Brister - TIAER

Administrative Issues

The initial public meeting of the Trinity River Bacteria Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) project met on Tuesday, November 15, 2005, from 6:00 PM -7:30 PM at the North Central Texas Council of Governments facility in Arlington, Texas. Because of the size of the project study area, a second public meeting of identical scope was conducted on Thursday, December 1, 2005, from 6:00 PM -7:15 PM in the Learning Center Room of the Ennis Public Library in Ennis, Texas. These

initial meetings were conducted to inform the public about the ongoing Trinity bacteria TMDL project, determine the extent of public interest, and recruit potential stakeholders. Larry Hauck, Assistant Director of Environmental Sciences at TIAER, opened the meetings, and self-introductions were made by support staff and attendees.

TMDL Overview

Dania Drogolewicz, TCEQ Project Manager, presented introductory material in order to familiarize attendees with the TMDL process. Ms. Drogolewicz discussed Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act and the process of water quality assessment. She also defined TMDLs, explained the function of TMDLs, and discussed the process involved in TMDL implementation.

Overview of the Trinity River Basin's Non-Support of Contact Recreation

Larry Hauck, TIAER, presented background information concerning the non-support of contact recreation use in segments 0806, 0841, and 0805 of the Trinity River. Dr. Hauck defined contact recreation use and discussed basic information concerning fecal coliform and *E.coli* bacteria. He also explained the process of bacteria culturing and how bacteria concentrations in water bodies are determined, *E. coli* criteria to protect contact recreation use, and assessment methodology to determine support or non-support of contact recreation use. Finally, he presented data that indicated why portions of all three segments did not support contract recreation and maps showing the non-support reaches in each segment.

Bacteria Source Tracking Overview

Larry Hauck presented basic information concerning Bacteria Source Tracking (BST), including sources of indicator bacteria, description of a sanitary survey, description of a known source library and ambient water sample collection program, and an overview of ribotyping, which was the particular BST method applied on this project.

Overview of Trinity River Bacteria TMDL: Completed and Anticipated Efforts

Larry Hauck discussed completed work efforts and future efforts concerning the Trinity River Bacteria TMDL project. He introduced material with regard to the first year's completed work tasks, including bacteria library development, bacteria water sampling plan, and sampling dates. He also explained the major upcoming work tasks associated with the second year of the project. These tasks included assisting in the public participation/ stakeholders process, completing the BST data analysis report, completion of support bacteria monitoring, allocation tool development, and initiation of the bacteria allocation process.

Overview of Stakeholder Participation in the Trinity River Bacteria TMDL Process

Dania Drogolewicz explained the stakeholder/ public participation process. Her presentation included the importance of stakeholder involvement, the role of stakeholders, and TCEQ's responsibility and commitment to stakeholders.

Wrap-up and Conclusion of Meeting

A question and answer session was provided in order for attendees to receive feedback regarding questions and concerns. Meeting attendees were urged to consider whether they or the entity they represent should be a stakeholder regarding the public participation process for the Trinity bacteria TMDLs and to indicate if they were interested in being a formal stakeholder.