NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT AND NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING ON DRAFT IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR NINE TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOADS FOR INDICATOR BACTERIA IN THE CHOCOLATE BAY WATERSHED

AVISO DE SOLICITUD DE COMENTARIOS PÚBLICOS Y AVISO DE REUNIÓN PÚBLICA SOBRE EL PROYECTO DE PLAN DE IMPLEMENTACIÓN PARA NUEVE CARGAS DIARIAS MÁXIMAS TOTALES DE MICROORGANISMOS INDICADORES EN LA CUENCA HIDROGRÁFICA DE CHOCOLATE BAY

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has made available for public comment the draft Implementation Plan (I-Plan) for Nine Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for Indicator Bacteria in the Chocolate Bay Watershed, of the San Jacinto – Brazos Coastal Basin and Bays and Estuaries Basin, in Brazoria, Fort Bend, and Galveston counties.

The purpose of the meeting is to provide the public an opportunity to comment on the draft I-Plan for nine assessment units: Chocolate Bayou Tidal (1107_01), Chocolate Bayou Above Tidal (1108_01), Mustang Bayou (2432A_01, 2432A_02 and 2432A_03), Willow Bayou (2432B_01), Halls Bayou Tidal (2432C_01), Persimmon Bayou Tidal (2432D_01), and New Bayou Tidal (2432E_01).

The I-Plan, developed by regional stakeholders, is a flexible tool that the governmental and non-governmental participants involved in TMDL implementation will use to guide their actions and practices. The commission requests comment on each of the major components of the I-Plan: management measures, implementation strategy and tracking, review strategy, and communication strategy.

After the public comment period, TCEQ may revise the draft I-Plan if appropriate. The final I-Plan will then be considered by the commission for approval. Upon approval of the I-Plan by the commission, the final I-Plan and a response to all comments received will be made available on TCEQ's website.

Public Meeting and Testimony. The public meeting for the draft I-Plan will be held at the **Alvin Public Library**, 105 S Gordon St, Alvin, TX 77511, on January 22, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

Please periodically check the project website before the meeting date for meeting related updates: https://www.tceq.texas.gov/waterquality/tmdl/nav/114-chocolate-bay/.

During this meeting, individuals will have the opportunity to present oral statements. An agency staff member will give a brief presentation at the start of the meeting and will be available to answer questions before and after all oral statements have been received.

Written Comments. Please choose one of the methods provided to submit your written comments. Written comments on the draft I-Plan may be submitted to Jazmyn Milford, Water Quality Planning Division, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, MC 203,

P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas, 78711-3087 or eFaxed to 512-239-1414. Electronic comments may be submitted at: https://tceq.commentinput.com. File size restrictions may apply to comments being submitted via the TCEQ Public Comment system. All written comments must be received at TCEQ by February 3, 2026, and should reference Implementation Plan for Nine Total Maximum Daily Loads for Indicator Bacteria in the Chocolate Bay Watershed.

For further information regarding the draft I-Plan, please contact Jazmyn Milford at *Jazmyn.Milford@tceq.texas.gov*. The draft I-Plan can be obtained via TCEQ's website at https://www.tceq.texas.gov/waterquality/tmdl/nav/114-chocolate-bay/.

Persons who have special communication or other accommodation needs who are planning to participate in the meeting should contact Jazmyn Milford at *Jazmyn.Milford@tceq.texas.gov*. Requests should be made as far in advance as possible. **Para la versión en español de este documento, favor de visitar** https://www.tceq.texas.gov/waterquality/tmdl/nav/114-chocolate-bay/.