Meeting Summary: Improving Austin Streams Implementation Plan Update

May 26, 2022 - -10 a.m. - 11 a.m., via Zoom

Welcome, introductions, agenda review and updates

Following introductions, Suzanne Schwartz, facilitator, reviewed the agenda.

Discuss changes needed to first compiled draft update, including TCEQ suggestions

Louanne Jones, project manager from Texas Commission on Environmental quality (TCEQ), discussed TCEQ informal comments to the draft circulated before the May 26 meeting. TCEQ's early review is very high level and made in response to a request at the May 4 meeting for any early comments TCEQ might provide in light of the compressed review cycle for the formally submitted draft I-Plan update to TCEQ. TCEQ's input focused on the data section, the introductory language to Control Action 1, and Table 20. Stakeholders agreed with the proposed changes. Stakeholders then discussed whether to include data related to the Waller Creek gauge at 2nd Street. Julie White and Andrew Clamann noted that this gauge did not reflect the natural flow of Waller Creek, because of the Waller Creek diversion tunnel and pumping of water into the creek from Lady Bird Lake upstream of the gauge. Participants agreed to remove Figure 7 and related rows in two tables that use that data.

Approve draft I-Plan update to submit for TCEQ

The Coordination Committee, by consensus of the representatives attending, agreed to the proposed changes to the draft I-Plan update discussed at the meeting, and its submittal by June 1 for TCEQ review.

Identify next steps for moving forward, next meeting agenda, and meeting dates

Participants reviewed the production timeline prepared by TCEQ. They discussed the potential for having the Coordination Committee approve a second draft of the I-Plan update at the scheduled July 18 stakeholder meeting, thereby eliminating the July 28-29 meeting. Ms. Jones noted the potential for circulation of a draft by email if needed following the June 18 meeting.

Wrap-up: meeting review and action items

The following are action items from the meeting:

- Ms. Schwartz will send revisions to Julie White and Andrew Clamann to eliminate the Waller Creek 2nd Street gauge references
- Nena Andersen or Becca Oliver will revise Table 20
- Ms. Jones will send TCEQ edits discussed at the meeting to Ms. Schwartz
- Ms. Schwartz will make revisions discussed at the meeting and submit a draft I-Plan update to TCEQ for review by June 1.

Attendees

The quorum requirements were met at this meeting. (For purposes of determining a quorum, Coordination Committee representative or their alternates are indicated with an asterisk.)

Julie White*	City of Austin, Water Protection Division, TPDES
Andrew Clamann	City of Austin, Water Protection Division
Tammy West*	Austin Water
D'Anne Williams*	City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department
Nena Anderson*	UT Austin Environmental Health Service
Becca Oliver	UT Austin Environmental Health Service
Robert Quinlan*	Travis County Transportation and Natural Resources
Zach Lanfear*	Texas Department of Transportation
Shane Rotter	Texas Department of Transportation
Joyce Basciano*	Austin Neighborhoods Council
Hank Smith*	Home Builders' Association of Greater Austin
Chris Perkes*	Waterloo Greenway
Louanne Jones	Project Manager, TMDL TCEQ
Nicole Hall	Team Leader, TCEQ TMDL Program, Office of Water
Lori Hamilton	Deputy Director, TCEQ Water Quality Planning Division,
	Office of Water
Suzanne Schwartz	Facilitator