

Meeting Summary:

Improving Austin Streams Implementation Plan Update

February 22, 2022 -- 1-3 P.M., via Zoom

Welcome, Introductions, Agenda Review and Updates

After a brief welcome and review of the agenda, each participant introduced him/herself. No one offered updates.

Discuss management measures and control actions to retain or add from current practices

The project facilitator, Suzanne Schwartz, led a discussion of which management measures participants wanted to retain, modify, remove or move to control actions from the current Improving Austin Streams I-Plan. A chart showing the summary of this discussion is provided as Attachment A. The group was interested in having Keep Austin Beautiful continue their involvement, and provided a contact name. Ms. Schwartz encouraged the group to pursue activities that continue to engage and inform the public, because research shows the importance of such activities to the successful implementation of water quality improvement efforts. An online meeting of the NGOs will be organized before the next IAS meeting.

Julie White, City of Austin, began a presentation related to how the entities that are required to hold Stormwater Management Permits (SWMPs) intend to proceed in the I-Plan update. Nena Anderson (University of Texas at Austin), Robert Quinlan (Travis County) and Zach Lanfear (Texas Department of Transportation) continued the presentation for their organizations. The entities intend to include most of the current management measures in the I-Plan update as control actions that mirror their SWMPs, and likely will incorporate them by referring to their permit. The City of Austin, Travis County, UT, and TxDOT all have draft SWMP permits that are under review by TCEQ, and prefer the method of referring to their permits rather than including specific wording in the I-Plan to accommodate the lack of synchronicity between the SWMPs and the I-Plan schedules. Louanne Jones will coordinate with the SWMP entities on language needed in the I-Plan related to their SWMP permits, summaries of their control actions, and how to provide an appropriate link to their most current SWMP.

The presentation from the SWMP organizations may be accessed at the [Austin stakeholder group webpage](#).

Discuss I-Plan content requirements, and develop a plan for drafting of the update

Participants volunteered for drafting of various portions of the I-Plan update, as indicated on Attachment B. Ms. Schwartz will send instructions for compiling and submitting drafts, which will be sent to Vicki Read at the Center for Public Policy Dispute Resolution.

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

Ms. Schwartz will send dates and times for the next three meetings. Future agenda items include: plans for stakeholder/public input; how often to meet following adoption of the update; and an Austin Water presentation on SSOs.

Wrap-up: meeting review and action items

Action items are noted following the list of attendees.

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 (WPD), TPDES
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
David Peyton*	Travis County Transportation and Natural Resources
Robert Quinlan	Travis County Transportation and Natural Resources
Zach Lanfear*	Texas Department of Transportation
Shane Potter	Texas Department of Transportation
Lisa Benton*	Lower Colorado River Authority
Joyce Basciano*	Austin Neighborhoods Council
Chris Perkes*	Waterloo Greenway Conservancy
Adrienne Longenecker*	Colorado River Alliance
Luke Metzger*	Environment Texas
Hank Smith*	Home Builders' Association of Greater Austin
Kathleen Barron*	Austin Parks Foundation
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
Kerry Nieman	Manager, TCEQ Planning and Implementation Section, Office of Water
Suzanne Schwartz	Facilitator

Action Items

WHAT	WHEN	WHO
Identify new measures to add to I-Plan	3-15-22	All organizations
Send email(s) to make final assignments for I-Plan drafting	3-4-22	Suzanne Schwartz/Louanne Jones
Work with SWMP entities regarding format and examples of descriptive content		Louanne Jones
Draft content for I-Plan update	4-1-22 through 4-19-22	See Attachment B
Send templates, example text and instructions for submitting drafts of I-Plan content	3-8-22	Suzanne Schwartz/Louanne Jones
Email to Lou Serna (lou@keepaustinbeautiful.org , cc Kathleen	3-4-22	Suzanne Schwartz/Louanne Jones
Call with Adrienne Longenecker re possible management measures	3-11-22	Suzanne Schwartz/Louanne Jones
Meet with NGOs to discuss management measures	3-18-22	Suzanne Schwartz/Louanne Jones

Attachment A
Disposition of Management Measures

#	Management Measure	Responsible Party or Parties	Retain	Modify	Remove	Move to Control Action	Comments
1.0	Riparian Zone Restoration						
1.1	Increase riparian zones in Austin parks by expanding Grow Zone initiative.	City of Austin (CoA)			X		Will still work on this, but doesn't desire as CA
1.2	Recruit adopters for all creeks and parks in the watersheds.	Austin Parks Foundation (APF), Keep Austin Beautiful (KAB)	x				Recurring. APF will retain. Seek KAB participation.
1.3	Use volunteers to help expand Grow Zone riparian initiative.	APF, KAB	x				Recurring. APF will retain. Seek KAB participation.
1.4	Increase riparian buffer zone width for new development.	City of Austin			X		Part of code that was implemented
1.5	Require and enforce waterway setbacks in Walnut Creek watershed.	Travis County		X		X	SWMP 9.2.3.C
2.0	Wastewater Infrastructure						
2.1	Require failing OSSFs to connect to City sewer lines and provide incentives for connection when new mains are installed.	City of Austin			X		OSSF goals have been written around complaint investigation response now given the small number of cutovers left to do
2.2	Provide incentives in Walnut Creek area for OSSF repair and improvements.	Travis County				X	SWMP 9.2.3.A
2.3	Inspect and repair sewer lines.	City of Austin				X	A schedule has been created by AW
2.4	Inspect and repair sewer lines.	UT Austin				X	

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2.5	Respond to sewer overflows.	City of Austin				X	Within 1 hour, 95% of the time
2.6	Respond to sewer overflows.	UT Austin				X	
2.7	Reduce contamination from private sewage laterals through inspection when overflows occur, ensuring repair when needed.	City of Austin				X	Addressed in current SWMP but combined with other measures
2.8	Design and construct outdoor public toilets in high-use locations in Waller Creek: pilot program.	City of Austin			X		We have committed to several portable toilets in high-use locations for FY22. These will mostly be in Walnut Creek watershed
3.0	Domestic Pet Waste						
3.1	Educate park users through signs and citywide “Scoop the Poop” efforts, enforce requirements in parks to remove pet waste.	City of Austin			X		Signs were erected during previous I-Plan
3.2	Install pet waste bags dispensers in all City parks in watersheds.	City of Austin				X	Dispensers have been installed and now our commitment is for WPD to provide bags to PARD upon request
3.3	Place educational kiosks in Walnut Creek Park off-leash area.	City of Austin; Friends of Austin Dog Parks				X	Kiosk already installed. We committed to checking the kiosk and maintaining it 1x per year

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3.4	Educate pet-care businesses about pet waste management, seek their cooperation to distribute educational materials to their customers.	Austin Sierra Club; Austin Chamber of Commerce			X?		Chamber of Commerce not active in I-Plan update process. City of Austin does a similar item and includes in SWMP and control actions
4.0	Resident Outreach						
4.1	Invite COA–WPD staff to meetings to provide education on programs to reduce fecal contamination and ways citizens/ neighborhood associations may participate.	Austin Neighborhoods Council	X				
4.2	Request briefings/reports from COA departments on the progress of proposed fecal contamination reduction strategies and take appropriate action.	Austin Environmental Board			X		Environmental Board not participating in I-Plan update process.
4.3	Distribute homeless survival guides with educational materials on the water quality impacts from outdoor defecation.	City of Austin			X		
4.4	Earth Camp and other AISD campus outreach.	City of Austin				X	
4.5	Incorporate riparian and “Scoop the Poop” educational messaging into volunteer workdays and annual meetings.	APF, KAB	X				For APF
4.6	Community communication on water quality and protection issues to community organizations.	Shoal Creek and Pease Park Conservancies					

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4.7	Request annual COA briefings on fecal bacteria; distribute updates at the HABLA and La Raza Roundtable meetings; provide links on PODER website to I-Plan and resources.	People Organized in Defense of Earth and Her Resource					
5.0	Stormwater Treatment						
5.1	Install or retrofit water quality structural controls on public lands.	City of Austin			X		
5.2	Inspect existing city-owned and commercial water quality controls, and repair problems as feasible.	City of Austin			X		
5.3	Inspect and ensure proper operation of private water quality treatment and flood detention structures in Travis County jurisdiction.	Travis County				X	SWMP 9.2.3.D
5.4	Dry-weather inspection of storm drain outfalls to identify illicit connections.	City of Austin				X	
5.5	Dry-weather inspection of storm drain outfalls to identify illicit connections.	UT Austin				X	
5.6	Pilot program test new roadway bacterial reduction technology.	Travis County		X			No reference in SWMP
5.7	Street sweeping on UT Austin campus.	UT Austin				X	
5.8	Construction site inspection and monitoring.	City of Austin			X		
5.9	Inspect commercial and industrial facilities for illicit discharges.	Travis County				X	SWMP 9.2.3.D

Attachment B
Outline of I-Plan Content and Drafting Responsibilities

I-Plan Update Outline of Required Sections <i>May include additional sections or sub-sections at discretion of the Stakeholders.</i>	Assigned to:	Date due:
I. Contents: Table of Contents, List of Figures, List of Tables, Abbreviations	CPPDR	4/20
II. Executive Summary (<i>Example text available for modification.</i>)	Tammy West	4/19
III. Introduction - <i>Include one or more watershed maps that may be referenced throughout the document as needed. Example text available for modification.</i>	Travis County	4/01
IV. TMDL Summary - <i>Introductory paragraph and the following two tables. Example text available for modification.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Table 1. TMDL Allocation Summary for Impaired AUs [Use Table 27 for Austin TMDLs from the adopted TMDL.] · Table 2. TMDL Allocation Summary for AUs of Concern [Use Table 28 for Austin TMDLs from the adopted TMDL.] 	Julie White	4/01
V. Implementation Progress through Dec. 2020	Becca Oliver	4/01
VI. Implementation Strategy Summary - Adaptive Implementation; Management Measures Summary; Control Actions Summary	Suzanne Schwartz	4/19
VII. Summary and Discussion of Data Used in the Update	Andrew Clamman	4/01
VIII. Management Measure 1.0: [Name] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Sub-Measures 1.1, 1.2, etc.1 if applicable · Management Measure 2.0: [Name] · Sub-Measures 2.1, 2.2, etc. if applicable 	Organization(s) responsible for each measure	4/15
IX. Control Action 1.0: [Name] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Sub-Actions 1.1, 1.2, etc. if applicable · Control Action 2.0: [Name] · Sub-Actions 2.1, 2.2, etc. if applicable 	Organizations responsible for each action	4/15
X. Implementation Tracking, Sustainability, and Milestones (<i>Explain why tracking is done and how effort is sustained. Example text available for modification.</i>)	Email to seek volunteers	4/15
XI. Water Quality Indicators (<i>Summarize the water quality criteria that will indicate success of the plan. Example text available for modification.</i>)	Content decisions at upcoming IAS meeting, then facilitator drafts	4/01
XII. Communications Strategy (<i>Brief discussion indicating how stakeholders and TCEQ will communicate progress to the community, including a schedule for meetings to assess progress. Example text available for modification.</i>)	Content decisions at upcoming IAS meeting, then facilitator drafts	4/01
XIII. References	CPPDR	4/20