

Meeting Summary:

Improving Austin Streams Implementation Plan Update

May 4, 2022 – 1–3 p.m., via Zoom

Welcome, introductions, agenda review and updates

After participants introduced themselves, Suzanne Schwartz, facilitator, reviewed the agenda. Louanne Jones noted that she will be retiring from TCEQ at the end of June, and that Nicole Hall will take over the process of reviewing and coordinating approval of the I-Plan update.

Discuss and decide on desired level of public comment on draft I-Plan

Ms. Schwartz noted that following the March meeting, a group of stakeholders had met at the direction of the larger group to discuss public input on the draft I-Plan update. Ms. Schwartz reviewed the group's recommendation, which was for no formal public input on the draft I-Plan. The recommendation noted, among other factors, the opportunity for input through the open nature of the stakeholder group and participation in its meetings, as well as the public input that occurs for all MS4 permit holders. She noted the group proposed public participation in annual review meetings. Stakeholders discussed the annual reporting and review process for the I-Plan update, and determined to make annual review meetings optional, rather than determining in advance that such meetings should occur.

Discuss desired changes to draft I-Plan and consider approval

The stakeholders reviewed the draft I-Plan update section-by-section, noting a few areas of desired changes. After making such changes, Ms. Schwartz will post the draft on a shared drive for stakeholder review and proposed changes, and then will revise the document based on such changes for distribution before the May 26 meeting. The schedule for such review is as follows:

- May 9: Stakeholders send changes noted during the May 4 meeting to facilitator
- May 10: Facilitator posts revised draft I-Plan update to Google docs for stakeholders to review, edit and comment
- May 18, COB: Stakeholder complete review of draft I-Plan on Google docs
- May 23: Facilitator sends updated draft I-Plan to stakeholders via email, and to TCEQ for posting with May 26 meeting materials on the IAS webpage
- May 26: Meeting for Coordination Committee to approve final draft to submit to TCEQ
- June 1: Facilitator submits final draft to TCEQ

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

Louanne Jones walked through the production timeline for TCEQ review following the June 1 draft I-Plan submission to TCEQ, and subsequent stakeholder and TCEQ review to allow final submission of an updated I-Plan to TCEQ by August 31. The production timeline is available on the [IAS Webpage](#) under the May 4 meeting materials. Ms. Jones noted that TCEQ is providing for concurrent TCEQ program (content) and publication review to allow the greatest amount of time for stakeholder review of TCEQ comments.

The stakeholders asked if TCEQ could let them know by the end of May of any significant changes it might request. TCEQ representatives indicated they would attempt to conduct their reviews more quickly than noted on the timeline.

Wrap-up: meeting review and action items

The next meeting of the stakeholders/coordination committee is May 26 from 10 a.m. to noon. Actions focus on review and revision of the draft I-Plan for approval at the May 26 meeting, and setting a date during the week of June 18 for review of TCEQ comments on the draft I-Plan update.

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
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
Tracy Janus*	Texas Department of Transportation
Aaron Richter*	Lower Colorado River Authority
Joyce Basciano*	Austin Neighborhoods Council
Kathleen Barron	Austin Parks Foundation
Hank Smith*	Home Builders' Association of Greater Austin
Justin Murray	Pate Dawson
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 Niemann	Manager, TCEQ Planning and Implementation Section, Office of Water
Mindy McDonough	Stormwater Inspector, MS4, TCEQ Regin 12 Office
Suzanne Schwartz	Facilitator