

Gilleland Creek Annual Stakeholders Meeting

Wednesday, May 5, 2021, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.

Meeting Summary

Welcome and Introductions – Louanne Jones, TCEQ

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) staff and meeting participants introduced themselves and their organizational affiliations.

Presentation:

Water Quality Status and Implementation Activities – Louanne Jones, TCEQ

The TCEQ Project Manager (PM), Louanne Jones, presented an overview of the Gilleland Creek watershed, including information on the status of all assessment units (AUs) in the TMDL watershed. This information specifically included a table detailing water quality geomean data related to the 2020 Texas Integrated Report and previous Integrated Reports. In addition, the PM shared a graph for each AU and its corresponding water quality monitoring station with data from both current and previous IRs. Each graph included available data for instantaneous flow, *E. coli*, geomean, and a linear progression of *E. coli*. The TCEQ PM concluded the presentation with the highlights from the I-Plan Status Report and requested any additional updates be sent as soon as possible.

Open Discussion

Louanne Jones acknowledged to the stakeholder group that as of about 18 months ago, the Stormwater Team began requiring that stormwater Management Measures in an I-Plan be included as a part of a permittee's next submitted Stormwater Management Plan (SWMP). This makes stormwater measures, in effect, regulatory rather than voluntary, contrary to what stakeholders were told during revision of the I-Plan in 2017. The SWMP may provide an "equivalent measure" in place of the measure described in the I-Plan, as long as it addresses the same identified pollutant source.

Stakeholders discussed the delay of SWMP approvals from the TCEQ Stormwater Team. There are multiple SWMP approvals in the Gilleland Creek watershed that have been pending since 2019. Louanne Jones will contact the Stormwater Team to learn more about the delays and send that information to the group. Stakeholders also expressed concern about whether they should be following their old, approved SWMPs or their new, unapproved SWMPs. The TCEQ PM offered the opinion that permitted MS4s could follow the new, unapproved SWMPs as long as they were remaining compliant with the older, approved SWMP. She will verify this with the Stormwater Team and provide that information to the group as a follow up.

Also, stakeholders asked whether it was possible to revise the current I-Plan before its five-year period was completed. They asked what the process would be for making interim revisions. Louanne Jones replied that there is no firm process, and that how the revisions were made would depend partly on the support of the whole stakeholder group for proposed revisions. Revisions with strong support might be possible through proposals emailed to the group, followed by comments, and an eventual vote of the stakeholders. Stakeholders could choose instead to hold meetings to present,

discuss, and decide upon revisions, or could use a combination of emails and a meeting. The City of Austin will begin putting together a proposal for possible revisions to remove Management Measures and add a Control Action or augment the existing MS4 Control Action. City of Austin will submit the proposal to Louanne Jones, who will then distribute it to the stakeholder group to decide the next steps in the revision process.

Finally, stakeholders brought up the possibility of adding an additional monitoring station between Round Rock and Pflugerville, ideally downstream of a facility that processes mulch and compost. The facility is located near the border of the City of Pflugerville and Travis County. Several of the stakeholders noted that they believe this facility is causing runoff into the stream and may be a contributing source of bacteria. Louanne Jones requested the name of the facility and will look into the possibility of adding another monitoring site and report back to the group.

I-Plan Status Update and call for other business – Louanne Jones, TCEQ

The TCEQ PM reminded stakeholders to submit their status on I-Plan activities as soon as possible if they had not already done so. The TCEQ PM will post the status report on the Gilleland Creek TMDL project page, along with a meeting summary. The TCEQ PM will notify stakeholders when this information is posted and provide information about her follow-up action items at the same time.

There being no further business raised, the meeting adjourned.

People Attending the Meeting

List in the order in which they joined the online meeting.

Name	Organization
Louanne Jones	TCEQ
Chase Williams	City of Pflugerville
Jeremy Hasty	USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, Travis County
David Peyton	Travis County
Nicole Reed	TCEQ
William Dyess	City of Pflugerville
Robert Quinlan	Travis County
Emily Ackland	Travis County
Adrienne Boer	Texas Department of Transportation
Chris Herrington	City of Austin
Marshall Trigg	Lower Colorado River Authority
Dana Lappin	City of Austin
Julie White	City of Austin
Lori Wilson	TCEQ Region 11
Tracey Janus	Texas Department of Transportation
Pauline Gray	Jaeco, formerly Jay Engineering, for City of Manor
Grayson Roberts	City of Round Rock
Yanjun Chu	City of Austin
Frank Phelan	Jaeco, formerly Jay Engineering, for City of Manor
Lisa Benton	Lower Colorado River Authority
Jana Lloyd	Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board

Roxanne Jackson	City of Austin
Tammy West	City of Austin
Adrienne Longenecker	Colorado River Alliance
Jeremy Frazzell	City of Pflugerville