

Tributaries of the Neches River Below Lake Palestine (Middle Neches)

I-Plan Meeting

March 25, 2021 at 10:00 am

Online Zoom Meeting

Meeting Started: 10:03 a.m.

Meeting Summary

Welcome, introductions and 2020 Meeting Recap

Anna Gitter (TWRI) introduced the project staff, agenda, and provided a recap of the November meeting. She mentioned that the highest bacteria exceedances in the project streams are likely stormwater related due to the elevated loading under high, moist, and mid-range flow conditions. Graphs of the historical bacteria data were provided, notably although bacteria exceed water quality standards, they are not so excessive to be unobtainable. Needed reductions under high flow conditions range from 41 to 95%.

Implementation-Plan

Anna shifted the discussion to the I-Plan with an introduction to what an I-Plan is. The needed components of an I-Plan were described. Anna provided examples of management measures included in I-Plan from Tres Palacios, Trinity River, and Carter's Creek. Example included:

- Expanded water quality monitoring
- Urban stormwater BMP implementation
- Feral hog management
- Pet waste management
- Management of illegal dumping

Stakeholder Involvement

Stakeholder involvement is key component of I-Plan development. Previous meetings indicated that a coordination committee and work group format was desired in the watershed. A signup sheet was provided for anyone interested in participating. A tentative list of coordination committee members was provided.

Draft ground rules were provided to coordination committee members before the meeting. Members agreed to the rules.

Next Steps

Upcoming timeline: meetings through the summer with workgroup and committee members.

The technical support document for the TMDL will be posted on the TCEQ website in a few weeks.

No questions were asked at the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:27am.

Attendees

Attendee	Organization
1 phone number	City of Lufkin
Julie Chancler	NA
Kyle Wright	USDA NRCS
Lauren	unknown
Donna Work	Texas A&M Forest Service
Jessica Stags	City of Dallas
David Villarreal	Texas Department of Agriculture
Justin Parks	USDA NRCS
Linda Jones	City of Lufkin Wastewater Department
Sarah Bailey	Texas A&M Forest Service
Carla Ethridge	ANRA
Jeremiah Poling	ANRA
Nicole Reed	TCEQ
Tim Cawthon	TCEQ
Donna Work	Texas A&M Forest Service
Adam Whisenant	TPWD
Anna Gitter	TWRI
Michael Schramm	TWRI
Lucas Gregory	TWRI