

## **MEETING NOTES**

Brady Stakeholder Meeting

February 15, 2018

Brady, Texas

10:00 a.m.

### **Welcome & Introduction:**

Peter Lamont, Director of Community Services for the City of Brady, introduced Chuck Brown, UCRA Director of Operations and meeting Moderator. Brown welcomed everyone to the meeting and expressed appreciation for their attendance and participation in the meeting.

### **Overview of Brady Creek Project:**

Brown provided a project overview which included the history of UCRA's water quality initiatives in the City of Brady. UCRA has worked with the City of Brady for over 20 years through Non Point Source (NPS) funding. Funds are provided by the Environmental Protection Agency NPS grant program and managed by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ).

In 2017, UCRA received additional funds for the first phase of an implementation project as outlined in the Brady Creek Watershed Protection Plan (WPP). This project involves an extensive Education and Outreach component (with Stakeholder participation) and the construction of a structural Best Management Practice (BMP) in Richards Park to mitigate non point source pollution. Additional information was detailed in an accompanying power point presentation. Attendees were encouraged to utilize the UCRA Project Webpage at <http://www.ucratx.org/brady.html>.

### **Stakeholder Roles and Responsibilities:**

Scott McWilliams (UCRA) spoke to the group about the importance of an engaged Stakeholder Group. Stakeholders will serve as a liaison within the community to keep citizens informed of project progress and to aid in the understanding and support of project goals. The next steps include appointing a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson.

By consensus, Peter Lamont was elected as Chairperson. The position of Vice Chairperson remains open at this time. A workgroup will also be formed to help guide the Education and Outreach portion of the project.

### **Community Outreach, Logo and Promotional Materials:**

Ellen Groth (UCRA) introduced Robert Grudier, TCEQ Project Manager and UCRA Chairperson, Jeffie Roberts to the group. Groth explained the importance of education and outreach to the program and the Stakeholder Group's role in this. The first step is to create a brand logo for the project. Several options were distributed to the group and members were asked to vote on the preferred logo.

The goal of the education and outreach portion is to garner community support and increase awareness of NPS issues through school programs, presentations to civic groups, promotional materials and advertising and community events. A sign-up sheet was passed around for people interested in being a part of the workgroup. Once established, attendees will be contacted at a later date for a meeting.

**Open Discussion:**

Q: Where and when will does the monitoring take place?

A: Monitoring is currently conducted quarterly under the Clean Rivers Program, Rivers are 4X and Lakes are 2X annually. Once equipment is installed stormwater sampling will occur. Chuck Brown is also available to come to Brady is there is specific need.

Q: What is the start and end date for the project?

A: This is a three year project that began on September 1, 2017. There are other BMP structural phases proposed in the WPP that span 10-12 years, but funding has not yet been acquired. The second year of this project includes the installation of the Vortex Separator.

Discussion ensued regarding the logistics of the effluent, wastewater treatment and location of the Vortex Separator.

**Next Steps:**

UCRA is waiting for the Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) to be approved. Once the QAPP is approved the engineering and design phase will move forward. The Education and Outreach phase will be on-going and begins now.

Robert Grudier explained the process in place by TCEQ to allow for Adaptation Management. Adaptation Management allows for assessment throughout the process, tracks progress and makes necessary adjustments to ensure the goals are being met in the most effective way possible. All WPPs are different, so TCEQ offers program flexibility to make sure the program is running as smoothly as it should.

Attendees were thanked for their participation and continued interest and the meeting was concluded.