

MEETING SUMMARY

Colorado River Segment 1426

TMDL I-Plan Coordination Committee Meeting

June 26, 2013

Bronte Community Room, 116 NE Railroad, Bronte, TX

Chuck Brown welcomed all and introduced TCEQ Project Manager, Lauren Oertel. Oertel stated that the goal of the meetings is for the stake holders and committee members to gain a better understanding of the TMDL project process. Committee members will govern the revisions to the current I-Plan. Another goal of this meeting is to inform members the role of work groups within the Coordination Committee.

Oertel also stated that committee decisions in regards to the I-Plan do not need TCEQ approval. The process is intended to maintain local control of any revisions made to the I-Plan.. There were some questions about what the group will actually accomplish. Brown and Oertel emphasized that this process and the recommendations made will demonstrate to EPA that matters are being addressed on a local level. There is potential 319 funding available for any projects recognized in the I-Plan.

The current concerns for segment 1426 are elevated chlorides, sulfates and TDS. Brown mentioned that recent rains have had a positive impact on water quality.

Concerns were also expressed in regards to the oil and gas boom and the many loopholes that oil companies receive. The TCEQ and the RRC are separate agencies and RRC representatives should be represented at these meetings to address environmental concerns. Brown said he will contact District 7C RRC in San Angelo.

Committee members discussed the need for brush control and the need to encourage RRC to continue to plug wells.

Brown mentioned that a copy of the original I-Plan may be found on the UCRA project website at <http://www.ucratx.org/TMDLIPLAN.html>. Data from the Clean Rivers Program can also be used in the process of amending the original plan: www.waterquality.lcra.org.

The following interest groups and representatives were named for the committee. Additional names may be added and/or changed as needed:

- Municipal – Steve Nixon and Ricky Royal
- Industry – Ed Studer
- Ag – Marshall Millican, Martin Lee
- Government – SWCD Rep. , Chuck Brown
- Developers – Open
- Community Leaders – Steve Rives Oil/Gas – Open
- Water Suppliers- Tim Timmerman (NRCWS), John Burch (CRMWD), John Womack (CRMWD)

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, July 31 at 9 am in Bronte at Community Room