

## MEETING SUMMARY

Colorado River Segment 1426  
TMDL I-Plan Coordination Committee Meeting  
July 31, 2013  
Bronte Community Room, Bronte, Texas

The meeting convened at 09:05 am with Chuck Brown of the Upper Colorado River Authority (UCRA) moderating. A sign-in sheet was passed around, and meeting agendas were handed out.

Brown provided introductory remarks and an explanation of the difference between formal and informal Coordination Committee functioning and governance. The group decided to function as an informal group with majority voting as a back-up provision in case consensus on any particular issue cannot be reached.

Mike Arrott representing the Coke Co. SWCD and CJ Robinson representing the Runnels Co. SWCD were added to the Coordination Committee membership. Committee member Tim Timmerman clarified his affiliation as an interested landowner. With these additions, the Committee membership is considered final, with the stated understanding that new members can be added in the future upon consensus approval of the membership.

TCEQ Project Manager Lauren Oertel, expressed the need for participation of the Railroad Commission and spoke about the TCEQ NPS Team. Oertel informed the group that they are in the process of applying for a grant to be used for plugging oil wells. Oertel also stated that a member of the NPS team will come to the next meeting and give a presentation on the grant status.

Water quality handouts prepared by Chuck Brown were given to the group. The handouts include a map of sampling locations and graphs illustrating available conductivity, chlorides, and sulfates measurements for each sampling location. The time period encompassed in the graphs ranged from 1996 to 2013 with some graphs having more sampling data than others. During the discussion it was stated that in April 2011, the Robert Lee wastewater treatment facility ceased discharging to the River.

Next, the role of work groups was explained and several possible workgroup categories were discussed. The committee decided on the formation of three work groups as follows:

- **Oil and Gas Work Group** -- Chuck Brown (UCRA) and Scott McWilliams (UCRA) will be members. Martin Lee will contact Allen Frizzle who owns land on the Colorado River above Ballinger and who is an oil and gas operator to see if he will be willing to become a committee member and serve on the Oil and Gas Work Group. Chuck Brown will contact Barry Wood with the RRC District 7C Director to solicit his participation.

- **Water Quality Work Group** – John Burch (CRMWD), E.R. Roberts (City of Robert Lee), Edward Studer, and Chuck Brown (UCRA) will be members.
- **Brush Control Work Group** – Mike Arrott (Coke Co. SWCD), C.J. Robinson (Runnels Co. SWCD) and Scott McWilliams (UCRA) will be members.

Following the establishment of the work groups and their membership, a general discussion by the committee members and others in attendance was held. It was concluded that after the August meeting, the frequency of committee meetings will be reduced to (possibly) quarterly and that work groups can meet in the interim at times more convenient to the members, probably in the evenings after regular work hours.

A discussion about the sources of contaminant contributions and the amounts of contributing sources was held. McWilliams stated updating the determinations of percentage contributions by various sources would require a high level of effort and significant additional funding. It was also discussed that copies of the original report were needed to understand the methodology that was used to determine the sources and relative percentage contributions presented in that report. Lauren Oertel (TCEQ) will locate and provide copies of the original study and it will be posted on UCRA's website to provide access for all committee members, work groups and interested persons.

The time and location of the next meeting was set for August 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. in the Community Room in Bronte.

***The meeting was adjourned at 10:08 a.m.***