

## MEETING SUMMARY

Colorado River Segment 1426  
TMDL I-Plan Coordination Committee Meeting  
August 28, 2013  
Bronte Community Room, Bronte, Texas

The meeting convened at 0900 with Chuck Brown of the Upper Colorado River Authority (UCRA) moderating. Brown began with discussion of the three work groups, which are as follows:

- Oil/Gas
- Water Quality
- Brush Control

Work groups will meet separately from the Coordination Committee (CC). It was determined that meeting dates for the work groups will be decided via email consensus. The CC will meet again in November or early December. The CC is an informal group in which decisions will be made by consensus and a quorum (7) must be present for decisions to be made. Brown suggested members respond via email if they are unable to attend the next meeting for this reason.

Work groups should always have at least one member at all coordinating committee meetings.

Brown introduced Faith Hambelton, TCEQ NPS Team, to provide an update of the remediation activities for area salinity issues.

Hambelton gave a background of the relationship between TSSWCB and TCEQ in the NPS program and partnerships with entities like UCRA. She also explained where high salinity can come from and described the role of the RRC in plugging wells, monitoring and then re-plugging and/or putting in recovery trenches. To date, 187 wells have been plugged in Runnels County. New funds are now available to go back and install recovery trenches when necessary based on continued leaks as determined by monitoring wells.

Water quality data from 2002, 2010 and 2012 were shown on TDS and chlorides below Spence on Colorado. TDS has moved closer to the water quality standard, from 2700 ppm avg. in 2002 to 2038 ppm avg. in 2010. For chlorides in particular, this has come down to meet water quality standards. Brown has additional 2013 TDS data that will be published in the NPS Program Annual Report distributed by TCEQ and TSSWCB.

When funding begins, the RRC will begin to plug wells (September 1<sup>st</sup>). This is a three year project cycle. Hambelton stated that a field trip is also planned so the community can see how this is done.

Brown reported that Barry Wood, RRC District 7C Director, will be taking a more active role and is willing to serve on the Oil and Gas work group for this project.

Areas to focus on will be the Wendkirk Oil Field southeast of Bronte and the Ballinger seep, near where Elm Creek enters the Colorado River.

Brown announced that a feasibility study will be conducted on Lake Ivie for brush removal by UCRA and the Texas Institute for Applied Environmental Research (TIAER). The project will have implications for the group as it is down river and it is necessary to think about this systemically.