

Oil and Gas Workgroup

Meeting Summary
October 14, 2013

Attendees:

Chuck Brown, UCRA

Barry Wood, RRC District 7C

Scott McWilliams, UCRA

Lauren Oertel, TCEQ TMDL

Faith Hambelton, TCEQ NPS

The group reviewed the Railroad Commission's interactive map viewer to familiarize themselves with the website and to identify areas of production within the 1426 watershed. Faith Hambelton with TCEQ NPS Team briefed the group on two projects which have been funded by TCEQ NPS to remediate potential salt water leaks in the Wendkirk field between Robert Lee and Bronte and the Ballinger Seep area just south of Ballinger.

Current plans for this grant funding cycle is for the Railroad Commission to perform some additional ground water monitoring in the aforementioned areas and possibly construct some recovery trenches to intercept the groundwater before it reaches the river.

Bill Renfro from the RRC Austin office is the project manager. It was suggested that Mr. Renfro and his team attend the next work group meeting and brief the group on past projects in the area and water quality data from previous RRC samples.

Chuck Brown stated that Clean Rivers Program monitoring will continue in the area and that no routine sites within segment 1426 will be dropped. If additional funding is acquired, additional sites along 1426 may be added to assist in the I-Plan update.

Scott McWilliams suggested that a chloride concentration map with contours for both Wendkirk and Ballinger Seep areas would be helpful. RRC and TCEQ NPS will see if those maps have been generated or are available.

Barry Wood will assimilate all of the reports and any data generated by his field team after the last of the grant the projects were completed.

Lauren Oertel will review original I Plan and identify where updates and changes may be needed and send to UCRA.

Group members were encouraged to review pervious RRC reports which Faith has emailed to the group. It is desirable that Bill Renfro from the Austin RRC office will be able to attend the next meeting scheduled for 12/3/13 at 8:00AM in the UCRA office.