Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda  
2018 Clean Rivers Program Steering Committee  
March 7, 2018 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
5D Steakhouse and Lounge  
130 Boardwalk  
Kenedy, TX 78119

Welcome & Introductions:  
• Co-Chairs Dr. Robert Reed and Maggie Hunt  
  o Introductions

MEETING NOTES FOR WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS:

A copy of the sign in sheet is attached.

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Presentations Topics:  
• Shaun Donovan, SARA Senior Aquatic Biologist  
  o Natural Resources Update

MEETING NOTES FOR PRESENTATION TOPIC:

- Clean Rivers Program: Biological and 24-hr dissolved oxygen sampling begins March 15th.
- Environmental Flows Validation: Field sampling with Biowest and Baylor ongoing. Possibility of future work pending.
- Mid/Lower-Cibolo Creek Watershed Protection Plan (WPP): Stakeholder meetings ongoing, draft WPP to be sent to stakeholders soon. No qualifying rain events for sampling so far in FY18.
- Mission Reach Avian Study: Surveys, data entry and data QA/QC ongoing.
- Feral Hog Management: 306 hogs removed from October to December 2017. 106 removed during aerial operation in January. 2,878 feral hogs removed to date.
- USGS Oil & Gas Constituents Phase II: Draft report scheduled for SARA review around July 2018.
- LIMS Replacement: Six-week delay in Phase II implementation. Labworks providing support as needed. $120,000 released.
- Watershed Wise River Discovery: Continued development of new platform through Wordpress.
  ▪ EAC request for speaker to provide update in River Discovery Project in Fall of 2018.
Water Quality Data Analytics: Working on bug fixes, user testing and quick-start guide.

Mission Reach Mussel Survivability Study: First full measurement days from February 5-6 demonstrated 100% survivability.

FY19 proposed projects review – to be announced after Board approval.
  - **EAC request for speaker to address impervious cover and water quality/quantity.**

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Karen Sablan, SARA Senior Aquatic Biologist and Charles Lorea, SARA Watershed Monitoring Supervisor
  - Clean Rivers Program (CRP) Update
  - Clean Rivers Program Overview
  - Texas Commission on Environmental Quality 2014 Integrated Report
  - Fiscal Year 18/19 Clean Rivers Program Allocation of Resources
  - Draft 2018 Clean Rivers Program San Antonio River Basin Summary Report

MEETING NOTES FOR PRESENTATION TOPIC:
  - The report was prepared by SARA in cooperation with the Environmental Advisory Committee and TCEQ, in accordance with state guidelines.
  - Draft Basin Summary Report provided to the EAC for comment - Feb 6, 2018
  - Receive and incorporate EAC Comment - March 2, 2018
  - Draft Basin Summary Report due to TCEQ - March 15, 2018
  - Final Basin Summary Report due to TCEQ – May 31, 2018
  - Post Report to CRP web page - June 30, 2018

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FY19 Coordinated Monitoring Meeting

MEETING NOTES FOR PRESENTATION TOPIC:
  - Scheduled for April with goal to maximize regional efforts and improve spatial and temporal coverage of monitoring sites.
  - Water monitoring decisions made during the CMM are directed towards:
    - Completing data sets where limited or inadequate data indicates a potential impairment, concern or near nonattainment;
    - Waters with known water quality concerns;
    - Specific priority for water bodies that have no known water quality problems or without current water quality data.
    - Once all monitoring decisions are finalized, SARA will populate the FY19 CMS.

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Amanda Nasto, Environmental Investigation Specialist (SARA)

**MEETING NOTES FOR PRESENTATION TOPIC:**

- **SARA Environmental Investigation Specialists:**
  - Respond, investigate, and monitor incidents or accidents that have the potential to threaten human health and degrade aquatic resources.
  - Collect water samples when needed and have analysis performed at SARA’s Regional Environmental Laboratory.

-**Investigations include:**
  - Water quality
  - Sewage spills
  - Illegal dumping
  - Floodplain violation/encroachment
  - Chemical or fuel spill
  - Other reports in the field
  - Natural features
  - Fish kills

- SARA is informed of incidents by citizens, camera surveillance, air reconnaissance, and monitoring pipeline crossings.

-**Contacts:**
  - Texas Commission Environmental Quality (TCEQ) – Spills
    - 1-800-832-8224 (24hrs.)
    - 1-888-777-3186
  - Texas Parks and Wildlife Department – Kills and Spills Team (TPWD-KAST)
    - 1-512-389-4848
    - Travis Tidwell
  - SARA – Environmental Sciences Department
    - Main Line: 1-866-345-7272
    - Ronnie Hernandez: 210-302-3609
    - Amanda Nasto: 210-302-3676

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Steven Schauer, Director of Government and Community Affairs (SARA)

- **Budget and Project Planning Update**

**MEETING NOTES FOR PRESENTATION TOPIC:**

- **SARA Strategic Planning Update**
  - Review of language for goals
  - New goal planning and process for SARA fiscal year
  - Status of EAC meeting guidance includes proposed position paper to be written and presented to SARA Board of Directors for approval
o SARA project outlook for upcoming fiscal year

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