

## SUMMARY

### Greater Trinity River Bacteria TMDL Project Coordination Committee Meeting

Wednesday, July 23, 2014

9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

#### Welcome and Introductions

#### Action and Discussion Items

##### 1. 2013-2014 Recap and Technical Subcommittee Findings

Staff provided a recap of program milestones and events since the last Coordination Committee meeting in May 2013. During the summer following the May 2013 meeting, the Implementation Plan (I-Plan) was presented for public comment. Once the public comment period passed, final minor changes were made, and in December 2013, the *Implementation Plan for Seventeen Total Maximum Daily Loads for Bacteria in the Greater Trinity River Region* was approved by Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) Commissioners. The I-Plan is available online at <http://www.nctcog.org/envir/SEEclean/wq/tmdl/TMDLI-Plan.asp>.

In May 2014, the technical subcommittees met to review the implementation strategies relevant to their areas. The Parks and Recreation subcommittee did not re-form and those strategies were reviewed by the Stormwater subcommittee. The Planning and Development subcommittee did not meet due to membership losses and their implementation strategies were likewise reviewed by the Stormwater subcommittee. The Onsite Sewage Facility subcommittee (OSSF) elected to merge with the Wastewater subcommittee in future years and the Monitoring Coordination subcommittee voted to become the Monitoring Coordination Forum (Implementation Strategy 6.1).

In addition to reviewing implementation strategies, all subcommittees were asked for their views on what NCTCOG's priorities for the bacteria TMDL program should be. The Education and Outreach, OSSF, Pets, Livestock, and Wildlife, and Stormwater subcommittees believed the BMP Library (Implementation Strategy 8.0) should be the NCTCOG priority. Monitoring Coordination made the priority moving forward with the Monitoring Coordination Forum, while the Wastewater subcommittee indicated the priority should be adding wastewater-related topics to workshops offered by NCTCOG – especially Sanitary Sewer Overflow (SSO) prevention (with a secondary emphasis on the BMP Library).

In light of the repeated mentions of the BMP Library, staff moved ahead with initial planning for its development. The current proposal is for a hybrid that would help meet MS4 permit requirements and I-Plan strategies. The Library would be coordinated with the current Stormwater BMP web page for one web location simplicity. Although the BMP Library would

cover a range of stormwater topics, bacteria-specific BMPs would be highlighted. Staff is also seeking input from the committees of the Regional Stormwater Management Program for the Library.

**2. Committee Membership**

Technical subcommittee membership changes were discussed and Coordination Committee members indicated they were comfortable with the evolving fluctuations. Coordination Committee membership was also discussed and the Committee indicated they preferred to keep membership as open and inclusive as possible. Staff noted that anyone wishing to be kept informed about meetings is included on the notice distribution list.

**3. PCB Impairment Program Update**

Dania Grundmann of TCEQ spoke briefly that TCEQ was adding a TMDL for PCBs for West Fork Trinity River below Eagle Mountain Lake (Segment 0808) to the existing I-Plan for PCBs for Lake Worth (Segment 0807, adopted in 2005). The listing is in response to a fish consumption advisory along that segment.

Staff updated the Committee on current plans for the PCB Impairment Project. Staff is moving forward with a new approach for the PCB impairment in Greater Trinity River since no I-Plan is required at this time due to the challenges posed by determining a TMDL for a legacy pollutant. Instead, our region has an opportunity to creatively address the issue with a variety of options. NCTCOG is engaging in a stakeholder education and communication effort with a wide range of interests in the impaired watersheds. The overall goal is for fully informed local stakeholders to determine the path going forward.

**4. Vision 303(d) Project**

Ron Stein, TCEQ TMDL Program Manager, discussed a new program resulting from a changing philosophy at TCEQ regarding recreational use impairments in the Upper Trinity watershed. The program, the Vision 303(d) Project, is a watershed priority strategy and represents a new tactic in addressing impaired water bodies. The new approach was developed by U.S. EPA and TCEQ to improve on the TMDL process and provides an opportunity to use different methods to address impairments. Priority waters were determined by TCEQ to be those with recreational contact use impairments, which represent 45% of all impairments on the 2012 Texas 303(d) list.

The general approach of the new plan gives a seven year timeline to address impairments within a given overall watershed. Years one through four involve outreach to raise awareness in the watershed, evaluating the need for Recreational Use Attainability Analyses (RUAAs), and completing the RUAAs and sampling. Years four through seven involve getting stakeholder consensus on the approach or approaches to be used for developing plans and the development of those plans, whether they be Implementation Plans, Watershed Protection Plans, or both, or even something else. This new approach to impaired waters is relevant to this area, as the Upper Trinity River Basin watershed was chosen as one of two in the state to begin the seven year program starting in September 2014. The renewed focus on contact recreation impairments does not mean TCEQ will not address other impairments. The state will still develop TMDLs for other water contaminants. Mr. Stein's presentation can be viewed online at <http://www.nctcog.org/envir/SEEClean/wq/tmdl/TCEQWatersheds7-23-14.pdf>.

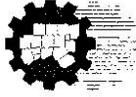
5. **Future Plans**

The Committee wants to continue annual meetings to evaluate the effectiveness of the implementation strategies within the I-Plan. A summer meeting is acceptable although some believe a spring meeting would be preferable, as long as it does not conflict with annual reporting requirements for the Phase II MS4 stormwater permits. [The new Phase II permit allows permit year, calendar year, and fiscal year reporting periods. Avoiding late winter/early spring and fall meeting dates should help alleviate that concern.]

**Next meeting**

The next meeting of the bacteria TMDL Coordination Committee will be in the spring or early summer 2015.

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**MEMBER SIGN IN SHEET**

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