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Middle Colorado River Basin Clean Rivers Program
Steering Committee and
Gilleland Creek TMDL Project Meeting
July 26, 2005

The meeting of the Middle Colorado River Basin Steering Committee convened at 9:00 a.m. on July 26, 2005 at the City of Pflugerville City Council Chambers in Pflugerville, Texas. Alicia Reinmund with the Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) welcomed everyone to the meeting, introduced LCRA staff, went over the agenda and purpose of the meeting, and began participant introductions.

David Cowan (LCRA) gave an introduction to the Clean Rivers Program and introduced the Gilleland Creek Total Maximum Daily Load Project (TMDL), the main topic to be discussed at the meeting. Mr. Cowan went over types of water quality monitoring, data assessment, and the Texas Water Quality Inventory and 303(d) List. Questions and discussion addressed sampling on Gilleland Creek and bacteria culture methodology.

Ward Ling of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) provided an introduction to the TMDL program and process, including current and future Gilleland Creek project tasks. Questions and discussion during the presentation addressed the meaning and significance of a “contact recreation” designation, sampling near discharge points, and the definition of a Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP).

Ms. Reinmund invited participants to review project maps during the break that began at 10:10 a.m. During the break, Ms. Reinmund and Jerry Guajardo (LCRA) took comments on the maps and discussed the project with participants. Cable channel News 8 also interviewed meeting participants.

The meeting resumed at 10:25 with the introduction of Kelly Kaatz from HDR Engineering (filling in for Christianne Castleberry, HDR Engineering). Mr. Kaatz stated that he grew up fishing and swimming in Gilleland Creek and has experienced the large amount of growth in the Gilleland Creek watershed. He gave background on the operation of the City of Pflugerville’s wastewater treatment plant, its TCEQ permit and required water quality sampling plan for Gilleland Creek. Questions and discussion during the presentation addressed permit limits, plant inspections, and location of monitoring sites.

Gilleland Creek project technical lead, Jerry Guajardo (LCRA), presented information on the project, including the historical data review, monitoring plan, data analysis, and QAPP. Questions and discussion during the presentation addressed location of high bacteria, monitoring logistics, and human versus nonhuman bacteria.

Ms. Reinmund wrapped up the meeting with a discussion of the next phase of the project, and invited participants to sign up for the stakeholder committee. She asked the audience

who else should be invited to upcoming meetings. She thanked the audience for attending and directed them to fill out the meeting critique form.

Thirty-five people attended the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30.

Respectfully Submitted:
Kathleen Ligon
LCRA

LIST OF ATTENDEES

T.S. Helton	Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board
Jerry Guajardo	LCRA
Robert Ferguson	Murfee Engineering Company
Amanda Ross	LCRA
Linda Arredondo	Austin Energy
Bonnie Blan	Avery Environmental Services
Kelly Kaatz	HDR Engineering
Robin Berry	LCRA
Ron Brooks	Samsung
Joey McLeod	City of Pflugerville
Vernagene Mott	Pflugerville Independent School District
Claudia Chaffin	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Region 11
Jason Pinchback	Texas Watch, Texas State University
David Cowan	LCRA
Phil Tate	City of Manor
Robin Cypher	TCEQ
Patricia Wise	TCEQ
Dan Opdyke	QEA
Amber Ahrns	Travis County
A. Covar	Austin Water Utility
Charles Simon	City of Pflugerville
Justin Taylor	Sierra Club
Robert Botto	City of Austin
Darren Strozewski	HDR Engineering
Don Legacy	J-V Dirt + Loam
Kathy McCormack	
J.D. Klaverweiden	Samsung Austin Semiconductors
Randell Brown	City of Pflugerville
David L. Yohe	ECO Resources, Inc.
Raj Bhattarai	Austin Water Utility
Ed Peacock	Austin Water Resource Protection and Review Department
Alicia Reinmund	LCRA
Kathleen Ligon	LCRA
Kim Mueller	LCRA
Ward Ling	TCEQ