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Clean Rivers Program
Steering Committee Meeting
July 27, 2006

The Clean Rivers Program (CRP) Steering Committee convened at 9:30 am on July 27, 2006 at the Pflugerville Justice Center in Pflugerville, Texas. Alicia Reinmund with the Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) welcomed everyone, thanked the City of Pflugerville for hosting the meeting, went over the agenda, and began stakeholder introductions.

LCRA Clean Rivers Program Coordinator (CRP) David Cowan provided program updates on the most recent TCEQ Water Quality Inventory, the Colorado River Basin Highlights Report and the upcoming CRP Statewide Stakeholder Meeting. Questions and discussion addressed water quality monitoring in the Colorado River basin, including the bays. Mr. Cowan directed attendees to a database located on the web at <http://cms.lcra.org>, which lists all sites monitored by CRP partners in the state. There was also discussion about a recent heavy metals study published by LCRA and a Colorado River *use attainability analysis* (UAA) - a special study done in response to water bodies that don't meet state standards. The Heavy Metals Study and current UAAs can be found in the 2006 Basin Highlights Report at <http://www.lcra.org/crp/crpreports.html>.

A break was held from 11:00 a.m. until 11:20 a.m.

When the meeting resumed, Mateo Scoggins with the City of Austin (CoA) presented *The Effects of Coal Tar Sealants on Aquatic Ecosystems – Parking Lots to Waterways*, which summarized a study CoA did in conjunction with the U.S. Geological Survey. The study resulted in a CoA ban on parking lot sealants that contain the family of chemicals PAHs. The presentation led to discussion about stream impairment due to poor sediment and the need for sediment standards for water bodies. EPA is forming of a committee to study PAH's on a national scale.

David Cowan updated the Steering Committee on the status and results of the Illegal Dumping Campaign, a TCEQ grant funded campaign to eliminate illegal dumping through education and enforcement efforts. Questions and discussion during the update pertained to dumping that occurs in rural and rapidly urbanizing areas. Steering Committee members noted that people dump because of high landfill fees and lack of convenient facilities – it is largely a matter of economics.

Susan Meckel and Alicia Reinmund introduced LCRA's Application Review and Response Process; an internal LCRA process that identifies and addresses potential water quality problems due to wastewater treatment plants and sludge land application sites in the Colorado River basin. Questions and discussion addressed wastewater discharge into the little Barton Creek Watershed, Lazy 9 and Rocky Creek wastewater projects in West

Travis County, Tejas Viejo-Wildpflower and 973 wastewater company located in the Gilleland Creek watershed and Synagro and MagnaFlo Sludge application sites. JV Dirt and Loam, a composting operation bordering the Gilleland Creek Watershed was also discussed. Steering Committee members thanked LCRA for conducting this review of water quality permits because concerned citizens don't have the resources to monitor permits.

During lunch, Pflugerville's Mayor Pro Tem Chuck Larosche provided information on the City of Pflugerville's current and future water needs.

Ms. Reinmund thanked the audience for attending.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 pm

Respectfully Submitted:
Kimberley Mueller
LCRA

List of Attendees

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| Robert Ferguson | Murfee Engineering Company |
| Julie Lewis | Samsung |
| Jason Morris | Natural Resource Conservation Service |
| Michael Simpkins | Magna-Flow |
| Patricia Wise | Texas Commission on Environmental Quality |
| Robin Cypher | Texas Commission on Environmental Quality |
| Ward Ling | Texas Commission on Environmental Quality |
| Jennifer Walker | Sierra Club |
| Stacy Snell | City of Bastrop |
| Charles O'Dell | Hays Community Action Network |
| Melinda Mallia | Regional Environmental Task Force |
| James and Mary Wisian | Landowners |
| Richard Eyster | Texas Department of Agriculture |
| Lucas Gregory | Texas Water Resources Institute |
| Jon White | Travis County – Transportation and Natural Resources |
| Raj Bhattarai | City of Austin – Austin Water Utility |
| Kathy McCormack | Colorado River Watch Network |
| Warren Sefcik | Colorado River Watch Network |
| Bob Vann | Protect Lake Travis Association |
| Laura Varney | Colorado River Watch Network |
| Theodore Timmerman | Landowner |
| Seth Terry | Texas Farm Bureau |
| Steve Box | Environmental Stewardship |
| Susan Aragon-Long | Unites States Geological Survey |
| Vernagene Mott | Landowner/ Pflugerville Independent School District |
| Darren Strozewski | HDR Engineering |
| Dave Bass | LCRA |
| Jerry Guajardo | LCRA |
| Kathleen Ligon | LCRA |
| Jennifer Windler | LCRA |
| Susan Meckel | LCRA |
| Kim Mueller | LCRA |
| David Cowan | LCRA |
| Alicia Reinmund | LCRA |
| Dani Apodaca | LCRA |
| Theresa Murray | LCRA |