

# MINUTES

Clean Rivers Program  
Upper Colorado Basin Steering Committee  
July 10, 2008

A meeting of the Clean Rivers Program Upper Basin Steering Committee convened at 9 a.m. on July 10, 2008 at the Upper Colorado River Authority (UCRA) facilities, 512 Orient, San Angelo, Texas. Stephen Brown, Management Consultant for UCRA welcomed the committee with a few opening remarks.

Moderator Alicia Reinmund (LCRA) took the floor and reviewed the agenda with committee members. Reinmund introduced David Cowan (LCRA).

Cowan gave the committee an overview of the new Basin Highlights Report (BHR) and provided an explanation of the impaired list and how a body of water gets put on the list.

Fred Teagarden (UCRA) made a few comments about the BHR and discussed some items relevant to bacteria on the North Concho as well as the Concho River Basin Watershed Protection Plan.

Alicia Reinmund made a presentation on proposed nutrient standards, how they are set, assessments, and various screening levels for each resource. Okla Thornton (CRMWD), voiced concern for E.V. Spence reservoir. Discussion ensued regarding other criteria for nutrient standards.

Okla Thornton made a presentation on salinity issues in the Upper Basin pertaining to Brine pit rules and addressed Bill 1037 which will specifically deal with the brine problem.

Thornton talked about the salt cedar project that began in 2003 and showed a map of treated areas, discussing herbicides and chemicals utilized in more detail. Thornton also provided updates to the group regarding the Alon Refinery, runoff issues associated with the refinery and filled in details of the clean-up of the explosion that occurred there.

Chuck Brown (UCRA) made a presentation about the Conch River Basin Watershed Protection Plan draft and gave members copies of the WPP.

Scott McWilliams (UCRA) presented information on the O.C. Fisher project updating committee members on program status.

### *Other discussion included:*

The history of CRP committee, algae blooms on Twin Buttes, the status of the new Education Center, Twin Buttes brush issues.

*Suggested discussion for the next meeting* included the watermaster program and brush control.

The meeting adjourned and committee members left to take a tour of the new Concho River Basin Aquatic Research & Education Center located at 417 S. Oakes in San Angelo. The new center will serve as an educational "hub" for the community. The center is funded through an EPA 319 grant managed by TCEQ and is a cooperative partnership with the UCRA, City of San Angelo, San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts, San Angelo Health Foundation and the San Angelo Independent School District. It is anticipated that the center will be fully operational in late fall 2008.