

Sabine River Authority of Texas

2016 Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

Best Western Hotel, Emory, TX on 4/27/2016

- Sign in and Lunch (23 in attendance)
- Debra Malus (SRA-TX) -- Introduction
- Terry Wilson (SRA-TX)
 - CRP overview
 - Draft Sabine River Basin Big Sandy Creek Watershed Characterization Report 2015
 - Questions asked during/after Terry Wilson's presentation:
 1. Were both droughts taken into consideration for the impairments in the Big Sandy Creek watershed?
Answer: Yes, the assessment period of 12/01/2005 through 11/30/2012 did include both droughts.
 2. Did the SH155 bridge construction occur in the watershed?
Answer: Yes, site # 10468 (BS1)
 3. Did we see increase in sedimentation from the construction and is the bridge construction complete?
Answer: Bridge construction is complete and higher turbidity levels were noted during the construction of the SH155 Bridge.
- Debra Malus (SRA-TX)
 - SRA-TX Water Conservation / Drought Contingency Plan Update
 - Questions asked during/after Debra Malus' presentation:
 - No questions
- Kevin Storey (TPWD)
 - Giant Salvinia and Zebra Mussel Update
 - Questions asked during/after Kevin Storey's presentation:
 - No questions
- Upper Basin Coordinated Monitoring Meeting
 - 10 in attendance representing SRA-TX, City of Dallas, NTMWD, Texas Railroad Commission & TPWD

Homewood Suites Hotel, Longview, TX on 4/28/16

- Sign-in (24 in attendance)
- Debra Malus (SRA-TX) -- Introduction
- Terry Wilson (SRA-TX)
 - CRP overview
 - Draft Sabine River Basin Big Sandy Creek Watershed Characterization Report 2015
 - Questions and comments during/after Terry Wilson's presentation:

1. Where is Little Cow Creek?
Answer: Little Cow Creek is located in the lower Sabine Basin.
2. Alert Academy is now tied into the Pritchett, TX water system
Response: Thanks for the new information.

- Debra Malus (SRA-TX)
 - SRA-TX Water Conservation / Drought Contingency Plan Update
 - Questions asked during/after Debra Malus' presentation:
 - No questions
- Lynn Wright (TPWD)
 - Giant Salvinia and Zebra Mussel Update
 - Questions and comments during/after Lynn's presentation:
 1. Should and how do private lakes implement a Salvinia prevention plan?
Answer: Yes, Lake Cherokee has some Salvinia prevention measures in place at boat ramps. TPWD and Lake Cherokee should be able to provide education and information on starting a prevention program. TPWD may be able to provide some signage for the boat ramps.
 2. Have there been any zebra mussel surveys done in the Sulphur River Basin?
Answer: Not that I am aware of.
- Lunch
- Upper Basin Coordinated Monitoring Meeting
 - 11 in attendance representing SRA-TX, TCEQ, Longview, ESA Consulting & a graduate student

Sabine River Authority General Office, Orange, TX on 4/29/16

- Sign-in (15 in attendance)
- Debra Malus (SRA-TX) -- Introduction
- Terry Wilson (SRA-TX)
 - CRP overview
 - Draft Sabine River Basin Big Sandy Creek Watershed Characterization Report 2015
 - Questions asked during/after Debra Malus' presentation:
 - No questions
- Debra Malus (SRA-TX)
 - SRA-TX Water Conservation / Drought Contingency Plan Update
 - Questions asked during/after Debra's presentation:
 - No questions
- Lunch
- Lower Basin Coordinated Monitoring Meeting
 - 14 in attendance representing SRA-TX, TCEQ & NRG-Cottonwood