

Sabine River Authority of Texas

2017 Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

Best Western Hotel, Emory, TX on 4/26/2017

- Sign in and Lunch (22 in attendance)
- Debra Malus (SRA-TX) -- Introduction
- Terry Wilson (SRA-TX)
 - CRP overview
 - Draft Sabine River Basin Highlights 2016 Report
 - Questions asked during/after presentation:
 1. What is chlorophyll a?
Answer: Chlorophyll a is a pigment in plants and is used as a secondary indicator of nutrient enrichment.
- Debra Malus (SRA-TX)
 - SRA-TX Water Conservation / Drought Contingency Plan Update
 - Questions asked during/after presentation:
 - No questions
- Kevin Storey (TPWD)
 - Giant Salvinia and Zebra Mussel Update
 - Questions asked during/after presentation:
 1. When are boats required to clean, drain and dry?
Answer: When a boat is going from one lake to a different lake.
 2. What is the best way to clean, dry and drain your boat?
Answer: High temp and high pressure washers are best.
 3. Are trained dogs going to be used to detect Zebra Mussels?
Answer: A proposed study is planned for a few area reservoirs.
- Upper Basin Coordinated Monitoring Meeting
 - 9 in attendance representing SRA-TX, City of Dallas, NTMWD and TPWD

Homewood Suites Hotel, Longview, TX on 4/27/17

- Sign-in (26 in attendance)
- Debra Malus (SRA-TX) -- Introduction
- Terry Wilson (SRA-TX)
 - CRP overview
 - Draft Sabine River Basin Highlights 2016 Report
 - Questions and comments during/after presentation:
 1. Will we drop a site from routine sampling once it is delisted?
Answer: A routine site would not be dropped.
 2. What is the suspected source of lead in Big Cow Creek?
Answer: The source is suspected to be non-point source.
- Debra Malus (SRA-TX)
 - SRA-TX Water Conservation / Drought Contingency Plan Update
 - Questions asked during/after presentation:
 - No questions

- Timothy Bister (TPWD)
 - Giant Salvinia and Zebra Mussel Update
 - Questions and comments during/after presentation:
 1. Where was giant salvinia found on Lake Fork?
Answer: Chaney Branch in November of 2015.
 2. Where did the invasive plant, Crested Floating Heart come from?
Answer: Unsure where the origin of the plant is.
- Lunch
- Upper Basin Coordinated Monitoring Meeting
 - 8 in attendance representing SRA-TX, TCEQ, Longview and TPWD

Sabine River Authority General Office, Orange, TX on 4/28/17

- Sign-in (14 in attendance)
- Debra Malus (SRA-TX) -- Introduction
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 - SRA-TX Water Conservation / Drought Contingency Plan Update
 - Questions asked during/after presentation:
 1. If the Liberty Community in Newton County were experiencing water issues would they be eligible for a SRA grant?
Answer: Yes.
 2. Is the SRA grant available for those wanting to expand services?
Answer: Private industries are not eligible, but if the City of Orange, for example, wanted to expand in order to better serve International paper, the City of Orange would be eligible for the grant.
- Terry Wilson (SRA-TX)
 - CRP overview
 - Draft Sabine River Basin Highlights 2016 Report
 - Questions asked during/after presentation:
 1. Is the excessive amount of rainfall causing the flooding of septic systems responsible for the high *Enterococcus* numbers?
Answer: That is one possible source of the elevated numbers.
 2. Comment expressing a concern or frustration about the differences in results between labs and how frustrating and damaging (public fear, etc.) it can be when one lab is allowed to declare a sample toxic without a second lab's opinion or analysis.
 3. Who funds SRA sampling and testing for the TCRP?
Answer: The TCEQ and the SRA both contribute to the funding of the SRA TCRP sampling and testing.
- Lunch
- Lower Basin Coordinated Monitoring Meeting
 - 14 in attendance representing SRA-TX, TCEQ, International Paper, Entergy and Little Cypress-Mauriceville High School