

# Sabine River Authority of Texas

## 2023 TCRP Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

Emory Meeting on 4/18/2023 - 8 stakeholders in attendance

- Sign-in and Lunch
- Luke Sanders Senior Biologist, SRA-TX
  1. Introduction
  2. Texas Clean Rivers Program (TCRP) overview
    - Partnership formed between Sabine River Authority of Texas (SRA-TX) and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) in 1991 with the goal of maintaining and improving water quality across the state of Texas.
    - TCRP serves to centralize, standardize, and qualify water quality data and make it available to the public.
  3. Draft Sabine River Basin Watershed Characterization Report
    - Highlighted Segment 0505 – Lake Tawakoni Watershed
    - Lake Tawakoni Reservoir satisfies all water quality standards for primary contact recreation (PCR)
    - South Fork Sabine River (AU 0507G\_01) listed as impaired for bacteria for PCR in the 2022 Integrated Report. A completed recreational use analysis supports revision of this AU from PCR to Secondary Contact Recreation 1 (SCR1). Under this new designation, the AU will no longer be impaired.
    - Cowleech Fork Sabine River (0507A\_01, 0507A\_02) – concern for Chlorophyll-a, depressed Dissolved Oxygen (DO) and Nitrate.
    - Long Branch (0507B\_01) – concern for Nitrate.
    - Caddo Creek (0507H\_01) - concern for depressed DO.

- Bill Kirby, Natural Resource Director, SRA-TX

1. Natural Resource Program Overview and Update

- Public Outreach and Education
- Cooperation with other Agencies
- Sabine River Mussel Surveys
- Toledo Bend Eel Passage and Survey Work

- Questions: None

- Luke Sanders, Senior Biologist, SRA-TX

- Community Assistance Grant Program (CAP) overview.

**Longview Meeting on 4/19/2023** - 11 stakeholders in attendance

- Same agenda as the Emory meeting. There were no questions following presentations.

**Orange Meeting on 4/20/2023** - 17 stakeholders in attendance

- Same agenda as the previous meetings.
- Jerry Wiegrefe, ESD Assistant Division Manager – Orange County total maximum daily load update.
- Questions:
  1. Where is the City of Greenville wastewater outfall located?  
Answer: The location was shown on a map.
  2. Could the City of Greenville outfall be a source for nitrified water in Cowleech Fork and Long Branch?  
Answer: It could be a source for Cowleech Fork as it is located in the northern reach of the watershed. It is not a source for Long Branch since it isn't located in the watershed.