

Sabine River Authority of Texas

2021 TCRP Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

Zoom Meeting on 4/28/21 Start: 9:30 End: 10:30

- 39 Stakeholders in attendance
- Introduction – Jerry Wiegrefe (SRA-TX)
- SRA-TX TCRP Program Overview – Terry Wilson (SRA-TX)
 - Intro and Focus
 - Objectives for TCRP
 - Update on 2020 Texas Integrated Report
 - Lake Cherokee Sulfate Removed
 - Lake Fork Creek pH Removed
 - Big Sandy Creek Bacteria Removed
 - Pat Bohannon update on 2022 Integrated Report
 - Big Cow Creek Watershed Characterization Report
 - Segment description
 - Hydrological Characteristics
 - Land Use
 - Potential Stakeholders
 - Impairment/ Area of Interest
 - Bacteria Impairment
 - Recommendations
 - Orange County TMDL Update
 - Jerry Wiegrefe and Tim Cawthon update
 - Moira Layman – when will monitoring begin and when will we start receiving results
 - Tim Cawthon – possible monitoring beginning in May, info updated to SWQM website and into a TMDL report by SRA.
 - Questions
- Natural Resources Report of Activities - Bill Kirby (SRA-TX)
 - Public Outreach and Education – Zebra Mussels, Giant Salvinia, Water Hyacinth, Game Thief trailer, Alligator Snapping Turtle, Major Rivers materials, classroom and public presentations, boat shows
 - Sabine Basin Mussel Survey
 - Stephen Greer – Are the mussels salt or freshwater? Will tidal influences effect the mussels?
 - Bill Kirby – Freshwater, located all along Sabine Basin
 - Toledo Bend Eel Passage – trap and relocate eels below the Dam
 - Sabine Basin Preliminary Turtle Survey – pilot study for larger turtle study
 - Alligator Snapping Turtle Re-patriation – AST poaching ring
 - Questions
 - Jeff Lauman – Asked about weather effect on the basin. Specifically, the freeze and the invasive species – Hyacinth and Salvinia.

- Bill Kirby – Hyacinth was damaged but is back, same with Salvinia
 - Debra Bills – Asked about plans for juvenile turtles with unidentified genetics and what to do with them.
 - Bill Kirby – We should be able to assess which basin they came from with no hybridization. Schedule for results should be getting back soon so we can release them in June
 - Terry Wilson – asked about Salvinia and Hyacinth and an update from Jake Norman and Tim Bister
 - J. Norman – Lake Fork, coming back from seedbed after freeze
 - Tim Bister – Lake Murvaul, Salvinia was knocked back significantly. Current fish kill going at Lake Murvaul. TPWD KAST on site.
- Water Conservation and Drought Contingency Plan – Jerry Wiegrefe (SRA-TX)
 - Requirements
 - Key Features
 - Plan Triggers
- Community Assistance Grant Program – Terry Wilson (SRA-TX)
 - Intro
 - Information about the grants
- Hazard Mitigation Plan – Jerry Wiegrefe (SRA-TX)
 - Overview
- Meeting Adjourned