

Sabine River Authority of Texas

2020 Virtual TCRP Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

Zoom Meeting on 8/13/2020- Start 13:30 End 15:02

- 50 stakeholders in attendance
- Jamie East (SRA-TX) -- Introduction
- Terry Wilson (SRA-TX)
 1. CRP overview
 - a) Where are we at with the latest assessment?

The 2020 IR has been approved and we are in the initial stages of the of the 2022 assessment. Lake Cherokee is delisted in the 2020 IR.
 2. Draft Sabine River Basin Program Update Report 2019
 3. Questions / comments during / after presentation:
 - a) What does habitat impairment mean?

Can relate to dissolved oxygen. Measures in stream cover and vegetation/ etc. Actually, a concern and not an impairment.
 - b) What is the definition of recreational use?

PC1 and PC2 indicate high levels of risk for ingestion. Swimming, fishing, and bank activity. No available access is less conducive to people swimming or fishing. So, swimming and fishing is the primary concern?

Yes, the risk assessment standard depends on the accessibility.
 - c) What additional information are you waiting on for the designation for Grace Creek?

Additional data is needed for assessment, I think 2yrs of monitoring with 20 samples. Yes, 20 samples are needed to assess bacteria. Grace Creek not approved yet for PC2 designation.
 - d) Lake Fork Creek Arm of Lake Fork Reservoir delisted for pH in 2020 IR.
 - e) Is there value in Texas Stream Team bacteria monitoring? Should we pursue sampling additional sites in Orange County. There is value in Texas Stream Team Monitoring (TST). Due to QA/QC concerns I do not know if the data can be used for TMDL assessments. TST monitoring is very good info and TCEQ encourages the collection but cannot be used officially for TMDL assessments, modeling or calculating loads. It can help identify and give reasons to monitor additional areas.
 - f) Since the SRA has participated in the CRP how has the water quality changed? Has it gotten better or worse?

Overall water quality has improved. Water quality does change on a regular basis due to outside forces (drought, storms). As water quality is assessed we make changes to our monitoring to address significant changes and any needs we are trying to address.
 - g) Are there any needs in basin?

The OCTMDL is one need we are addressing. Toxicity testing and biological monitoring are other types of monitoring we have performed over the years to address needs. The CRP integrates data and makes everything more efficient, allows focus on issues that are needed and helps coordinate monitoring activity in the basin.
 - h) How often is the TCEQ potential sources of impairments and concerns updated? Is there an update cycle?

Not updated often due to no new data. There is no update cycle and is left to each basin assessor. This may be something we need to look at updating.

- Luke Sanders (SRA-TX)
 1. SRA-TX Water Conservation / Drought Contingency Plan Update
 2. Questions / comments during/after presentation:
 - a) None

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 1. Community Assistance Program
 2. Questions / comments during/after presentation:
 - a) None

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 1. Hazard Mitigation Action Plan
 2. Questions / comments during/after presentation:
 - a) None

- Meeting Adjourned