

**January 12, 2010**

## **First SABP Stakeholder Meeting**

**10:00am – 3:00pm**

### **Meeting Summary Package**

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- **Copy of the Meeting Notice and Agenda**
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# The Future of San Antonio Bay: An Initial Stakeholder Meeting

The University of Houston – Victoria  
Alcorn Auditorium, (Room 204, University West Bldg.)  
3007 N Ben Wilson St, Victoria, TX, 77901  
(see attached maps for parking (Lot "T") and room location information)

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(Note: Sign-in begins at 9:30am)

## Agenda

- I. Welcome (Will Armstrong, Mayor, City of Victoria and Dr. Jeffrey Di Leo, Dean of Arts and Sciences, UHV)
- II. Meeting Objectives (J. Dodson)
- III. Introductions (all stakeholders & participants)
- IV.** Examples of the Collaborative/Stakeholder-Driven Management Model:
  - a. SB1 Regional Water Planning – Region L (Steve Raabe, San Antonio River Authority; Tyson Broad, Sierra Club )
  - b. Edwards Aquifer Recovery Implementation Program (Jerry James, City of Victoria; Diane Wassenich, San Marcos River Foundation; Kristan Soto, Dow - Seadrift)
  - c. Coastal Bend Bays and Estuaries Program (Ray Allen, Coastal Bend Bays and Estuaries Program)
- V. San Antonio Bay: Ecological Issues & Human Uses
  - a. Ecological Issues: Norman Boyd, TPWD San Antonio Bay Ecosystem Team Leader, Port O'Connor
  - b. Human Uses: Arlene Marshall, Executive Director, Calhoun County EDC
- VI. Hosted Lunch (12:30 to 1:15pm)
- VII. Stakeholder Issues (facilitated discussion, J. Dodson, moderator)
- VIII. Is There a Need for a Comprehensive Management Program for San Antonio Bay? (facilitated discussion, J. Dodson, moderator)
- IX. Next Steps
- X. Adjourn

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## **Discussion Points Captured During Afternoon Sessions (with annotation by J. Dodson):**

- Saltwater barrier dams & flow control structures on the perimeter of San Antonio Bay
  - *Impacts on flooding and hydrodynamics; who is responsible for operation & maintenance?*
- Acquisition of baseline information
  - *Sources, compilation, data management, reporting*
- Relationship of proposed SA Bay program to other planning efforts
  - *Don't duplicate other efforts; build partnerships; identify and use what works elsewhere*
- Re-use/reclamation of wastewater discharges
  - *Impact on in-stream and B&E inflows; water management strategies*
- Data on naturalized inflow regimes
  - *Use for comparison purposes; availability, accuracy?*
- “Authority” – fear of “over-involvement” by “Authorities”
  - *In collaborative, consensus-based processes, “authority” is held by all stakeholders*
- Canyon Reservoir operating policies
  - *Impact on down-stream flooding and in-stream flow regimes*
- Lower Guadalupe River basin flooding problems
  - *Proposed regional, cooperative study; CIAP funding application*
- Cooperative regional study
  - *Reduces duplication of funding requests*
- Endangered Species -- Federal mandates vs. voluntary recovery efforts
  - *Local, grass-roots efforts vs. “top-down” regulatory approach*
- Priorities for research and data needs
  - *Use to target available funds*
- Timeline for projects during planning phase
  - *Early implementation of “demonstration projects” yielding results creates more “buy-in” to the program*
- Expansion of the CBBEP into SA Bay versus local program/funding
  - *Benefits of accessing experience of CBBEP in securing funding and managing projects; need for SA Bay stakeholder group to plan and prioritize*

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- Tracking grants and improvements
  - *Accountability; performance measurements*
- Re-opening Cedar Bayou – available data; ecological vs. “sociological” justification
  - *General agreement that re-opening a “historical” exchange pass is probably desirable, but “suitable” TPWD data to quantify probable ecological benefits in the area is lacking; availability of project funding is key issue*
- Focus on protection of existing resources, not “restoration” or “recovery”
  - *Make pro-active efforts to preserve & protect what most now consider a “healthy” ecosystem, not efforts to restore a de-graded system (i.e., don’t let it get de-graded)*
- Should the proposed SA Bay program also include Matagorda Bay?
  - *Matagorda Bay system also lacks an estuary program; should/could one program attempt to deal with issues in both bays/watersheds?*
- Program boundaries/coverage area
  - *Whole watershed (San Antonio River & Guadalupe River basins) vs. coastal areas only; advantages & disadvantages of each*
- Landowner representation
  - *Need active involvement of landowners; effective land stewardship is key to a healthy ecosystem*
- Proactive, voluntary approach; not “regulatory”
  - *No desire to create new “requirements;” rather, implement voluntary programs that make a difference*
- Need for public involvement
  - *Key to success!*

## San Antonio Bay Project 1-12-10 Stakeholder Meeting Attendance List

Stakeholder Group	Stakeholder Name
<b>Local Governments</b>	
City of Victoria	Mayor Will Armstrong
	Council Member David Hagan
	Director of Environmental Services Jerry James
	Emergency Management Rick McBrayer
	City Attorney Thomas Gwosdz
	Wendi Duvall
Victoria County	County Commissioner Gary Burns
	Kevin Janak
Victoria County Groundwater Conservation District	Board Member Thurman Clements Jr.
	Board Member Kenneth Eller
	General Manager Tim Andruss
Victoria County Navigation District	
Calhoun County	
West Side Calhoun County Navigation District	Director Jack Campbell
City of Seadrift	
Refugio County	
Town of Austwell	
Tivoli	
Aransas County	
Aransas County Navigation District	
Goliad Co Groundwater Conservation District	Art Dohmann
Refugio County Groundwater Conservation District	Board Member Dallas Ford
	General Manager Garrett Engelking
<b>Legislative Representation:</b>	
<b>Area State Representatives</b>	
	Geanie Morrison -- Distr 30 Lisa Peterson
	Todd Hunter -- Distr 32 Bech K. Bruun
<b>State Agencies</b>	
Texas Parks & Wildlife Department	Norman Boyd
	Brent Ortego
	Jim Tolan
	Paul Silva
	Leslie Hartman
TGLO -- Texas Coastal Management Program	Tom Calnan
	Amy Nunez
	Manuel Freytes
Texas Water Development Board	Carla Guthrie
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality	Gail Rothe
Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board	Brian Koch
Texas State Department of Agriculture	
Texas Department of State Health Services, Seafood and Aquatic Life Group	
Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts	
TXDOT	Raul Cantu
<b>Federal Agencies</b>	
US Fish and Wildlife Service	
	Aransas National Wildlife Refuge Coastal Program
	Tom Stehn
	Dawn Whitehead
US National Marine Fisheries Service	
US Army Corps of Engineers	
NRCS - Victoria Office	Tim Reinke
US EPA Region VI	
USDA - Rural Development Group - Edna Office	Dorothy D. Aupperle
USGS	Lee Bodkin
<b>Economic Interest groups</b>	
Victoria Economic Development Corporation	Dale Fowler
Calhoun Co EDC	Arlene Marshall
Seadrift Chamber of Commerce	
Port O'Connor Chamber of Commerce	William Fox
Victoria Barge Canal Industries	
	Dow - Seadrift Kristan Soto
	Dow - Seadrift Jason Ammerman
	Invista Steve Fotiades
Recreational Fishing Interests	
Commercial Fishing Interests	

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Land Development Interests	Developer	Bill Ball
	Development Engineering	Tom Schmidt
Landowner Interests		
	Cliburn Ranch	Jay Cliburn
	Property Interest in Seadrift	Willa Hewlett
	Sea-Dan Ranch	Kathleen Carey
	Sea-Dan Ranch	John Welder
	La Quarencia Ranch	Walter Womack
	O'Connor-Braman Properties	Joe B. Bland
	McFaddin Properties	Mark Dierlam
Texas Farm Bureau	Calhoun County (Pres of Board)	Sam Nunley
		Don Sugarek
Texas & Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA)		Bob McCan
South Texas Cotton & Grain Association		Danny May
<b>Recreational Water Users</b>		
Coastal Conservation Association		Venable Proctor
		Davis Gordon
		Hector Mendieta
		Bill Moore
		Gib Fox
Seadrift Sail and Yacht Club		
<b>Environmental Organizations</b>		
Sierra Club		Tyson Broad
National Wildlife Foundation		
The Nature Conservancy		Mark Dumesnil
Environmental Defense		
San Antonio Bay Foundation		Todd Votteler
Guadalupe-Blanco River Trust		
San Marcos River Foundation		Dianne Wassenich
Clean Shores		Curtiss Cash
Friends of Aransas & Matagorda Island National Wildlife Refuges (FAMI)		
The Aransas Project		Charles Irvine
Texas Wildlife Association		
<b>River Authorities, Major Water Providers &amp; Water Supply Interests</b>		
Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority		Tommy Hill
San Antonio River Authority		Brian Mast
		Steve Raabe
		Mike Gonzales
		Adair Sutherland
		Terry Baiamonte
		Ken Diehl
		Patrick Shriver
		Allen Beinke
		John Longoria
San Antonio Water System		
Lower Colorado River Authority		
Guadalupe Basin Coalition		
South Central Texas Water Advisory Committee		
Region N RWPG		
<b>Academic/Extension</b>		
Texas Sea Grant	Calhoun Co. Marine Agent	
University of Houston -- Victoria	Dean of Arts & Sciences	Jeffrey DiLeo
	Faculty/Staff	Karen Pearce
	Faculty/Staff	Dennis Riedesel
	Faculty/Staff	Roy Foley
	Faculty/Staff	Harry Bashaw
University of Houston		
UT Austin -- Center for Research in Water Resources		
UTMSI	Graduate Student	Karen Bishop
TAMUCC -- Center for Coastal Studies/Harte Research Institute		Paul Montagna
		Liz Smith
		Lauren Hutchinson
		Sandra Arismendez
		John Adams
TAMUCC - Blucher Institute		Larry Lloyd

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**Public Interests, etc.**

	Citizen	Alice Stalcup
	Citizen	Reese Stalcup
	Citizen	John Kisalus
	Citizen	John T. Dolmas
	Citizen	Ralph Jendrzey
	Citizen	Ross C. Hoff
	Citizen/Fisherman	Ernest Embry
	Attorney/Mediator	Bob Houston
	Laura Raun Public Relations	Sam Carroll

**Local Media**

<i>Victoria Advocate</i>	Calhoun County Ranging Reporter/Environment News	JJ Velasquez
<i>Gulf Coast Connections</i>	publisher	
<i>Dolphin Talk Newspaper</i>	Editor	
<i>Port Lavaca Wave</i>	Reporter	Emily Allen
<i>Live on the Bay</i>	publisher	
<i>Newscenter 25 (local TV)</i>	Reporter	
<b>Coastal Bend Bays &amp; Estuaries Program</b>	Executive Director	Steve Broussard
	Deputy ED	Ray Allen
	Communications Mgr	Leo Trevino
	Admin Asst	Beth Wilson
	Audubon Program	Anne Hulse
	Contractor/Facilitator	David Newstead
		James Dodson