

June 24, 2010

Second SABP Stakeholder Meeting

10:00am – 3:00pm

Meeting Summary Package

Contents:

- **Copy of the Meeting Notice and Agenda**
 - Without original attachments
- **Copy of SABP Newsletter – August 2010: contains summary of June 24th Stakeholder meeting, with photos**

San Antonio Bay Partnership

The Future of San Antonio Bay: Second Stakeholder Meeting

**The University of Houston – Victoria
University Center - Multipurpose Room
3007 N Ben Wilson St, Victoria, TX, 77901**
(See attached map)

**10:00 am – 3 pm
June 24, 2010**

Agenda

- I. Welcome**
- II. Meeting Objectives** (J. Dodson)
- III. Introductions** (all stakeholders & participants)
- IV. Presentations:** (10:30 to 11:45 am)
 - Darwin Ockerman, USGS: Surface Water - Ground Water Interactions in the Lower San Antonio River
 - Michael Baccigalopi, Area Manager – South Texas Coastal Zone Oil Spill Prevention and Response Program, Texas General Land Office: Texas' Oil Spill Prevention and Response Program – Status of Preparedness along the Central Texas Coast
- V. Hosted Lunch** (11:45 am to 1:15 pm) **Keynote Speaker:** George Ward, Ph.D., Center for Research in Water Resources, University of Texas at Austin will speak on: Estuarine Science in the San Antonio Bay/Guadalupe Estuary System
- VI. San Antonio Bay Partnership** -- Reports from the Steering Committee Subcommittees: (1:15 to 2:15 pm)
 - Goals and Governance Subcommittee: Discussion and Potential Adoption of a Purpose and Goals Statement; Discussion of Organizational Structure
 - Funding Subcommittee: Steps in the Process of Obtaining Funds to Support the SABP Program Development and Potential Projects
 - Science/Technical Subcommittee: Proposed Characterization Reports to be Compiled in Support of Developing a Comprehensive Estuary Management Plan; Plans for a 2-day Conference/Stakeholder Meeting on the Science of the San Antonio Bay/Guadalupe Estuary System
- VII. Stakeholder Issues** (facilitated discussion, J. Dodson, moderator) (2:15 to 3:00 pm)
- VIII. Next Steps**
- IX. Adjourn**



THE FUTURE OF SAN ANTONIO BAY

SAN ANTONIO BAY PARTNERSHIP
Newsletter

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The San Antonio Bay Partnership: A Stakeholder-Driven Planning and Management Program for the San Antonio Bay/Guadalupe Estuary System

Stakeholders Gather Again to Plan for the Future of the San Antonio Bay/Guadalupe Estuary System

Over sixty-five persons met at the University of Houston - Victoria on June 24, 2010 to discuss ways to implement a stakeholder-driven planning and management program for the San Antonio Bay/Guadalupe Estuary System.

This second general stakeholder meeting (the first took place on January 12, 2010) got underway with presentations on technical issues related to the San Antonio Bay/Guadalupe Estuary System. Darwin Ockerman, a ground water scientist with the US Geological Survey in San Antonio, presented results of a recent study on ground water – surface water interactions in the San Antonio River Basin. Michael Baccigalopi, area manager for the South Texas Coastal Zone Oil Spill Prevention and Response Program (part of the Texas General Land Office), described the nature and status of oil spill prevention and response efforts in Texas, with special emphasis on planning then underway to address any threats to Texas beaches and bays from the Deepwater Horizon oil spill occurring off the Louisiana coast.

Following these two presentations, James Dodson, SABP Program Facilitator, described the steps in the process of developing a stakeholder-driven management plan for the San Antonio Bay/Guadalupe Estuary System:

- Build Commitment to the Collaborative Process
- Establish Purpose and Goals
- Characterize Status of Resources and Availability of Information (and information gaps)
- Identify and Analyze Priorities
- Prepare Appropriate Strategies and Action Plans
- Build Commitment to Actions
- Implement Strategies and Projects
- Monitor and Evaluate Progress – Adapt as Necessary (“Adaptive Management”)

Mr. Dodson also noted that the process involves certain challenges, including: deciding upon a practical “scope” for the program; finding adequate funding to support program activities; and maintaining stakeholders’ focus when there are many competing demands on each participant’s time.

The University of Houston – Victoria hosted meeting participants to a box lunch, during which time they were entertained and educated by luncheon speaker Dr. George Ward, an eminent estuarine scientist from the Center for Research in Water Resources at The University of Texas – Austin. Dr. Ward’s presentation on “Estuarine Science in the San Antonio Bay/ Guadalupe Estuary System” first described the range and nature of the primary “forcing factors” governing estuarine hydrography (“circulation”) and how hydrography influences estuarine ecosystems. He then described the particular forcing factors influencing the San Antonio Bay/ Guadalupe Estuary System and how these hydrographic features make this system distinct from other estuaries in Texas.

Photos from Presentations to the SABP Stakeholder Meeting on June 24, 2010



Stakeholders Paying Close Attention



Darwin Ockerman, USGS

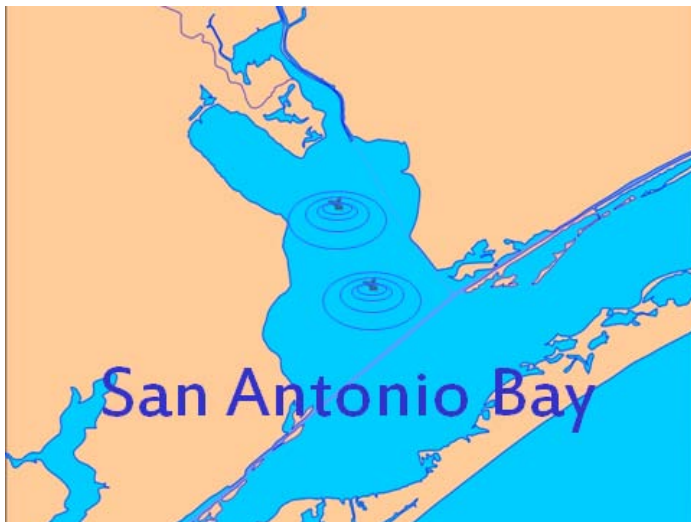
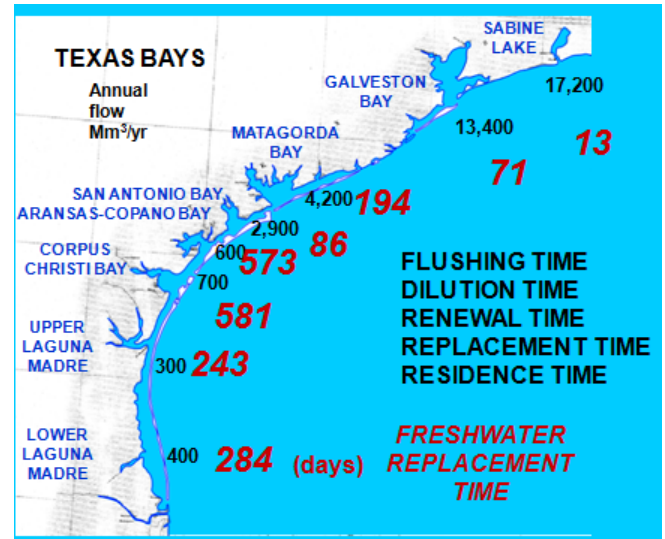
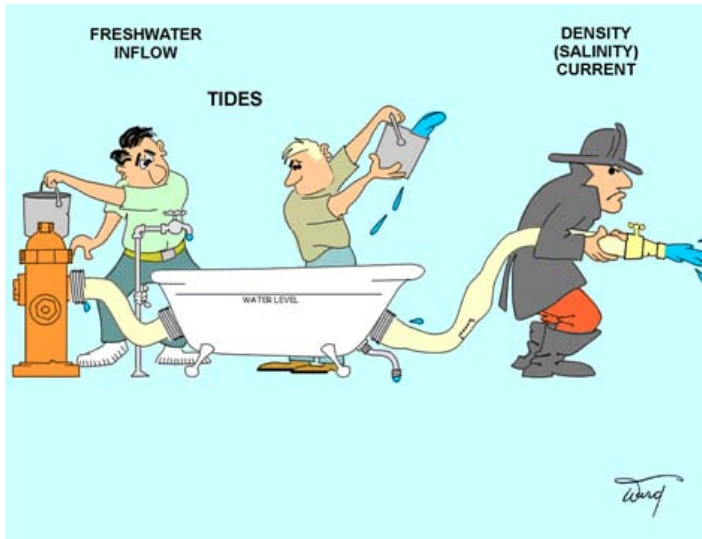


Michael Baccigalopi, TGLO



Dr. George Ward, CRWR, UT-Austin

Slides from Dr. Ward's Presentation



FEATURES OF SAN ANTONIO BAY

- INFLOWS PREDOMINANTLY ENTER ESTUARY IN ONE POINT
- LIES ON A CLIMATOLOGICAL GRADIENT BETWEEN HUMID, HIGH-INFLOW UPPER COAST, AND ARID, LOW-INFLOW LOWER COAST
- PART OF LARGER ESTUARY SYSTEM
- NO DIRECT TIDAL INLET
 - (CEDAR BAYOU, WHEN OPEN, HAS MINIMAL TIDAL PRISM)
- NO DEEP-DRAFT SHIP CHANNEL
- SALINITY INTRUSION OCCURS FROM ARANSAS PASS & MATAGORDA ENTRANCE/PASS CAVALLO
- ACTS AS AN INTEGRATOR OF INFLOW: HAS SLUGGISH RESPONSE TO FLUCTUATIONS OF FLOOD & DROUGHT

SABP Steering Committee and Subcommittee reports, and related discussion topics, were presented after lunch. The Goals and Governance Subcommittee discussion focused on the refinement and adoption of a "Purpose and Goals" statement and identifying an organizational/legal structure the San Antonio Bay Partnership. John Kisalus, SABP Steering Committee Chair, and James Dodson walked stakeholders through a draft Purpose and Goals statement and solicited comments on the document. Comments were recorded for the purpose of editing the draft document and producing a final version. It was agreed that the edited version would be submitted to stakeholders for review and, unless there were further changes suggested, it would be considered "adopted" as a program document. The revised version is available for review via the SABP website: www.SABayPartnership.org. Comments will be accepted through September 30, 2010 and can be submitted to James Dodson at jdodson27@gmail.com.

The report from the Funding Subcommittee described the funding opportunities discussed at the June 4, 2010 subcommittee meeting, including state and federal programs (i.e., Coastal Impact Assistance Program (CIAP), Coastal Management Program (CMP), and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service grants); private, charitable organizations, and local governments and private industries.

The report of the Science/Technical Subcommittee, which also met on June 4, 2010, focused on two primary topics: the proposed characterization (“Status and Trends”) reports to be compiled in support of developing a comprehensive management plan for the San Antonio Bay/ Guadalupe Estuary System, and plans for a two-day joint scientific/technical and stakeholder meeting to discuss these issues. Stakeholders reviewed and provided comments on a draft list of topics for the Status and Trend reports. Based on these comments, it was decided that the list would be revised and taken before the Science/Technical Subcommittee for review and adoption. A copy of the revised list of topics for the Status and Trends Reports can be found on the SABP Website at: www.SABayPartnership.org.

Mr. Dodson also discussed preliminary plans to hold a two-day, joint meeting of SABP stakeholders and members of the scientific community for the purpose of determining the state of current information available to support the development of the Status and Trends Reports and identifying information gaps that will require further research and data collection. This meeting would also be open to members of the Guadalupe, San Antonio, Mission, and Aransas Rivers and Mission, Copano, Aransas, and San Antonio Bays Basin and Bay Expert Science Team (BBEST) and Bay and Basin Area Stakeholders Committee (BBASC).

It was decided that the next SABP Stakeholder meeting would be held in conjunction with this two-day scientific/technical meeting, on a date yet to be determined.

Important Dates:

August 20, 2010: SABP Steering Committee and Subcommittee meetings; Victoria, TX

September 1, 2010: SB3 Guadalupe, San Antonio, Mission, and Aransas Rivers and San Antonio, Mission, Copano, and Aransas Bays BBASC Meeting in Refugio, TX; for more information, see:

http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/permitting/water_supply/water_rights/eflows/guadalupe-sanantonio-bbsc

September 9th & 10th: EARIP meetings at the Schertz Civic Center, Schertz, TX. 9 am to 5 pm each day.

September 14th: SB3 Guadalupe, San Antonio, Mission, and Aransas Rivers and San Antonio, Mission, Copano, and Aransas Bays BBEST Meeting at the River Systems Institute, Texas State University, San Marcos, TX ; for more information, see: http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/permitting/water_supply/water_rights/eflows/guadalupe-sanantonio-bbsc

November 1st & 2nd: SABP Joint Science/Technical and Stakeholder Meeting, Victoria TX

November 13th thru 17th: **RESTORE AMERICA'S ESTUARIES 5th NATIONAL CONFERENCE, Galveston, TX,** see: <https://www.estuaries.org/restore-americas-estuaries-5th-national-conference-registration-now-open.html>

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