



Boater Waste Workgroup

April 27, 2010 5:30 PM

Workgroup Members Present: Hilde Tipton (Public), Scott Tuma (City of League City), Richard Sowrey (Public), Helen Paige (Marina Bay Harbor), Steve Gammill (Green Marinas), Paul Fannin (Public), W.P. Steffan (TPWD), Emily Demmeck (GBF), Julie Mintzer (GBF), Trace McVicker (Maritime Sanitation), Lisa Miller-Marshall (GBF)

TMDL Discussion:

Hilde researched the TPWD grant that could be used to partially pay for a pumpout barge at one of the marinas. She is now looking for a marina that would be interested in applying for the grant. Andy Goldbloom is our contact at TPWD.

Paul Fannin brought information and a picture of a solar panel barge that would be anchored in the middle of a body of water. There would be easy access to this barge and would not cost anything to the users. The barge would be maintained by the owner of the pumpout. The cost to build this type of barge is approximately \$35,000. This barge would be eligible for grant money as well.

The group reiterated that they like the idea of having citizen water quality monitoring in the marinas. The data could be used to determine if the management measures are effective in those areas.

Steve Gammill suggested having marina residents sign a pledge to keep the marina waters clean. If the residents do not follow through on the pledge, they could be kicked out of that particular marina. The idea is that if the residents pledge to do the right thing, they are more likely to actually do the right thing.

Emily Demmeck distributed copies of a draft questionnaire that would go out to the marinas to be included in the billing and online. The questionnaire would help in determining who to target with the boater waste education campaign. Helen and Scott will find out how many questionnaires each of the marinas need. Once the numbers are determined, the questionnaires can be printed.

BWEC Discussion:

Emily reported that she is working with Image Resources to get billboard, radio, and TV ads set up.

"Pump, Don't Dump" is the new Boater Waste logo.

Tiffany Anders emailed an update regarding the videos that are being made to demonstrate how to pump out sewage and to highlight those marinas that have pumpout stations:

- The "How-to Pumpout" video is almost complete!
- Footage has been captured for: Maritime Sanitation, B.A.S.E., Marina del Sol, and South Shore Harbor.
- Lakewood Yacht Club has agreed to be videoed, but a date has not yet been set.
- All of the the Clear Lake marinas with pumpout facilities have been contacted but have not heard back from any of them. Following up this week with them.

The group also viewed the initial draft of the "How To" video. Everyone was very happy with the content and quality of the video. The only suggestion was to be able to have a menu to choose which marina to view.

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