

WWTF Workgroup Meeting Minutes April 7, 2011 9:30 AM

Workgroup Members Present: Kim Laird (TCEQ), Chip Morris (TCEQ by phone), Raul Silvas (City of Galveston), Marc Reid (TCWP), Ray Mayo (City of LaPorte), Eloy Mendoza (CLCWA), Leonard Levine (GCWDA) and Lisa Miller-Marshall (GBF)

Discussion

New Schedule: Lisa began the meeting by explaining a new schedule that TCEQ has suggested in order to have more time to bring the Implementation Plan to the stakeholders. The initial plan was to have a public meeting in May and submit the draft I-Plan in August to TCEQ. With the new schedule, the goal would be to submit a preliminary draft of the I-Plan to TCEQ in May, possibly have a public meeting in June to kick off the publicity campaign, spend several months publicizing and garnering support for the I-Plan, and have a final public meeting by October with public comments. The draft I-Plan would then be submitted to TCEQ in February for approval. The full schedule is attached.

Soliciting Support: Following are the forms of publicity the Committee believes are important to use to promote the I-Plan and collect input:

- Online survey
- Public Meetings
- Media Communications press releases, media alerts, press kits, etc.
- Electronic distribution e-mail, website Facebook, Twitter, etc

GBF and the workgroups will solicit support from cities, counties, commissioners, environmental organizations, community groups (Lions, Rotary, etc.), professional organizations, MUDs, commercial fishermen, agencies, chambers of commerce, etc.

The workgroup suggested keeping the presentations to these organizations and individuals very basic and emphasizing how the I-Plan will affect them personally. Before we meet with utilities directors, city managers, etc., send them the presentation ahead of time so they are prepared to discuss the issues.

Draft Implementation Plan: To prepare the draft I-Plan to be reviewed, the committee wants tables and figures included with the draft. Major formatting will be done after comments from the workgroups have been received.

The workgroup did agree to be responsible for the guidance document that is part of one of the management measures.

Next meeting: TBD

New Schedule for Implementation Plan

April: Internal review of I-Plan by the workgroups

May: Review of preliminary draft by TCEQ

June - August: Promote the I-Plan and solicit input from stakeholders; possible public meeting

August and September: Revise I-Plan based on comments and solicit letters of recommendation

October: Public Meeting and solicit comments

October – January: Address comments and make revisions to the I-Plan

February: Submit draft I-Plan to TCEQ