



Wastewater Treatment Facilities Workgroup Meeting

Agenda

Thursday, August 25th, 2016 1:30 PM

GBF Conference Room

In Attendance: Leonard Levine (GCWDA), Ray Mayo (City of La Porte), Linda Broach (TCEQ), Nate Johnson (GBF)

- I. Welcome + Introduction**
 - a. Meeting began at 1:30 PM in GBF's conference room

- II. Bacteria Plan Update**
 - a. Nate mentioned that GBF was awarded funding for one year (September 2016 – September 2017) from GBEP through the Texas Coastal Watershed Program to pursue implementation measures for and continue working on the Bacteria Plan, though no more details were discussed since TCWP and GBEP are still finalizing the contract.
 - b. The workgroup discussed potentially continuing or expanding on trainings provided to WWTF operators by Kim Laird as part of this one year implementation project

- III. No Discharge Zone (20 minutes)**
 - a. GBF is moving forward with putting together a petition to submit to TCEQ to designate Galveston Bay as a No Discharge Zone, and right now is working to determine who will submit letters of support, and how boaters will be impacted by the designation. More information will be sent to the WWTF workgroup members, along with a draft letter of support, once GBF gathers information on the potential impact towards commercial boaters (including cruise ships) and formulates an appropriate petition
 - b. The workgroup stressed the importance of bringing all stakeholders to the table early in the process so no one feels like they were excluded or taken by surprise. Once GBF collects all necessary information to the point where we believe we can have an informed discussion on the benefits and impacts of this potential NDZ designation, we will bring all stakeholders to the table in a workgroup-like format for discussion.

- IV. Pump Don't Dump/Dockwalker Update (15 minutes)**
 - a. The Marina Association of Texas (MAT) is in the process of receiving funding to adopt the Pump Don't Dump Campaign state-wide, to expand the message to areas like Matagorda Bay and Corpus.

- V. Cease the Grease Campaign (15 minutes)**
 - a. GBF reviewed current progress and plans for the Cease the Grease campaign, including oil recycling and partner engagement. Workgroup members agreed that it would be useful to receive and analyze up-to-date data on SSOs due to FOG in the five county area in order to update the statistics on this issue put forth in the I-Plan.

- VI. GBAN and WQ Monitoring Update(15 minutes)**

- a. GBF recently signed a contract with Vertices to develop a mobile-based GBAN app, which we will begin beta testing within three – four months. GBF is tossing around the idea of adding an air pollution category to GBAN. The workgroup mentioned that GBF and respective enforcement agencies may receive many “false alarms” of things like steam being reported as air pollution. The workgroup also thought it would be beneficial to look into LEPCs (Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPCs) to see if there are already effective systems of reporting air pollution on which GBAN could capitalize

VII. Conclude (10 minutes)

- a. The workgroup stressed the desire to meet on an annual or semiannual basis, rather than quarterly, and ideally with the entire I-Plan team rather than in various subcommittees. This would perhaps be most useful once the 2016-2017 contract is executed and we have a timeline of tasks, deliverables, and achievements for the project. Workgroups will be contacted once the contract begins and we will work towards formulating an update date and time at that point.

VIII. Adjourn