

**Guadalupe River Basin
Clean Rivers Program
Steering Committee
Annual Meeting**

March 24, 2016

Minutes

The annual meeting of the Clean Rivers Program (CRP) Guadalupe River Basin Steering Committee was held Thursday, March 24, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. at the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority (GBRA) River Annex, 905 Nolan St., Seguin. Attending were representatives from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) CRP and Surface Water Quality Monitoring (SWQM) Team; the Upper Guadalupe River Authority (UGRA); GBRA; TCEQ SWQM Regions 11, 13, 14; Texas Parks and Wildlife Department; Texas Department of Agriculture; the Wimberley Valley Watershed Association; Texas AgriLife Extension Service; the Meadows Center for Water and the Environment (the Cypress Creek Watershed Planning project; the Upper San Marcos Watershed Planning project); and Texas Stream Team. Also attending were representatives from the Goliad County Groundwater Conservation District; the New Braunfels Utilities; Plum Creek Watershed Partnership; Geronimo Creek Watershed Partnership; Cypress Creek Watershed Partnership; the cities of Victoria, San Marcos and New Braunfels; the San Marcos River Foundation; the Edwards Aquifer Research Center; Edwards Aquifer Authority; Master Naturalists from Guadalupe, Comal and Hays Counties;

After introductions, Lee Gudgell (GBRA), Tara Bushnoe (UGRA), and William Butler (WVWA) gave the stakeholders updates of the CRP activities in their respective areas.

Copies of the presentations can be found on the GBRA Clean River Page at <http://www.gbra.org/crp/default.aspx>.

Daniel Large and Shaun Payne, with the Edwards Aquifer Authority, gave an overview update of the Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) developed by the Edwards Aquifer Recovery Implementation Program (EARIP). **A copy of this EAA presentation can be found on the GBRA Clean River Page at <http://www.gbra.org/crp/default.aspx>.**

Megan Wilson with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality spoke about the non-point source program including 319 funding and regulated MS4 conveniences. **A handout from the NPS program presentation can be found on the GBRA Clean River Page at <http://www.gbra.org/crp/default.aspx>.**

Brent Lundmark with New Braunfels Utilities (NBU) spoke about recent construction improvements to the North Kuehler St. wastewater treatment plant and addressed stakeholder concerns.

George Gable with the TCEQ updated the stakeholders on the status of the Texas Instream Flow Program (TIFP) study on the Lower Guadalupe River. **A copy of Mr. Gable's presentation can be found on the GBRA Clean River Page at <http://www.gbra.org/crp/default.aspx>.**

Mr. Dornak presented an update to the status of the Plum Creek Watershed Partnership (PCWP). **A copy of Mr. Dornak's presentation can be found on the GBRA Clean River Page at <http://www.gbra.org/crp/default.aspx>.**

Ward Ling from the Texas AgriLife Extension Agency updated the stakeholders on the status of the Geronimo and Alligator Creek Watershed Protection Plan over a speaker phone. **A copy of Mr. Ling's presentation can be found on the GBRA Clean River Page at <http://www.gbra.org/crp/default.aspx>.**

Meredith Miller with the Meadow's Center for Water and the Environment briefed the stakeholders on the status of the Upper San Marcos River Watershed Protection Plan and the Cypress Creek Watershed Protection Plan. **A copy of both of Ms. Miller's presentations can be found on the GBRA Clean River Page at <http://www.gbra.org/crp/default.aspx>.**

Tara Bushnoe with the Upper Guadalupe River Authority (UGRA) updated the stakeholders regarding the Bacteria Reduction Plan being implemented by the UGRA. **A copy of both of Ms. Bushnoe's presentations can be found on the GBRA Clean River Page at <http://www.gbra.org/crp/default.aspx>.**

Mark Ender's with the City of New Braunfels updated the stakeholders about the Dry Comal Creek Watershed Protection Plan. Mr. Ender's gave a presentation on the proper disposal of chemical waste in the City of New Braunfels and surrounding municipalities of the Guadalupe watershed. **A copy of both of Mr. Ender's presentations can be found on the GBRA Clean River Page at <http://www.gbra.org/crp/default.aspx>.**

The meeting closed at 4:30 p.m.