

# **CBEP Bays Plan Coordination Team**

## **Meeting 4/27/05 Minutes**

### **Attending:**

Paul Carangelo  
Robyn Cobb  
Robert Corrigan  
Maggie Dalthorp  
Jeff Foster  
Rocky Freund  
Beau Hardegree

Barbara Keeler (via  
phone)  
Art Morris  
Tara Schultz  
Carola Serrato  
Bob Trebatoski

Ray Allen  
Jim Bowman  
Dustin Cravey  
Monika De La Garza  
Anne Hulse  
Leo Trevino  
Kate Williams

1. Introductions – Meeting began at 9:10 a.m. Everyone present introduced themselves to the group.
2. Budget Review – Mr. Allen reviewed the FY 2006 Preliminary Budget and pointed out that approximately \$652,500 is anticipated in available funding for projects in the FY '06 Work Plan.
3. Implementation Team Presentations – (Specific projects noted here for purposes of documenting information provided in presentation that was not included in the written descriptions provided as handouts, also to document any significant discussions/comments.)

Habitat and Living Resources Team – Beau Hardegree presented the proposed projects, in prioritized order, totaling \$370,000 - \$375,000:

- i. **Coastal Bend Land Trust \$75,000** for administrative expenses (see attached)

Bob Corrigan suggested loaning Kate Williams' grant-writing talents to the Trust to help facilitate their attaining self-sufficiency. Ray Allen suggested making the funds available as a mandatory funds matching grant. Art Morris requested a summary of all Land Trust accomplishments to date.

- ii. **Various CARR members \$60,000 for Animal Rescue and Rehabilitation** – The question was posed as to exactly who would receive these funds. In response, Dustin Cravey provided an additional handout (see attached).

- b. Environmental Education and Outreach Implementation Team – Maggie Dalthorp presented the following projects totaling \$242,600. Documentation was not ranked by priority; however, ranking was provided verbally as follows:
- i. Keepers of the Coast - \$35,000
  - ii. Kritters 4 Kids - \$20,000
  - iii. Teaching Environmental Science - \$25,000 (TAMUCC)
  - iv. Public Education & Outreach Events and Activities - \$40,000
  - v. Public Education & Outreach Media Plan - \$40,000
  - vi. Seagrass Restoration Project - \$7,600
  - vii. CorpusBeat - \$2,000 (high school or college students receive \$200 per article)
  - viii. Curricula Needs Assessment Follow up & Environmental Educator - \$44,000 (part-time position)
  - ix. Youth Odyssey - \$4,000 (tied w/ 9b.) (24 kids participate)
  - x. Coastal Bend Bays Foundation - \$40,000 (tied w/ 9a.)
- c. Human Uses Implementation Team – Art Morris presented proposed projects totaling \$62,000.
- d. Water and Sediment Quality Implementation Team – Rocky Freund presented proposed projects totaling \$385,000 - \$405,000. Since handout provided was prioritized but did not state amounts for each project, below is the ‘ballpark’ amount.
- i. Vibrio Vulnificus - \$50,000
  - ii. Oso Creek and Oso Bay Watershed - \$100,000
  - iii. Bay and Gulf Debris - \$15,000-\$20,000
  - iv. Continuation of the Regional Coastal Assessment Program - \$175,000
  - v. Beach Watch - \$15,000-\$20,000
  - vi. Bacteriological Contributions from Sediments - \$15,000-\$20,000
  - vii. Harbors and Marinas - \$15,000-\$20,000

4. Discussion - Carola Serrato inquired as to how many meetings would be required to establish the '06 Work Plan. Mr. Allen responded that at least two more meetings would be needed because a draft plan must be submitted to the EPA in May and the final to TCEQ in June.

Additionally, he requested that the team rank the projects by importance and merit, not by cost. Carola asked that each team member provide their own ranking at the next meeting to compare with the other members' rankings. Ray Allen offered to provide each team member with an Excel spreadsheet listing of the proposed projects to help facilitate the ranking process. Barbara

Keeler requested that the group also include developing environmental indicators.

5. Carola asked that the next meeting be set for Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. Everyone, except Barbara Keeler and Robyn Cobb, agreed that they could attend the next meeting as scheduled.
6. The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon.