

MEETING SUMMARY  
WATER AND SEDIMENT QUALITY IMPLEMENTATION TEAM  
July 13, 2004

TEAM MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ms. Rocky Freund, Chair  
Mr. Bob Trebatoski, Co-Chair  
Mr. Jim Bowman, Staff  
Ms. Kristie Jenkin  
Ms. Teresa Carrillo  
Mr. Andy Garza  
Dr. Joanna Mott  
Ms. Peggy Sumner  
Ms. Pamela Brown  
Mr. Brien Nicolau  
Mr. Alex Nunez  
Ms. Sandra Alvarado, on phone

The Water and Sediment Quality Implementation Team was called to order at approximately 9:30 am on July 13, 2004, at the Coastal Bend Bays and Estuaries Program office at 1305 N. Shoreline Blvd., Suite 205, Corpus Christi, Texas. Ms. Freund asked for the Team to introduce themselves and provide any background information that they wish to provide about themselves and their representation. This was done with everyone present and new team members present included, Mr. Jeff Foster with the TCEQ in Corpus Christi, Tx and Mr. Brien Nicolau with the Center for Coastal Studies at Texas A&M University, Corpus Christi.

Ms. Freund then introduced Mr. Brien Nicolau who made a presentation to the Water and Sediment Quality Implementation Team (W&SQIT) on the Regional Coastal Assessment Project (RCAP) that has been ongoing in CBBEP's coastal waters from 2000 to 2004. Mr. Nicolau discussed the water, sediment, and biological RCAP monitoring being conducted in the CBBEP Project area of the Texas coast. The RCAP work is also supplementing monitoring work being done along the Texas Gulf Coast by other state agencies such as the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and the Texas Department of Health. Data from RCAP is currently being downloaded into the TCEQ's data system, TRACS. Mr. Nicolau estimated that quarterly water quality data and annual sediment data from 2000 and 2001 is now available for review in TRACS. Mr. Nicolau presented monitoring data from the various years of the RECAP. In addition, Mr. Nicolau compared the difference in concentrations of metals in the coastal waters using Ultra-Clean Sampling Techniques versus techniques utilized by the state resource agency in years past. Brien's data definitely showed a large order of magnitude difference in concentrations of metals in the water in the past sample events compared to what they are currently finding utilizing the Ultra-Clean Sampling Techniques.

The Water and Sediment Quality Implementation Team then discussed the development of the CBBEP, FY06 Work Plan. The Team was tasked with coming to our next meeting in September with ideas to be worked on for inclusion in the CBBEP's FY-06 work plan. These items will need to be developed into Projects, with a good description of the work that needs to be done, objectives of the project, and other details to fully describe the project including costs and priority. Then, in January 05, these developed projects in a priority ranking, are given to the Coordination Team. The Coordination Team then develops projects from the Teams into a Work Plan that is capable of being funded by the Program for FY06. This Work Plan is then provided to the Bay's Council. The Council reviews the work and then in the Spring of 05 gives it to the Executive Director for implementation into the 06 Work Plan.

The issue of developing priorities was brought up by one of the Team members and we discussed possible methods of prioritization of the Action Items that have been identified.

One of the Action Items identified by the Team included having the Water and Sediment Quality /Action Item by Team list evaluated for those items which have been completed or in the process of being done. This is to be reported back to the Team by the CBBEP Project Manager at the September meeting.

Mr. Alex Nunez with the TAMU-CC Center for Coastal Studies was accepted as a Water and Sediment Implementation Team member at this meeting.

September 14, 2004 is the next scheduled date for the Water and Sediment Team to meet at the Coastal Bend Bays and Estuaries Program office.