

Budget and Priorities (B&P) Subcommittee of the Galveston Bay Council (GBC)

Date: Thursday, June 25, 2020, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Location: Galveston Bay Estuary Program (GBEP), Virtual Teams

Minutes

Attendees

Members attended: Glenn Clingenpeel, Albert Gonzalez, George Guillen, Doug Jacobson, Brian Koch, Mike Lee, Kerry Niemann, Cherie O'Brien, Nancy Parra, Ceil Price, Lisa Rickards, Linda Shead, and Lori Traweek.

GBEP Staff attended: Cynthia Clevenger, Lindsey Lippert, Kristen McGovern, Lisa Marshall, Christian Rines, Mary Stiles, and Patricia Thompson.

Welcome and Introductions.

Lisa Marshall and Glenn Clingenpeel welcomed the members to the meeting.

Doug Jacobson announced that he will no longer be the National Estuary Program (NEP) liaison for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 6. He introduced Lisa Rickards who will be the new NEP liaison. Ms. Rickards thanked Mr. Jacobson for the introduction and stated that she is looking forward to working with GBEP and the GBC.

Planning for the July GBC Meeting

The following topics were included on the July GBC agenda and were explained by Ms. Marshall and discussed by the members:

- Three presentations have been scheduled for the July meeting: *Texas General Land Office's Regional Flood Studies* by Tyler Payne, Texas General Land Office, *Water and Sediment Quality Focus and Priorities* by Christian Rines, Water and Sediment Quality Coordinator, and *Bacterial Source Tracking (BST) on Tributaries of Trinity and Galveston Bays* by Terry Gentry, Ph.D, Texas A&M University.
- Three GBC members will no longer represent their organization on the GBC. Christine Bergren retired from the Texas Department of Transportation at the end of June and will be replaced by Sue Theiss; Rusty Swafford, National Marine Fisheries Service, will be replaced by Charrish Stevens who filled the fisheries biologist position; and Ms. Rickards, EPA, will be taking Mr. Jacobson's position.
- In November 2020, half of the GBC members' terms will expire. Those members will need to notify GBEP staff of their intention to continue to represent their organization on the GBC. The member's new terms will need to be approved by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Commissioners at Agenda, which is expected to take place in February or March 2021.

- The Subcommittee Coordinators will brief the GBC members on the priorities selected by each of their subcommittees for fiscal 2022. Each coordinator presented their priorities to the B&P Subcommittee.
- Ms. Marshall suggested holding the Roundtable at the end of the GBC meeting as usual. With the unusual circumstances with COVID-19, members can report professional and personal updates as well as how their organization has been dealing with COVID-19. However, because Teams is not as robust as some platforms, Ms. Marshall asked for recommendations for other platforms and someone to host the GBC meeting. Mr. Clingenpeel offered to host with WebEx. GBEP will research WebEx, Teams, and Zoom to determine the best platform to use for the GBC meeting.

Setting a date for the next B&P Subcommittee meeting:

Ms. Marshall suggested the meeting take place the week of October 5th but she will send out a Doodle Poll in August.

Announcements:

- N/A

Upcoming meetings:

Galveston Bay Council: 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 15, 2020, WebEx Virtual Meeting.