WATER AND SEDIMENT QUALITY (WSQ) SUBCOMMITTEE OF

THE GALVESTON BAY COUNCIL (GBC) GALVESTON BAY ESTUARY PROGRAM (GBEP)



WSQ Subcommittee Meeting Link December 10, 2025 1:30 P.M. - 3:30 P.M.

AGENDA



- 1:30 Call to Order, Introductions
- **1:35 Approval of Minutes:** Subcommittee review/approval of 9/10/2025 meeting minutes.
- **1:40 Presentation:** *General Information and Current Guidance on PFAS* Caroline Emery, Toxicologist, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
- **2:25 Presentation:** *Digging Deeper Addressing Soil Health to Improve Water Quality in the Lower Galveston Bay Watershed* Celina Gauthier Lowry, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension
- 2:45 **Presentation:** Repair and Replacement of Failing On-Site Sewage Facilities (OSSFs) for Homeowners in Disadvantaged Communities with Vulnerable Populations Kendall Guidroz, Houston-Galveston Area Council
- **3:05 Projects Updates** from WSQ Project Managers
 - Enhancing Clear Creek Watershed Protection and Galveston Bay Plan through Community Engagement and Monitoring (BPA)
 - Strategic Implementation of Green Infrastructure Best Management Practices in the Double Bayou Watershed (HARC)
 - Repair and Replacement of Failing On-Site Sewage Facilities (OSSFs) for Homeowners in Disadvantaged Communities with Vulnerable Populations (H-GAC)
 - Watershed Protection Plan Development for Greens Bayou (H-GAC)
 - Green Stormwater Infrastructure (GSI) Demonstration Site Development for Greenspace Education in the Galveston Bay Watershed (TX A&M AgriLife)
 - Digging Deeper: Addressing Soil Health to Improve Water Quality in the Lower Galveston Bay Watershed (TX A&M AgriLife)
 - Supporting Permeable Alternatives to Conventional Pavement in the Lower Galveston (TX A&M AgriLife)
 - Application of Rapid Methods of Microbial Source Tracking to Assess the Source of Fecal Contamination to Western Galveston Bay (UHCL)

- Targeted Microplastics Monitoring in the Waters of Galveston Bay and its Tributaries (USGS)
- West Lake Houston Basin/ Clear Creek Watershed Protection Plan (H-GAC)
- Cotton Bayou TMDL/ Chocolate Bayou I-Plan Development (H-GAC)
- Bacteria Implementation Group (H-GAC)
- Galveston Bay Coalition of Watersheds (TX A&M AgriLife)
- 3:15 Roundtable/ Partner Announcements and Updates
- 3:25 GBEP, Council, and Subcommittee Updates
- 3:30 Adjourn

Future Meetings:

B&P Meeting – Wednesday, January 7, 2026 (1:00 p.m.-3:00p.m.) GBC Meeting – Wednesday, January 16, 2026 (9:30 a.m.-12:30p.m.) WSQ Subcommittee Meetings

- Wednesday, March 11, 2026 (1:30-3:30pm)
- Wednesday, June 10, 2026 (1:30-3:30pm)
- Wednesday, September 9, 2026 (1:00-3:30pm)
- Wednesday, December 9, 2026 (1:30-3:30pm)