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Chapter 10 – Public Participation in Developing the 2011 Region H Water Plan

10.1 Introduction

The Region H Water Planning Group (RHWPG) has sought to encourage public involvement and the participation of interested parties during the process of plan development so that any concerns could be addressed before the draft plan was completed. From its initial deliberations in preparing the 2001 Regional Water Plan, the RHWPG has made a commitment to an open planning process and has actively solicited public input and involvement in developing the elements of the 2011 Regional Water Plan (RWP). Securing a high level of public participation continues to be a challenge for long-term planning, even for a topic so vital to public well-being as the water supply, particularly if there is no drought. The attention of the news media in a major media market is rarely focused on continuing efforts that result in lengthy documents, no matter how important those documents may be to the region's future. Nevertheless, the RHWPG has reached out to communicate with the general public and especially with those segments of the population who will be most affected by the results of the regional water plan. This has been accomplished by pursuing several avenues to gain public involvement.

10.1.1 Regional Water Planning Group as Stakeholder Representatives

The first line of public involvement occurs through the membership of the Region H Water Planning Group. Each of the members of the RHWPG represent an interest category, such as river authority, agriculture, small businesses, general public, etc. They also represent the different geographic areas within this large region. Most of these members have linkages to the community through various organizations. These linkages, such as professional organizations or citizens groups, are the first avenue for taking information to the public and for receiving input to the RHWPG.

During development of the 2011 RWP, the RHWPG has met on the first Wednesday of the month at least quarterly, but often on a more frequent basis, so that interested parties can plan to attend and follow the proceedings. Notices of these meetings are posted in each of the counties in Region H and are e-mailed to a list of "interested persons" who have requested to be informed. The RHWPG maintains minutes of its meetings and places them on the Region H Water website for review, along with a multitude of other meeting resources.

10.1.2 Public Meetings during Plan Development

In addition to the August 2006 public hearing initiating the first biennium of the planning effort, the Region H Water Planning Group has held public meetings/hearings at several points in the planning process. Meeting formats encouraged discussion of the issues and in spite of the sparse turnout, those attending generally gave positive feedback. Summaries of the meetings and lists of attendees are included in this report.

This initial hearing in August 2006 began the development of special studies on environmental flows, drought management, and interruptible supplies. Another public hearing was held in May 2008 to initiate the second biennium of planning that would culminate in the development of the 2011 RWP. This meeting was held at the office of the San Jacinto River Authority in conjunction with a regular meeting of the RHWPG.

In May and July of 2009, meetings were again held at the San Jacinto River Authority offices. These were both morning meetings and focused on review and comment on the draft population projections prepared by the RHWPG with cooperation from the TWDB for use in preparing the 2011 RWP.

In March and April of 2010, the RHWPG conducted public hearings in Houston, Madisonville, and Conroe to receive public comment on the Initially Prepared Plan. Meetings in Madisonville and Conroe were well attended by the public, particularly with comments regarding the proposed Millican Reservoir project as a water management strategy.

10.1.3 Targeted Meetings during Plan Development

Interaction with and updates to the 40-member Galveston Bay Freshwater Inflow Group (GBFIG) provided a forum for communication with environmental and conservation organizations and commercial and recreational fisher groups, as well as the GBFIG members from business and state and local agencies. GBFIG continues to work on developing management strategies for meeting the freshwater inflow targets that are endorsed in the 2001 and 2006 RWPs.

10.1.4 Public Notices and Press Releases

Media coverage was sought in conjunction with each series of public meetings or hearings. For each series, paid meeting notices were placed in fourteen newspapers providing service to all fifteen of the counties in Region H. Direct first-class mailings to county judges and mayors accompanied the issuance of public notices.

10.1.5 Region H Water Website

A website was developed at the onset of the first biennium of the 2011 RWP in order to maintain a constant level of contact with the public and to provide members of the RHWPG with resources for plan development. The new site, Region H Water (<http://regionhwater.org>), provides visitors with background on the importance of water and conservation efforts as an overview of the regional planning process in Texas. The site also provides information and announcements for meetings of the RHWPG and downloads of past and in-progress RWPs.

10.1.6 Texas Water Development Board Website

The Region H Water Planning Group has taken advantage of the Internet site provided by TWDB on its home page (www.twdb.state.tx.us). Upcoming meetings, minutes of previous meetings, and contact information are posted. TWDB has posted a copy of the 2001 and 2006 RWPs on its site as well.

10.2 Summary of Public Hearing, August 2, 2006

A public hearing to receive comments on the proposed scope of work for the grant application to update the Region H Water Plan was held on August 2, 2006 at 10 a.m. as part of the regular meeting of the Region H Water Planning Group. The meeting was held at the San Jacinto River Authority offices in Conroe. Three individuals provided comments.

Mr. Brandt Mannchen of the Houston Sierra Club expressed that the Sierra Club has sixteen potential issues for the next round of planning. The top two consisted of the environmental flow needs and drought management strategies. Mr. Mannchen stated he would like to see a target for industrial water conservation, which is not currently part of the plan. He questioned if the agricultural water conservation goals could be attained, and he said he would like to see stronger municipal conservation plans.

Mr. Ken Kramer of the Lone Star Sierra Club echoed the comments of Mr. Mannchen on the issues on environmental flow needs and drought management strategies. As for the other two issues, he stated he had no objections to them. The municipal conservation plan was updated last year, and he would like to see a survey regarding municipal conservation.

Mr. Jerry Lovelady of the Porter Special Utility District commented on water conservation and stated that there are more opportunities available for more aggressive measures.

Table 10-1: Attendance at Public Hearing, August 2, 2006

2 August, 10:00 a.m., SJRA Offices, Conroe

Interested Public Speaking

Ken Kramer, Sierra Club, Lone Star Chapter

Jerry Lovelady, Porter SUD

Brandt Mannchen, Houston Sierra Club

Consulting Team

Jason Afinowicz, TCB

Glenda Callaway, Ekistics

Lucia Lee, KBR

David Parkhill, TCB

Region H Water Planning Group Members

Reed Eichelberger for James Adams, SJRA

Roosevelt Alexander, Waller County

John Baker, BRA

John Bartos, Galveston Bay Fdn.

John Blount, Harris County

Robert Bruner, Walker County

Mark Evans, Trinity County

Jason Fluharty, Texas Genco

Tom Michel for Mary Alice Gonzalez, Fort Bend County

Jack Harris, Brazoria County

Robert Istre, GCWA

Jace Houston for Marvin Marcell, FBSD

James Morrison, Walker County Rural Water Supply Corp.

James Murray, ExxonMobil, Houston

Ron Neighbors, HGSD, Friendswood

Jimmie Schindewolf, NHCRWA

Jeff Taylor, City of Houston

William Teer, Leon County

Steve Tyler, Trinity County

Danny Vance, TRA

Harold Wallace, West Harris County WSC

~~Consulting Team~~

~~Jason Afinowicz, TCB~~

~~Glenda Callaway, Ekistics~~

~~Lucia Lee, KBR~~

~~David Parkhill, TC&B~~

10.3 Summary of Public Hearing, May 28, 2008

A public hearing to receive comments on the proposed scope of work for the grant application to update the Region H Water Plan was held on May 28, 2008 at 10 a.m. as part of the regular meeting of the Region H Water Planning Group. The meeting was held at the San Jacinto River Authority offices in Conroe. Six individuals provided comments.

Ken Kramer with the Lone Star Chapter of the Sierra Club commented on the scope of work and complimented the Region H website. He voiced support for the supplemental funding request related to water conservation and encouraged the use of demand management to meet monthly or daily shortages. He also encouraged evaluation of successful water conservation plans in other regions to see how they compare with plans in Region H. He stated that the Sierra Club opposes Bédias Reservoir and that other strategies would be better.

Dan Davis expressed his appreciation for Region H's work. He expressed support for Bédias Reservoir and explained that it would mitigate issues related to the use of Lake Conroe surface water. He discussed the role of water conservation in future planning. He encouraged the legislature to fund research with the objective of determining an acceptable method of using treated effluent for direct injection into potable water treatment plants. Mr. Davis explained that he was a member of the Lake Conroe Communities Network and the Walden Community Improvement Association, and that he was a director on Montgomery County MUD 8, but that he was testifying in his individual capacity.

Jackie Chance commented on the environmental flows into Galveston Bay and the reduction of same when the groundwater conversion takes place and emphasized the need to study potential impacts. He encouraged the construction of more reservoirs and requested that TCEQ request drought contingency plans and water conservation plans from smaller systems also.

Jerry Fannin requested that Madison County have a representative on Region H. He expressed his concern regarding consideration of Bédias Reservoir as a potential management strategy.

Gerald Jozwiak, a Madison County resident, stated that he opposed the construction of Bédias Reservoir and wants it removed from Region H Plan completely. He commented on the wetlands, hardwood forests, wildlife, and the negative economic impacts on agriculture that this reservoir would have on their community. He echoed previous comments on the need to reduce the demand for

water through conservation. He stated that additional reservoirs would not be needed if Montgomery County residents reduced their demand through conservation.

Art Henson, County Judge for Madison County, expressed opposition to Bedias Reservoir and requested that the impacts on agriculture and the local tax base be considered in planning for surface water. He requested a seat on the Region H Planning Group and stated that a formal request would be forthcoming.

Mike Reedy summarized written comments received from Ronald Rushing, Senator Robert Nichols, Representative Brandon Creighton, Angela Fannin, and Dan Davis.

Table 10-2: Attendance at Public Hearing, May 28, 2008

28 May, 10:00 a.m., SJRA Offices, Conroe

Interested Public

Jackie Chance, So. Montgomery County Area
 Jerry Fannin, Madison County
 Dan Davis, Lake Conroe Area
 Art Henson, Madison County
 Gerald Jozwiak, Madison County
 Ken Kramer, Sierra Club, Lone Star Chapter

Region H Water Planning Group Members

Roosevelt Alexander, Waller County
 John Baker, BRA
 John Bartos, Galveston Bay Fdn.
 John Blount, Harris County
 Robert Bruner, Walker County
 Reed Eichelberger, SJRA
 Mark Evans, Trinity County
 Jason Fluharty, Texas Genco
 Jack Harris, Brazoria County
 Bob Hebert, Fort Bend County
 Robert Istre, GCWA
 Ron Neighbors, HGSD
 Jimmie Schindewolf, NHCRWA
 Jeff Taylor, City of Houston
 William Teer, Leon County
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~~Mike Reedy, TCB~~

10.4 Summary of Public Meeting, May 6, 2009

A public meeting to approve population and water demand projections was held on May 6, 2009 at 10 a.m. as part of the regular meeting of the Region H Water Planning Group. The meeting was held at the San Jacinto River Authority offices in Conroe. One member of the public provided comment on the proposed projections.

Mike Reedy with AECOM reviewed the current schedule for preparing the 2011 Regional Water Plan. He then turned the presentation over to Jason Afinowicz with AECOM to present the results of the population and water demand projection analysis (Task 2), including the steam-electric demands, population projections, and municipal water demands.

Brandt Mannchen commented on the proposed population and water demand projections that will be used in preparing the revised Region H Water Plan. He distributed a written summary of his comments and then briefly summarized his thoughts on the availability and clarity of the information, the public comment period, and the process in general. Mr. Mannchen encouraged the group to withdraw the submittal of revised population and water demand projections until the public policy issues of population growth and economic growth can be debated. Harold Wallace inquired as to what evidence was available to reflect that the information that the consultant provided was inaccurate, and Mr. Mannchen responded that more time was needed to evaluate the available information.

Discussion ensued regarding questions and concerns related to the population projections for the City of Richmond, the City of Huntsville, and the information related to the demand projections for steam electric power. Ron Neighbors asked about the process for partially approving the population and water demand projections and approving the modifications in the future. Temple McKinnon stated that modifications would require the same process for approval if excluded. Ted Long commented on the steam electric power numbers for Fort Bend County and Galveston County; he will review historical records and get back with Mike Reedy with his findings.

Robert Istre inquired as to the source of the information presented, and Temple McKinnon responded that the regional and county totals are based on the State Data Center's information. John Bartos encouraged the consultants to comment on Mr. Mannchen's questions and concerns, and Mike Reedy confirmed that this would be done. Steve Tyler inquired as to how the projected population and demand numbers compared to the availability of water. Carol Reed with the City of Huntsville briefly discussed the potential growth of the Huntsville area. She stated that Huntsville has already exceeded the 2010 projected water demand numbers and the per capita use is increasing.

Mike Reedy made the recommendation that approval be given for the submittal of revised population and water demand projections to the TWDB as presented, excluding those for the City of Huntsville, City of Richmond, and the steam electric demands. Motion was made by Roosevelt Alexander to approve the population and water demand projections as presented, excluding those for the City of Huntsville, City of Richmond, and steam electric demands for Fort Bend and Galveston counties; seconded by Robert Bruner. The motion was approved with one nay vote. Steve Tyler voted nay.

Table 10-3: Attendance at Public Hearing, May 6, 2009

6 May, 10:00 a.m., SJRA Offices, Conroe

Interested Public Speaking

Brandt Mannchen, Houston Sierra Club

Carol Reed, City of Huntsville

Consulting Team

Jason Afinowicz, AECOM

Glenda Callaway, Ekistics

Karim El Kheishy, KBR

Chris Krueger, KBR

Mike Reedy, AECOM

Region H Water Planning Group Members

Roosevelt Alexander, Waller County

John Bartos, Galveston Bay Fdn.

John Blount, Harris County

Robert Bruner, Walker County

Jun Chang, City of Houston

Reed Eichelberger, SJRA

John Hofmann, BRA

John Howard, Austin County

Mike O'Connell for Bob Hebert, Fort Bend County

Robert Istre, GCWA

Ted Long, NRG

Tom Michel for Marvin Marcel, FBSD

James Morrison, Walker County Rural Water Supply Corp.

Ron Neighbors, HGSD

Paul Nelson for Jimmie Schindewolf, NHCRWA

William Teer, Leon County

Steve Tyler, Trinity County

Danny Vance, TRA

Harold Wallace, West Harris County WSC

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~~Karim ElKheiahy, KBR~~

~~Chris Krueger, KBR~~

~~Mike Roody, AECOM~~

10.5 Summary of Public Meeting, July 1, 2009

A public meeting to approve population and water demand projections was held on July 1, 2009 at 10 a.m. as part of the regular meeting of the Region H Water Planning Group. The meeting was held at the San Jacinto River Authority offices in Conroe. One member of the public provided comment on the proposed projections.

Brandt Mannchen commented on the population and water demand projections. Mr. Mannchen distributed a summary of his personal comments related to water planning and management. He urged Region H to reduce water demand through conservation, and he emphasized the need to determine the sustainable population in each watershed and to provide water for that population.

A presentation by Jason Afinowicz covered the revised population and demand projections for the City of Huntsville, the City of Richmond, North Fort Bend Water Authority, and steam-electric demands for Fort Bend County. Mr. Afinowicz discussed the outstanding issues with each and efforts made to address each of them. Discussion ensued regarding the Texas Water Development Board's consistent under-projection of population in Fort Bend County. Discussion was led by Ron Neighbors, Marvin Marcell, John Hofmann, and David Parkhill on the planning process and the need to be able to address concerns as part of the planning process. A suggestion was made by the group and confirmed by Mark Evans that language needed to be included in the Chapter 2 narrative to clearly state the group's reasons for preferring a higher number for Fort Bend's population and also to state the group's disagreement with the TWDB's required population number. An additional suggestion was made to include alternative management strategies to address the under-projections. Temple McKinnon commented that TWDB is bound to statewide numbers provided by the State Data Center, which does not allow for county increases. She explained TWDB's approach and said that the 2010 Census will provide the next opportunity for significant changes to be made. Mr. Afinowicz continued with his presentation by responding to Brandt Mannchen's previous request for more information related to population and water demand projections.

Brandt Mannchen stated that he was in agreement with Marvin Marcell's comments during the discussion related to population projections. He commented on the need to look back at previous projections and ways to improve in the future.

Motion was made by Ron Neighbors to approve the recommended population and water demand projections with direction to the consultant team to include the language stated as a caveat on the Fort Bend numbers; seconded by Harold Wallace. The motion was approved with two nay votes. Marvin Marcell and Bob Hebert voted nay.

Table 10-4: Attendance at Public Hearing, July 1, 2009

1 July, 10:00 a.m., SJRA Offices, Conroe

Interested Public Speaking

Brandt Mannchen, Houston Sierra Club

Consulting Team

Jason Afinowicz, AECOM

Glenda Callaway, Ekistics

Karim El Kheishy, KBR

Chris Krueger, KBR

David Parkhill, AECOM

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John Blount, Harris County

Robert Bruner, Walker County

Lisa Lattu for Jun Chang, City of Houston

Reed Eichelberger, SJRA

John Hofmann, BRA

Lloyd Behm for John Howard, Austin County

Bob Hebert, Fort Bend County

Robert Istre, GCWA

Glynn Leiper, Exxon-Mobil

Ted Long, NRG

Marvin Marcel, FBSD

James Morrison, Walker County Rural Water Supply Corp.

Ron Neighbors, HGSD

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~~David Parkhill, AECOM~~

10.6 Public Review and Comment on Initially Prepared Plan

10.6.1 Identification of Libraries

During the first phase of planning the RHWPG contacted each of the County Judges in the region and requested their assistance in identifying the public library in each county that would be most appropriate for placing a copy of the initially prepared Draft Regional Water Plan for public review. The libraries selected, together with the County Clerk's office in each county, are listed in Table 10-5.

10.6.2 Public Notice and Press Releases

As required by Section 357.12 of the Texas Administrative Code, notice of the upcoming public hearings on the initially prepared Draft Regional Water Plan was provided by several means.

- Notice of the public hearings, written comment period, and location of copies of the Draft Plan for public review were posted in each county in the region.
- Paid ads providing notice of the public hearings, written comment period, and location of copies of the Draft Plan for public review were placed in 16 newspapers serving the region. One of the newspapers, the Bryan-College Station Eagle, is located outside of the Region but is the main newspaper serving the northern portion of Region H. It also serves the area that includes two potential reservoirs as management strategies in the IPP.
- In accordance with 31 TAC section 357.12(5)(A-E), direct notice by first-class mail was made to the following:
 - (a) 140 Mayors
 - (b) 15 County Judges
 - (c) 5 Special districts and river authorities in the region as identified by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)
 - (d) 1,347 Community water systems as identified by TCEQ
 - (e) 353 Water rights holders as identified by TCEQ

Notice of the hearings also was posted on the Regional Planning section of the TWDB website and the Region H Water website.

10.6.3 Distribution of Documents for Review and Comment

A public library and the County Clerk's office in each county in Region H were identified to receive review copies of the draft Plan. The Initially Prepared 2011 Region H Water Plan was placed in the designated public repositories, listed in Table 10-5, on February 26, 2010. The document was also made available on the Region H Water and TWDB websites.

Table 10-5: Public Repositories of the Region H Regional Water Plan**AUSTIN COUNTY**

County Clerk
County Courthouse
1 East Main
Bellville, TX 77418

BRAZORIA COUNTY

County Clerk
County Courthouse
111 East Locust
Angleton, TX 77515

CHAMBERS COUNTY

County Clerk
County Courthouse
Anahuac, TX 77514

FORT BEND COUNTY

County Clerk
301 Jackson
Richmond, TX 77469

GALVESTON COUNTY

County Clerk
County Courthouse
722 Moody
Galveston, TX 77550

HARRIS COUNTY

County Clerk
Harris County Administration Building
1001 Preston Avenue
Houston, TX 77002

LEON COUNTY

County Clerk
Leon County Courthouse
Centerville, TX 75833

LIBERTY COUNTY

County Clerk
County Courthouse
1923 Sam Houston
Liberty, TX 77575

AUSTIN COUNTY

Gordon Library
917 Circle Drive
Sealy, TX 77474

BRAZORIA COUNTY

Angleton Public Library
401 East Cedar
Angleton, TX 77515

CHAMBERS COUNTY

Chambers County Library
– Main Branch
202 Cummings
Anahuac, TX 77514

FORT BEND COUNTY

George Memorial Library
1001 Golfview
Richmond, TX 77469

GALVESTON COUNTY

Rosenberg Library
2310 Sealy
Galveston, TX 77550

HARRIS COUNTY

Houston Public Library
1st Floor, Bibliographic Information
Center
500 McKinney
Houston, TX 77002

LEON COUNTY

Leon County Library
129 East Main
Centerville, TX 75833

LIBERTY COUNTY

Sam Houston Regional Library
And Research Center
FM1011
Liberty, TX 77575

MADISON COUNTY

County Clerk
101 West Main, Room 102
Madisonville, TX 77864

MADISON COUNTY

Madison County Library
605 South May
Madisonville, TX 77864

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

County Clerk
County Courthouse
301 N. Thompson
Conroe, TX 77301

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Montgomery County Central Library
104 Interstate 45 North
Conroe, TX 77301

POLK COUNTY

County Clerk
County Courthouse, 1st Floor
101 West Church
Livingston, TX 77351

POLK COUNTY

Murphy Memorial Library
601 West Church
Livingston, TX 77351

SAN JACINTO COUNTY

County Clerk
County Courthouse
#1 Highway 150
Coldspring, TX 77331

SAN JACINTO COUNTY

Coldspring Library
220 South Bonham
Coldspring, TX 77331

TRINITY COUNTY

County Clerk
County Courthouse
1st and Main
Groveton, TX 75845

TRINITY COUNTY

Blanche K. Werner Library
Highway 19
Trinity, TX 75862

WALKER COUNTY

County Clerk
County Courthouse
1100 University Avenue
Huntsville, TX 77340

WALKER COUNTY

Huntsville Public Library
1216 – 14th Street
Huntsville, TX 77340

WALLER COUNTY

County Clerk
County Courthouse
836 Austin Street
Hempstead, TX 77445

WALLER COUNTY

Waller County Library -
Brookshire/Pattison
3815 Sixth Street
Brookshire, TX 77423

10.7 Summary of Public Hearings and Written Comments on the Initially Prepared Plan

The Region H WPG chose to hold public hearings on its Initially Prepared Region H Water Plan at three locations in the region. The first was held at 6:30 p.m. at the Houston- Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) which is centrally located in the region and accessible to the largest part of the region's population. The second was at 6:30 p.m. in Madisonville in the northern portion of the region. Finally, the third hearing was held at 10 a.m. in conjunction with a scheduled RHWPG meeting in Conroe.

Proceedings at each of the public hearings followed a similar format.

- Welcome and Introductions: John Bartos, RHWPG Member, welcomed attendees and made introductions at the March 30 hearing; Mark Evans, RHWPG Chair, welcomed attendees and made introductions at the April 1 and 7 hearings..
- A brief presentation of the draft Plan was made by the consulting team. (Copies of presentation slides are included as Appendix C.)
- Formal comments or questions were given by attendees who registered to speak.
- Information on the written comment period and process for adopting the Plan was provided.
- Informal dialogue, including discussion of responses that were known at the time, followed.

Handouts for each meeting consisted of a copy of the Executive Summary to the Initially Prepared Region H Water Plan, and a copy of the presentation slides.

A certified court reporter prepared a formal record of proceedings at each hearing site. Summaries of formal comments are based on these proceedings. Attendance at the Public Hearings is shown in Table 10-5.

It was announced in the public notice and at each public hearing site that written comments on the initially prepared Draft Regional Water Plan would be accepted through June 8, 2010 for inclusion in the published plan.

Written comments and responses to them are included in *Appendix H*.

10.7.1 Summary of Public Hearing, March 30, 2010

The March 30 public hearing was held at H-GAC and received a small attendance. A presentation on the IPP, similar to the other public hearings on the plan, was given to the audience. Public comments were received from Brandt Mannchen of the Houston Sierra Club, followed by unofficial comments and questions.

Table 10-6: Attendance at Public Hearing, March 30, 2010

30 March, 6:30 p.m., H-GAC Offices, Houston

Interested Public Speaking

Brandt Mannchen, Houston Sierra Club

Consulting Team

Jason Afinowicz, AECOM

Glenda Callaway, Ekistics

Karim El Kheiashy, KBR

Chris Krueger, KBR

John Seifert, LBG-Guyton

Cory Stull, AECOM

Philip Taucer, AECOM

Region H Water Planning Group Members

John Bartos, Galveston Bay Fdn

Mark Evans, Trinity County

Lisa Lattu for Jun Chang, City of Houston

Gena Leathers, DOW

Paul Nelson for Jimmie Schindewolf, NHCRWA

Pudge Wilcox, CLCND

10.7.2 Summary of Public Hearing, April 1, 2010

The April 1 public hearing was held at the Truman Kimbro Convention Center in Madisonville and was heavily attended attendance. A presentation on the IPP, similar to the other public hearings on the plan, was given to the audience. Public comments were received from numerous members of the public, followed by unofficial comments and questions.

Table 10-7: Attendance at Public Hearing, April 1, 2010**1 April, 6:30 p.m., Truman Kimbro Convention Center, Madisonville****Interested Public Speaking**Robert AverytDaiquin BeebeBrenda BenderCathy CoxLeonard CoxFred DavisMark DudleyGerald JozwiakBill KnottsJohn KnottsJohn Melvin**Region H Water Planning Group Members**Mark Evans, Trinity CountyArt Henson, Madison CountyWilliam Teer, Leon CountySteve Tyler, Trinity County**Consulting Team**Jason Afinowicz, AECOMGlenda Callaway, EkisticsKarim El Kheiashy, KBREric Hall, KBRChris Krueger, KBRJohn Seifert, LBG-GuytonNichola Smiles, KBRCory Stull, AECOMPhilip Taucer, AECOM**10.7.3 Summary of Public Hearing, April 7, 2010**

The April 7 public hearing was held at the Lone Star Convention and Expo Center in Conroe and received a fairly large crowd. A presentation on the IPP, similar to the other public hearings on the plan, was given to the audience. Public comments were received from numerous members of the public, followed by unofficial comments and questions.

Table 10-8: Attendance at Public Hearing, April 7, 2010

7 April, 6:30 p.m., Lone Star Convention and Expo Center, Conroe

Interested Public Speaking

Robert Averyt

Brad Ayers

Paul Bannon

Mike Brinkmann

Sammy Catalena

Kathy Cox

Leonard Cox

Mark Dudley

Luke Grahm

Tom Ivy

Gerald Jozwiak

Laura Klemm

Bill Knotts

John Knotts

Ken Kramer

T. Barrett Lyne

Richard Tauber

Jerry Wall

Jim Wall

Kay Wilson

Region H Water Planning Group Members

John Bartos, Galveston Bay Fdn

Jun Chang, City of Houston

Mark Evans, Trinity County

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