

## **Highland Bayou Workgroup Meeting Notes**

May 18th • 12:00-2:30 p.m.

Galveston County Extension Office – Classroom 2, Carbide Park  
4102-B Main Street (FM 519), La Marque, Texas 77568-4666

Steve Mikulencak (TX Coastal Watershed Program (TCWP)), Celina Lowry (TCWP), Amanda Solitro (TCWP), Valeria Rodriguez (TCWP), Walter Peacock (TCWP), Bill Alcorn (Municipal Utility District (MUD) 12), Bob Bassett (MUD12), Martin Entringer (Galveston County Health District (GCHD)), Nancy Baher (Galveston County), Michelle Krause (Galveston Bay Estuary Program (GBEP)), Lindsey Lippert (GBEP), Les Rumburg (City of La Marque), Robert Simoneu (Galveston County Parks (GCP)), Lisa Marshall (GBEP), Jim Bethune (Resident Stakeholder), Julie Diaz (GCP), Tim O'Connell (Resident Stakeholder), Charlene Warren (City of La Marque), Lori FitzSimmons-Evans (GCHD), Robert Michetich (City of La Marque).

### **Introductions**

Steven Mikulencak and Celina Lowry introduced themselves and asked attendees to share their name and affiliation. Thank you Joe Giusti, Galveston County Commissioner, Precinct No. 2 for sponsoring lunch for the group.

### **Presentation**

Texas Coastal Watershed Program presented on the following items specific to the Highland and Marchand bayou watersheds:

- Several Highland Bayou workgroup members attended the Ghirardi Family WaterSmart Park tour which occurred on May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Brochures providing an overview of best management practices within the park were provided during the meeting for those who weren't able to attend and Charriss York would be available to speak at a future meeting or host another tour if there is interest.
- Walter Peacock gave a brief talk regarding Community Health and Resources Management mapping application (CHARM), an interactive mapping tool sponsored by FEMA through the Texas Coastal Watershed Program. Walter mentioned there would be Galveston County Resiliency Workshops held sometime in August.

### **Review Prior Meeting Notes**

- The group reviewed and approved the meeting notes from the March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016 meeting. No changes were made.

### **Mapping Exercise- Best Management Practices**

- Steven gave a brief introduction to the mapping exercise. This exercise will take multiple meetings to complete. At this meeting the Agriculture and Wildlife category and the Waste Water Infrastructure category will be addressed. Participants drew numbers to randomly assign the two working groups.

Group 1:

- Valeria Rodriguez
- Steven Mikulencak
- Bill Alcorn
- Martin Entringer
- Les Rumburg
- Robert Simoneau
- Lisa Marshall
- Michelle Krause
- Lindsey Lippert
- Nancy Baier
- Jim Bethune

Group 2:

- Celina Lowry
- Amanda Solitro
- Walter Peacock
- Robert Michetich
- Julie Diaz
- Bob Bassett
- Tim O'Connell
- Charlene Warren
- Lori FitzSimmons-Evans

Groups then read through cards listing project suggestions and ideas for one of the categories and placed them on the map where they thought the project idea should take place, or in one of three baskets: Watershed Wide, Needs more Information, and Unlikely or Ineffective. After a break, the same process was repeated for the second category with a new map. Participants also had the option to write new ideas on blank cards and place them on the map or in one of the baskets.