

# TEXAS CLEAN RIVERS PROGRAM FOR THE RIO GRANDE BASIN

## UPPER 2 RIO GRANDE COORDINATED MONITORING MEETING (Forgotten Stretch in Presidio County to Amistad Dam)

March 19, 2019

1:00 p.m.

Big Bend Ranch State Park, Barton Warnock Visitor Center, Terlingua, TX

### MEETING MINUTES

#### Meeting Participants:

Price Rumbelow, TPWD  
Larry Curtis Jr., USIBWC Amistad Dam FO  
Leslie Grijalva, USIBWC CRP  
Samantha Stiffler, USIBWC CRP  
Robin Cypher, TCEQ SWQM  
Esequiel Bustamante, USIBWC Amistad Dam  
Emma Hall, BBNP  
Kelly Rodibaugh, TCEQ Clean Rivers Program  
Albert Covos, USIBWC Presidio FO  
Fidel Baeza, USIBWC Presidio FO  
Tim Gibbs, TPWD, BBRSP

#### Meeting Notes:

- Leslie Grijalva began meeting with welcome and introduction of all participants.
- Leslie gave a short overview of the 303d and what it is, for the new people in attendance. She also went into the impairments and concerns for this area of the basin. This was covered in a handout that was developed by Samantha that made it easier to follow the impairments and concerns per segment.
  - Robin Cypher went over the draft 2016 and 2018 Integrated Reports.
- Issues: Amistad stated that there is dredging near Station 13560. They are removing an island (since end of last year/early this year). May affect Moody Ranch.
- Issues: Presidio stated that there are man- made islands in the river put in by constructions crews due to the international bridge construction (near the railroad bridge station). This started about 6 months ago. The islands were put in so that the contractor can put their construction equipment on them. Stations 17000 and 17001 backing up and look very silty.
  - Look closely at the readings for these two stations in the next few months.
- Segment 2306: The draft 2018 IR shows that this will be delisted for TDS.

- Projects: Price mentioned that there is work on Alamito Creek to remove feral hogs and grasslands. There may be a beaver re-introduction later. Bird surveys will be done in the spring to check for endangered species.
- Projects: BBNP has tamarisk removal currently being done in Boquillas Canyon. They are applying pesticides to stumps of trees.
  - The USGS did a geomorphological study in February.
- Sul Ross: Tim said that Sul Ross has a grad student doing research on the springs in the park (BBRSP). He should be graduating soon, asked for someone to provide us with his research if possible.
- BBNP: Emma leaving at the end of this week. Erin will be around until July. Emma said that a full-time, permanent science technician had been hired and should be starting soon. We will contact David Larson for more information.

### **Coordinated Monitoring Schedule**

- BBNP: No changes to routine stations.
    - Wild and Scenic Stations: Need to find out if the park will be able to continue providing this. Need to contact David Larson.
  - Presidio FO: No changes.
  - TPWD: No changes.
  - Amistad FO: No issues, no changes.
  - Sul Ross was not in attendance. Upon further discussion with TCEQ, Sul Ross will be dropped as a partner due to budgetary constraints.
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- Leslie went over the 2019 Basin Highlights Report. It will be put out for public soon, she will send the link to everyone.
  - Formal Meeting adjourned at 1400.
  - Training started at 1415. All partners were present that were in the formal meeting.
  - Replacement sensors and supplies handed out to partners.
    - Took supply requests from the partners.
    - Went over handouts prepared based on issues CRP has been seeing lately.
  - Final comments and questions. Meeting adjourned at 15:00.

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Terlingua, Texas

### AGENDA

- 1:00 Welcome/Introductions
- 1:15 Discussion of various water quality topics
- Discussion of TCEQ's Integrated Report/303d list
  - Identification of water quality issues, data gaps, sources
  - Ongoing research and projects of interest in the basin
- 1:45 Monitoring Schedule
- Discussion of statewide Coordinated Monitoring Schedule (CMS)  
<http://cms.lcra.org/> - current and FY 2020 monitoring
    - Issues in the areas
    - Big Bend Wild and Scenic stations
    - Changes to monitoring in FY2020
- 2:20 Other announcements and information
- 2019 Basin Highlights Report for the Rio Grande Basin
- 2:30 Final comments and adjourn
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- 3:00 **USIBWC CRP Partner Training and Monitoring Guidance Updates- Required**
- Discuss issues with the CRP partners.
  - Answer questions and review monitoring procedures on USIBWC YSI multiprobe Standard Operating Procedures for maintenance and calibration for the YSI ProDSS
  - Issue replacement parts for the YSI ProDSS to partners, as needed, and go over procedures for replacing them.
- 4:00 Adjourn refresher training portion
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