

TEXAS CLEAN RIVERS PROGRAM FOR THE RIO GRANDE BASIN

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

March 21, 2023
2:00 PM- 3:00 PM CST
MS Teams teleconference

AGENDA

2:00 Welcome/Introductions
Larry Curtis, Amistad FO
Escequiél Bustamante, Amistad FO
Terra Lindgren, TCEQ
Katrina Smit, TCEQ – CRP
Kiran Freeman, TCEQ – CRP
Nicolas Havlik, TPWD
Price Rumbelow, TPWD
Stephen Lantz, BBNP
Lisa Torres, CRP – USIBWC

Ms. Torres opened the meeting with introductions.

- 2:10 Discussion of various water quality topics
- Discussion of TCEQ's Integrated Report/303d list
 - Ms. Torres discussed the 303d list from the 2022 integrated report. The discussion focused on segments for the Upper Rio Grande. Ms. Torres went over the impaired segments and the description. Segments in this section of the river are impaired for bacteria (Segment 2304, 2307, and 2308), chloride (segment 2305, 2307), TDS (2307), and sulfate (2306).
 - Ms. Torres also discussed the new listings that came out with the report. Segment 2305 International Amistad Reservoir was listed as a new impairment for chloride.
 - Identification of water quality issues, data gaps, sources
 - The participants did not state any on-going issues
 - Ongoing research and projects of interest in the basin
 - Participants did not discuss any projects; however, Mr. Havlik shared a story map on Balmorhea and the San Solomon Springs System. Link below:
 - <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/61c7b3bd5bd6457cb3dc9409a6d33f5a>

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Monitoring Schedule

- Discussion of statewide Coordinated Monitoring Schedule (CMS)
<http://cms.lcra.org/> - current and FY 2023 monitoring
 - Issues in the areas
 - Participants stated that there were no issues in areas.
 - Mr. Curtis stated that the only issue was from clothing and trash from migrants
 - Ms. Torres announced to the group that the lab contract was awarded, and that sampling will continue. The lab will send out coolers with bottles to anyone that is schedule to sample in April
 - Changes to monitoring in FY2023
 - There were no changes to the monitoring schedules.

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Other announcements and information

- 2023 Basin Highlights Report for the Rio Grande Basin
 - Ms. Torres discussed this years Basin Highlights report. The report is being drafted and will be available for partners and interested groups after this May.

3:00

Final comments and adjourn

USIBWC CRP Partner Training and Monitoring Guidance Updates- Required

- Discuss issues with the CRP partners.
 - Missing parameters
 - Ms. Torres went over field sheets and indicated to partners the importance of filling out every parameter that is indicated in the form.
 - Legibility of writing
 - Ms. Torres explained that writing must be legible so that the correct value is inputted into the system.
 - Ms. Torres also asked the partners to write down units of measurement if they differed from the ones listed in the field sheet.
- Answer questions and review monitoring procedures on USIBWC YSI multiprobe Standard Operating Procedures for maintenance and calibration for the YSI ProDSS
 - The partners had no question on the YSI calibration or maintenance procedures.
- Discuss replacement parts for the YSI ProDSS to partners, as needed, and go over procedures for replacing them. Take any additional supply needs.
 - Mr. Lantz requested a new o-ring cap for BBNPs YSI.
 - All other partners were good with supplies.

Adjourn refresher training portion