

**WPP STAKEHOLDER MEETING MINUTES**  
**OCTOBER 21, 2014**

**ATTENDEES:**

- ❖ Alice Best, Terri Bowie, Timothy Cade, Peter Czerwinski, Frank Green, Ron Gunter, Andy Isbell, Tyler Jacobs, Kimberly Kembro, Robert Knight, Paul Nelson, Scott Nichols, Carol Reed, Ben Richardson, Ruth Stultz
  
- ❖ Randy Acreman, Lorena Anderson, Michael Bleier, Rhonda Mona, David Parkhill, Bret Raley, Michelle Simpson, Shane Simpson, Karen Thomas

**AGENDA:**

- ❖ Introduction
- ❖ Education and Outreach comments and additional feedback
- ❖ Management activities under consideration
- ❖ Schedule for WPP completion

**OPENING:**

- ❖ Bret Raley opens with announcement of GRP plant tour in November and presents sign-up sheet for those wishing to attend
- ❖ David Parkhill states that the goal for the meeting is to have a discussion on Public Education & Outreach ideas for the five year master plan, as well as additional management activities
- ❖ Michelle Simpson presents the Public Education and Outreach survey results

**DISCUSSION TOPICS:**

- ❖ Public Outreach and Management
- ❖ Explanation of five different activities SJRA can do for the WPP Program
- ❖ Timeline of the OSSF future maintenance program
- ❖ Low Impact Development
- ❖ Disposing of large and small hazard waste products
- ❖ WPP Timeline and Schedule

DISCUSSIONS HELD:

**Terry Bowie:** Questioned if all MUD's send out newsletters?

**Michelle Simpson:** Responded most do.

**David Parkhill:** SJRA believes open communication with the public is a great tool.

**Peter Czerwinski:** Gives explanation of technologies that exist today of different water quality probes that are available.

**David Parkhill:** Gives explanation to the verification of SJRA's data and how seasonal issues affect the data.

**Ron Gunter:** Comments on how the lake does turn over.

**Bret Raley:** States SJRA does have water quality probes and that we do take readings at different levels. SJRA is also looking at installing a continuous monitoring at the F.M 1375 bridge.

**Peter Czerwinski:** Comments that every permitted waste water treatment plant has to self-report to TCEQ and that they have a great database of information.

**Carol Reed:** You can go to TCEQ's website to see the reports.

**Peter Czerwinski:** Discusses trends of deposits of silt accumulations.

**Randy Acreman:** A few years back I went to TCEQ's office and obtained a few years of data.

**David Parkhill:** Under the monitoring area we will add to collect self-reporting data.

**Mike Bleier:** Questioned if after a large rain, we need to send out the air boat to possibly track the trash and where it is flowing?

**David Parkhill:** We do go out to the bridges and coves and try to catch the flows.

**David Parkhill:** Discusses an illustration stating that it gives overview of what is involved and the timeline of implementing the new OSSF program. Current target date of required maintenance inspection reports will be September 2015 with a grace period of no enforcement until January 2016.

**David Parkhill:** Discussed trying to get better systems into some neighborhoods.

**Andy Isbell:** Comments on the difference in the costs of maintaining an aerobic system versus making sewer payments.

**David Parkhill:** MUD's help the value of neighborhoods.

**Andy Isbell:** Depends on the density of the neighborhood on the impact of costs.

**David Parkhill:** Also developers are going to start going to smaller lots which will move more to MUD's. We are seeing almost no permitting of conventional and for a reduction in permitting ATU's.

**Mike Bleier:** Questioned if we have a means of notifying the maintenance companies? They may need to up their staff.

**David Parkhill:** Replied we will need to have some sessions with the providers.

**Randy Acreman:** Currently we already receive about half of the OSSF customers that do have contracts.

**David Parkhill:** May have 700 to 800 new customers which shouldn't be that hard to absorb.

**Carol Reed:** Questioned why certain jurisdictions are not falling under Montgomery or Walker counties.

**David Parkhill:** Responded that TCEQ delegates authority, so the 2, 075 feet perimeter around the reservoir is the authorities.

**David Parkhill:** Discusses storm runoffs in regards to downstream.

**Ron Gunter:** Questioned if forethought has gone into the management thinking in regards to tapping into the Trinity water in the future?

**David Parkhill:** Responded that would be a long range option over the next decade.

**Paul Nelson:** If that time comes there will be a great deal of scrutiny by multiple agencies.

**David Parkhill:** The water is not yet permitted by the state.

**David Parkhill:** Large inner basin transfers have occurred around the state that has allowed the flows to move through the wetlands.

**Paul Nelson:** Responded to Peter Czerwinski regarding inner basin polishing of Trinity water.

**David Parkhill:** Discussion on the differences of Trinity water and Lake Conroe water and their effect with the municipalities.

**Peter Czerwinski:** San Jacinto water is almost too clean.

**Andy Isbell:** Proposals for this transfer from Trinity to Lake Conroe, would this be canal or pipe?

**David Parkhill:** There have been limited studies done regarding this. However, all of them have looked at a short route over the ridge into an existing creek. There is a lot of work to be done.

**David Parkhill:** Discusses options and ways to improve Low Impact Development programs.

**Tyler Jacobs:** Asked if that would be like the purple pipe deal?

**David Parkhill:** Replied it is similar.

**Bret Raley:** There are various ways of allowing nature to do the filtering. Explained how we are encouraging developers to go to Low Impact Development.

**Andy Isbell:** Harris County is now doing data to test the impact of this.

**Karen Thomas:** Comments on the wildlife benefit of this filtering.

**Ron Gunter:** Harris and Montgomery County can also use less land with this means.

**Alice Best:** They also create outdoor green areas.

**David Parkhill:** In the long term plan to find ways through EPA funding to take advantage of some of those projects.

**Ron Gunter:** Questioned who regulates the gas distribution plants?

**Andy Isbell:** TCEQ regulates spills.

**David Parkhill:** Discussion on the authority's capabilities to contain spills.

**Andy Isbell:** Suggested if there are enough marinas possibly offering reward programs.

**Terry Bowie:** We also need to think on smaller level, like how people go about disposing small amounts of paint.

**Peter Czerwinski:** Suggested having a satellite location of these types of disposables.

**Scott Nichols:** Over the years there have been a lot of grants for this, like mobile trailers etc. However, the liability becomes a very big hassle.

**Andy Isbell:** The cost and access to legal disposal is difficult and expensive.

**Carol Reed:** Announced they will be having a hazard waste date coming up and will attempt to do this once a year, it's expensive, but there is funding from HGAC.

**David Parkhill:** May be a partner to these type activities.

**Bret Raley:** Presents the 2015 WPP schedule.

**Mike Bleier:** Asked for a show of hands of how many people would support some kind of a program for hazard waste disposal.

**Peter Czerwinski:** There are many different things homeowner's have that are hard to dispose of.

**Kim Kembro:** Believes pharmaceuticals are a huge problem as well. Pharmaceuticals are very difficult to set up a program for.

**Bret Raley:** Please email us of any other ideas or thoughts.

CONCLUSIONS: