

# Arroyo Colorado Steering Committee/Partnership Meeting

Texas A&M Kingsville, Citrus Center

Rio Red Classroom

312 N. International Blvd, Weslaco, Texas 78596

February 10, 2011

4:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

## ATTENDEES

Jaime Flores-TWRI

Ronnie Ramirez-TSSWCB

Kati Carberry-NRA

Tim Cawthon, TCEQ

Sam Sugarek, NRA

Beth Almaraz, NRA

Allen Berthold, TWRI

Laura De La Garza, LRGVDC

Christine Rakestraw, LLMF

Jude Benavides, UTB

Aarin Teague, Rice

Les Teague, Citizen

## MEETING SUMMARY

### 4:30-5:00 Social – Snacks and Refreshments

### 5:00 Welcome and Introductions.....Dr. Jude Benavides, UTB (Steering Committee Chair)

Jaime is giving the introductions and

Aaron Teague PhD student at Rice. Developed water quality models (Vflo) and ran model at lake Houston. Cypress creek watershed

### 5:10 Work Group Updates (10 minutes each)

Agricultural Issues ..... Ronnie Ramirez, TSSWCB

Ronnie gave the 319 updates and Allen gave the updates for the Integrated Farm Management, Pesticide Education, Cost Share Education, Ag Assessment, and Arroyo PSA

Wetlands in Ag are typically handed to USDA

Laura suggested that drop structures need to have more money put into and encouraged

Habitat Issues ..... Jaime Flores, TWRI

- IBWC is informed us that they will be removing riparian vegetation for flooding purposes. Laura proposed that the partnership write a letter supporting the need for modeling and what are you basing your decision on. Other agencies are selective cutting in the floodway in other areas of the US.

Port of Harlingen dredging and wetland project was briefly discussed and there will not be a phase II of the project.

Low Fresnos resacas restoration project about the city approving the project but will be pursuing a CIAP grant in 2012.

Solar Bs are currently being pursued by the TSSWCB and will potentially be put in place in the zone of impairment.

Education and Outreach.....Jaime Flores, TWRI  
All task force cities will participate in a trash bash

Waste Water Infrastructure.....Jaime Flores, TWRI  
American Recovery and Investment Act project is ongoing where WWTP are being sampled so we have a good idea of what is happening at those sites. The City of Alamo is seeking a TWDB grant

**6:10 Long-Term Partnership Sustainability** .....Jaime Flores, TWRI  
Arroyo Colorado Sustainability proposal received an award letter in November and currently TCEQ and EPA are reviewing the proposal and will provide comments. Two main components include updating the WPP and moving toward sustainability through the Arroyo Colorado Sustainability. The Steering committee was asked to help in raising money to support the ACC. The stormwater task force has put language into their inter-local agreement to contribute \$10k per year to the ACC. Beyond this, an additional \$15k needs to be pursued to meet the goals of the proposal.

**6:20 Grants Update**..... Allen Berthold, TWRI

**6:30 Other Business** .....Jaime Flores, TWRI

**6:45 Adjourn**.....Dr. Jude Benavides, UTB (Steering Committee Chair)