

Arroyo Colorado Wastewater Infrastructure Workgroup

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office

2401 E Expressway 83, Weslaco

Thursday, April 29, 2010

10:30 am to 12:00 pm

Meeting Summary

Welcome and Introductions Jaime Flores, TWRI

Review ACWPP Implementation Status Jaime Flores, TWRI

- Steering Committee Meeting
- San Juan Wetlands
- Soil Testing – slightly behind because of weather. August – asked farmers to soil test at least a month prior to (TSSWCB paying for them) irrigating so that they don't apply too much fertilizer
- Wanted 20 plans written and they already have 12 so they are ahead.
- Survey for ag producers to look at what BMPs are being implemented and how they feel about them as well as get other ideas because of the lack of participation in Ag Issues.

Review of Wastewater Components of the ACWPP Jaime Flores, TWRI

- Existing or planned colonia hook-ups Jaime Flores, TWRI
 - Number of colonias that have been hooked up since 2007 since this is in the WPP
 - Some Cities have already done this (Which Cities??)
 - We need to know this since we are getting ready to update the plan (need what has already been done), but also need to get an idea of what will be done to put into future plan.
- Current and proposed re-use volumes Jaime Flores, TWRI
 - Will be contact the Cities to see what re-use they are doing or so that they can get credit for it when we update the plan.
- LRGVDC/TAMUK/UTB Wastewater Effluent Monitoring Dr. Lee Clapp, TAMUK
 - Dr. Clapp will be contacting the Cities to see where they are in the permitting process as well as what their levels of effluent are.
 - TAMUK is working on the QAPP application so that they can work with all of the WW facilities for monitoring.
 - Will they be monitoring at the wetlands and/or discharge....Dr. Clapp said yes they will be doing both.

Project Discussion/Updates:

- Three-Cities Wetland Project Update Jaime Flores, TWRI
 - La Feria September 5
 - San Juan April 22
 - San Benito will be next...have had to cut back to 10 acres...they are on schedule to break ground this summer.

- Mercedes didn't want to amend their permit to include the wetland so they backed out but have since been in contact with TCEQ about putting this in.
- LRGVDC/TAMUK/UTB Wastewater Effluent Monitoring Dr. Lee Clapp, TAMUK
- SolarBee Reaeration Proposal Jaime Flores

Discuss/Prioritize Future Funding Needs and Sources Dr. Lee Clapp, TAMUK

Other Business/Upcoming Events Jaime Flores, TWRI

Next Meeting Date/Adjourn..... Dr. Lee Clapp, TAMUK