Meeting minutes

Meeting began with a meeting overview of the project and introductions.

Water quality policy and data in the watershed
- Discussed Clean Water Act, water quality standards, monitoring schedules, parameters, sources of bacteria, and the approach used to address bacteria impairments
- Discussed watershed planning, what it is, where else in the state it has been done
- Discussed the Tres Palacios Creek watershed and its boundaries as well as some of the characteristics
- Discussed historic water quality as well as provided water quality data for stakeholders to see what levels the data has been at

Possible stakeholder organizational framework and decision making processes
- Began with discussing keys to successful strategies and major tasks for stakeholders in the process.
- Discussed different stakeholder group frameworks as well as examples of each and different types of work groups used in other watersheds
  - Stakeholders leaned toward option 2 (full stakeholder group, coordination committee, and workgroups) but a decision will be made during the second public meeting
- Discussed stakeholder group and memberships including types of stakeholders and possible committee members. Several were added to a draft list during the meeting but the current draft list includes:
  - Citizen
  - City of El Campo (WWTP)
  - Landowners
  - Matagorda County Extension Agent
  - Matagorda County Health Inspector
  - Matagorda County Judge or Commissioner
  - Matagorda County Soil and Water Conservation District
  - Subdivision or homeowner’s association (i.e. subdivision on FM 2853)
  - Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
  - USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service
  - Wharton County Extension Agent
  - Wharton County Health Inspector
  - Wharton County Judge or Commissioner
  - Wharton County Soil and Water Conservation District
  - City Palacios
  - Palacios Chamber of Commerce
  - Texas Sea Grant
  - TSSWCB
  - Others

- Discussed decision making processes through formal and informal processes and stakeholders leaned toward more of an informal process; however, a decision will be made during the next meeting.
- Examples of bylaws and ground rules were presented to stakeholders but full examples will be sent to stakeholders via email prior to the next meeting.

Next Steps and Proposed Timeline
- Next steps and the proposed overall timeline were presented where the next steps will include steps to be taken between the meeting and the upcoming August 27 meeting

Other items
- Stakeholders asked for a project website so the project team is currently developing content and will post the website soon
  - The website should be set up to receive comments
- Stakeholders asked to check on the 1.3 million CFU/100 ml