

**Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board**  
Clean Water Act §319(h) Nonpoint Source Grant Program  
FY 2015 Workplan 15-09  
Coordinating Implementation of the Lower Nueces River Watershed Protection Plan  
**EPA State Categorical Program Grants – Workplan Essential Elements**  
**FY 2011-2015 EPA Strategic Plan Reference**  
**Strategic Plan Goal – Goal 2 Protecting America’s Waters**  
**Strategic Plan Objective – Objective 2.2 Protect and Restore Watersheds and Aquatic Ecosystems**

**Quarterly Report Number 10**  
Covering work accomplishments and documentation for  
April 1, 2018 – June 30, 2018

**TASK 1: Project Administration**

**Subtask 1.1** NRA will prepare electronic quarterly progress reports (QPRs) for submission to the TSSWCB. QPRs shall document all activities performed within a quarter and shall be submitted by the 15<sup>th</sup> of January, April, July, and October. QPRs shall be distributed to all project partners and posted on the website.

- April 18, 2018: Submitted Draft Work Plan and Budget for NPS State Grant 18-53 for *Coordinating Implementation of the Lower Nueces River Watershed Protection Plan*.
- April 27, 2018: Submitted 2<sup>nd</sup> Draft Work Plan and Budget for NPS State Grant 18-53.
- April 30, 2018: Provided photos for project website.
- May 7, 2018: Received Contract for NPS State Grant 18-53.
- May 8, 2018: Signed and returned Contract for NPS State Grant 18-53 – fully executed on May 11, 2108.
- July 2, 2018: NRA submitted QPR Number 10.

**10 of 10 reports completed: 100% Complete**

**Subtask 1.2** NRA will perform accounting functions for project funds and will submit appropriate Reimbursement Forms to TSSWCB at least quarterly.

- April 3, 2018: NRA completed and submitted a Reimbursement Form for activities conducted in March 2018.
- May 7, 2018: NRA completed and submitted a Reimbursement Form for activities conducted in April 2018.
- June 7, 2018: NRA completed and submitted a Reimbursement Form for activities conducted in May 2018.
- July 2, 2018: NRA completed and submitted a Reimbursement Form for activities conducted in June 2018.

**30 of 30 reports completed: 10% Complete**

**Subtask 1.3** NRA will host coordination meetings or conference calls, at least quarterly, with Project Partners to discuss project activities, project schedule, communication needs, deliverables, and other requirements. NRA will develop lists of action items needed following each project coordination meeting and distribute to project personnel.

- April 10, 2018: NRA submitted talking points for coordination meeting.
- April 11, 2018: NRA held coordination meeting with TSSWCB to discuss project activities and submitted summary and action list.

**10 of 10 meetings completed: 100% Complete**

**Subtask 1.4** NRA will develop a final report

- May 23, 2018: NRA submitted Draft Final Report to TSSWCB.
- June 14, 2018: NRA received comments from TSSWCB.
- June 2018: NRA working on 2<sup>nd</sup> Draft of the Final Report.

**90% Complete**  
**(2<sup>nd</sup> Draft of the Final will be submitted as soon as possible)**

## **TASK 2: Quality Assurance**

**Subtask 2.1** NRA will develop a Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) for activities in Tasks 5 consistent with the most recent versions of *EPA Requirements for Quality Assurance Project Plans (QA/R-5)* and the *TSSWCB Environmental Data Quality Management Plan*.

- No activity this quarter.

**100% Complete**

**Subtask 2.2** NRA will implement the approved QAPP. NRA will submit revisions and necessary amendments to the QAPP as needed.

- Task 5 was completed under the approved QAPP.

**100% Complete**

## **TASK 3: Support and Facilitation of WPP Implementation**

**Subtask 3.1** NRA will serve as the Watershed Coordinator to engage and facilitate the Nueces River Watershed Partnership (NRWP) and entities identified in the Lower Nueces River Watershed Protection Plan (WPP). NRA will serve as the primary conduit for interaction with landowners, citizens, and entities to facilitate the implementation of the WPP. NRA shall successfully complete (or have already completed) the Texas Watershed Planning Short Course. NRA shall participate in Texas Watershed Coordinator Roundtables.

- No activity this quarter.

**100% Complete**

**Subtask 3.2** NRA will assist governmental and non-governmental organizations in the Lower Nueces River watershed in identification and acquisition of resources (financial and technical) to assist with WPP implementation. NRA will actively seek and pursue funding opportunities and work with partners to develop grant proposals. NRA will work with state and federal agencies, as appropriate, to bring technical and financial resources to the watershed.

- May – June 2018: NRA is working with TCEQ and the City of Corpus Christi to implement the FY 2017 – *On-site Sewage Facility Conversion* workplan and contract.
- May – June 2018: NRA is working with TCEQ to implement the FY 2016 - *Lower Nueces River Watershed WPP Implementation – On-Site Sewage Facilities (OSSF) Assistance* workplan and contract.
- May 2018: NRA worked with the City of Corpus Christi (lead), Nueces County, Coastal Bend Bays and Estuaries Program, and Texas AgriLife Extension on a Texas General Land Office Coastal Management Grant Application that will establish a wetland characterization (water, soil, and plant) of Hazel Bazemore Park.

**100% Complete**

**Subtask 3.3** NRA will 1) evaluate and track progress toward achieving milestones established in the WPP; and 2) assess water quality data collected through the Clean Rivers Program (CRP) and other data collection efforts in relation to achieving load reductions.

- May 25, 2018: NRA updated and posted water quality graphs with May 8, 2018 sampling results. <http://www.nuecesriverpartnership.org/graph.php>.

**100% Complete**

**Subtask 3.4** NRA will facilitate public participation and stakeholder involvement in the watershed planning process, specifically by hosting meetings of the NRWP Steering Committee (quarterly) and Work Groups (as needed) to provide regular updates on progress to implement the WPP and seek input and recommendations on needed activities. NRA will coordinate meetings, secure meeting locations, prepare and disseminate meeting notices and agendas. Meeting summaries will be prepared and posted to the project website.

- April 3, 2018: NRA submitted draft meeting materials for April 25, 2018 Stakeholder Meeting to TSSWCB.
- April 8, 2018: Press release for the Stakeholder Meeting posted in Corpus Christi Caller Times.
- April 9, 2018: NRA mailed, emailed, and posted the Stakeholder Meeting invitation and agenda.
- April 18, 2018: NRA emailed a meeting reminder.
- April 24, 2018: NRA emailed a final meeting reminder to the Steering Committee.
- April 25, 2018: Held 8<sup>th</sup> Stakeholder meeting.
- April 26, 2018: NRA submitted meeting summary to TSSWCB. Approved, posted, and emailed to the Steering Committee.

**8 of 8 meetings completed: 100% Complete**

**Subtask 3.5** NRA will maintain a database of watershed stakeholders and affected parties for use in engaging the public in the watershed planning process.

- NRA has developed the database and updated it as needed.

**100% Complete**

**Subtask 3.6** NRA will attend and participate in other public meetings as appropriate in order to communicate project goals, activities and accomplishments to affected parties. Such meetings may include, but are not limited to, city councils, county commissioners' courts, Clean Rivers Program (CRP) Basin Steering Committee and Coordinated Monitoring, Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCD), groundwater conservation districts, and other appropriate meetings of critical watershed stakeholder groups.

- No activity this quarter.

**100% Complete**

## **TASK 4: Outreach, Education and Community Support**

**Subtask 4.1** NRA will coordinate and conduct water resources and related environmental outreach/education efforts across the watershed, as identified in the Lower Nueces River WPP. NRA will work with collaborating entities to organize one On-Site Sewage Facility (OSSF) maintenance workshop per year for homeowners.

NRA will look into the feasibility of conducting the following water resources and related environmental outreach/education events: local community clean-ups, Texas Watershed Steward Program, Riparian Management workshops, rainwater harvesting workshops, Texas Well Owner Network trainings, well screening events, Texas Stream Team volunteer monitoring trainings, and Lone Star Healthy Stream (grazing cattle component). NRA will work with the entities that administer/fund these programs and try to direct delivery of these programs to the Lower Nueces River depending on priorities of those entities and programs.

NRA will make presentations on the NRWP, WPP and general nonpoint source pollution information to local schools and community organizations.

NRA will support, promote, and participate in, as appropriate, any field days, demonstrations, site tours, or educational events sponsored by Texas AgriLife Extension, Natural Resource Conservation Service, and/or SWCDs for the Lower Nueces River watershed.

- April 10, 2018: NRA participated in Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, Department of Soil and Crop Sciences', Lone Star Healthy Streams Program.
- April 24, 2018: NRA gave Arundo Donax prevention presentation to Nueces County Drainage District.
- May 7, 2018: NRA gave Arundo Donax prevention presentation to Nueces SWCD.
- May 9, 2018: NRA gave Arundo Donax prevention presentation to Jim Wells SWCD.
- May 15, 2018: NRA gave Arundo Donax prevention presentation to San Patricio SWCD.
- May 16, 2018: NRA gave Arundo Donax prevention presentation to San Patricio County Drainage District.
- June 1, 2016: NRA distributed Texas A&M AgriLife Extension's "The Wildlife Fact Check Series" information to the Partnership email list.

**100% Complete**

**Subtask 4.2** NRA will continue to host and maintain the NRWP website (<http://www.nuecesriverpartnership.org>) to serve as a public clearinghouse for all project- and watershed-related information. All presentations, documents and results will be posted to this website. The website will serve as a means to disseminate information to stakeholders and the general public.

- April 18, 2018: NRA posted January - March Quarterly Progress Report on the website.
- June 8, 2018: NRA distributed Clean Rivers Program Quarterly Update.
- June 26, 2018: NRA posted June 2018 Newsletter on the website.

**100% Complete**

**Subtask 4.3** NRA will facilitate communication with stakeholders in order to engage the public and affected entities in the watershed planning process. NRA will utilize all appropriate communication mechanisms including direct mail, e-mail, the project website, and print media. NRA will develop and disseminate general project informational materials, including, but not limited to: flyers, brochures, letters, factsheets, news releases, and other appropriate promotional publications. NRA will include information about the project in CRP publications. NRA will utilize the listserv, [lowernuecesreiverwatershed@listserve.tamucc.edu](mailto:lowernuecesreiverwatershed@listserve.tamucc.edu), to facilitate direct discussion between stakeholders. NRA will develop, publish, and distribute 4 semi-annual newsletters that highlight Lower Nueces River watershed activities; the newsletter shall be distributed as most appropriate to individual landowners and entities in the watershed. NRA will solicit content matter for educational materials from Project Partners as appropriate. TSSWCB must approve all project-related content in any informational materials and promotional publications prior to distribution.

- June 8, 2018: NRA submitted Newsletter #5 to TSSWCB for review.
- June 26, 2018: NRA completed and distributed Newsletter #5.

**5 of 5 newsletters completed: 100% Complete**

## **TASK 5: Hyacinth Management Plan Revision**

**Subtask 5.1** NRA will conduct an aerial reconnaissance to determine the upper extent, and possible source, of the water hyacinth.

- No work this quarter

**100% Complete**

**Subtask 5.2** NRA will update the Hyacinth Management Plan with the information obtained in Subtask 5.1.

- Hyacinth Management Plan included in Final Report.

**100% Complete**