

**Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board**  
State Nonpoint Source Grant Program  
FY 2018 Workplan 18-53  
Coordinating Implementation of the Lower Nueces River Watershed Protection Plan

**Quarterly Report Number 3**  
Covering work accomplishments and documentation for  
December 1, 2018 through February 28, 2019

**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 1<sup>st</sup> of March, June, September, and December. QPRs shall be distributed to all project partners.

- December 17, 2018: NRA posted QPR Number 2 <http://www.nuecesriverpartnership.org/pubs.php>.
- February 27, 2019: NRA completed and submitted QPR Number 3.

**3 of 8 reports completed: 37.5% Complete**

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

- December 7, 2018: NRA completed and submitted a Reimbursement Form for activities conducted in November 2018.
- January 3, 2019: NRA completed and submitted a Reimbursement Form for activities conducted in December 2018.  
NRA submitted the MBE/WBE form for Contract 15-09.
- February 6, 2019: NRA completed and submitted a Reimbursement Form for activities conducted in January 2019.

**7 of 18 reports completed: 38.9% 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.

- January 31, 2019: NRA and TSSWCB met during the Texas Watershed Coordinator Roundtable to discuss project activities.
- February 6, 2019: NRA submitted the meeting summary to TSSWCB.

**3 of 8 meetings completed: 37.5% Complete**

## **TASK 2: Support and Facilitation of WPP Implementation**

**Subtask 2.1** 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.

- January 31, 2019: NRA participated in the Texas Watershed Coordinator Roundtable in Waco.

**Ongoing: 10 of 24 months (41.7%) Complete**

**Subtask 2.2** 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.

- January 2019: NRA reviewed the US Bureau of Reclamation Cooperative Watershed Management Program proposal as a possible source of funds for inspecting the OSSFs in the OSSF Conversion Project area. NRA is not an eligible recipient for this program.
- January 2019 - NRA is working with TCEQ to finalize the workplan and budget for the FY 2020 OSSF repair and replacement project.

**Ongoing: 10 of 24 months (41.7%) Complete**

**Subtask 2.3** 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.

- December 21, 2018: NRA updated and posted water quality graphs with October 25, 2018 sampling results. <http://www.nuecesriverpartnership.org/graph.php>

**Ongoing: 10 of 24 months (41.7%) Complete**

**Subtask 2.4** 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.

- January 2010: Selected May 8, 2019 for the next Steering Committee Meeting

**25% Complete**

**Subtask 2.5** 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 will update it as needed.

**99% Complete**

**Subtask 2.6** 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, 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.

**Ongoing: 10 of 24 months (41.7%) Complete**

**Subtask 3.1** 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 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.

- December 4, 2018: Provided updates on the WPP implementation in the CRP quarterly newsletter update.
- January 2019 - February 2019: Working with Texas Water Resources Institute to plan a Landowner Riparian Workshop on April 16, 2019 and an Urban Riparian Workshop on April 17, 2019.
- February 2019: Reviewing possible Household Hazardous Waste State-wide Supplemental Environmental Program (SEP) for collection events in the watershed.

**Ongoing: 10 of 24 months (41.7%) Complete**

**Subtask 3.2** 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.

- December 17, 2018: NRA posted QPR Number 2 <http://www.nuecesriverpartnership.org/pubs.php>.
- December 21, 2018: NRA updated and posted water quality graphs with October 25, 2018 sampling results <http://www.nuecesriverpartnership.org/graph.php>.
- February 2019: NRA is working on the webpage redesign

**Ongoing: 10 of 24 months (41.7%) Complete**

**Subtask 3.3** 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.

- December 26, 2018 NRA submitted draft Newsletter #2 to TSSWCB for review.
- January 11, 2019 NRA distributed Newsletter #2 via mail, email, and posted to the website <http://www.nuecesriverpartnership.org/pubs.php>.

## **Activities Planned for December 2018 – February 2019 Quarter**

### **Subtask 1.1**

- Complete and submit QPR Number 4

### **Subtask 1.2**

- Complete and submit reimbursement requests for February through April
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### **Subtask 1.3**

- Host coordination meeting/conference call with TSSWCB

### **Subtask 2.2**

- Develop proposal for the Household Hazardous Waste State-wide SEP

### **Subtask 2.3**

- Update and post water quality graphs with CRP FY 19 Q2 quarter sampling results

### **Subtask 2.4**

- Hold Steering Committee Meeting on May 8, 2019

### **Subtask 2.5**

- Update stakeholder database as needed

### **Subtask 2.6**

- Hold CRP Stakeholder Committee Meeting on March 4, 2018
- Hold CRP Coordinated Monitoring Meeting on March 20, 2019

### **Subtask 3.1**

- Continue planning for educational workshops
- Notify stakeholders of and participate in the Landowner Riparian Workshop on April 16, 2019
- Notify stakeholders of and participate in the Urban Riparian Workshop on April 17, 2019
- Attend the USDA NRCS State Technical Committee Meeting on April 2, 2019

### **Subtask 3.2**

- Update website when needed
- Complete the website redesign