

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 4
Covering work accomplishments and documentation for
March 1, 2019 – May 31, 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 1st of March, June, September, and December. QPRs shall be distributed to all project partners.

- March 18, 2019: NRA posted QPR Number 3 <http://www.nuecesriverpartnership.org/pubs.php>.
- May 31, 2019: NRA completed and submitted QPR Number 4.

4 of 8 reports completed: 50% Complete

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

- March 5, 2019: NRA completed and submitted a Reimbursement Form for activities conducted in February 2019.
- April 3, 2019: NRA completed and submitted a Reimbursement Form for activities conducted in March 2019.
- May 9, 2019: NRA completed and submitted a Reimbursement Form for activities conducted in April 2019.

10 of 18 reports completed: 55.6% 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, 2019: NRA submitted talking points to TSSWCB in preparation of the April 11, 2019 conference call.
- April 11, 2019: NRA and TSSWCB held the quarterly conference to discuss project activities. NRA submitted the meeting summary to TSSWCB.

4 of 8 meetings completed: 50% 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.

- No activity this quarter

Ongoing: 13 of 24 months (54.2%) 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.

- March 2019: NRA is working with TCEQ to finalize the workplan and budget for the FY 2020 OSSF repair and replacement project.
- April 12, 2019: NRA participated in a conference call with the City of Corpus Christi and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to discuss the City's participation in the Source Water Protection Program (SWPP).
- May 1, 2019: NRA participated in meeting with the City of Corpus Christi, the TCEQ, and the City's wholesale water suppliers to discuss the City's participation in the SWPP.
- May 2019: NRA is beginning initial planning to hold trash collection event in the watershed.

Ongoing: 13 of 24 months (54.2%) 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.

- March 26, 2019: NRA updated and posted water quality graphs with the February 11, 2019 sampling results. <http://www.nuecesriverpartnership.org/graph.php>.
- April 4, 2019: NRA updated the OSSF repair and replacements table: <http://www.nuecesriverpartnership.org/implementation.php>.
- April 22, 2019: NRA updated and posted water quality graphs with the April 16, 2019 sampling results. <http://www.nuecesriverpartnership.org/graph.php>.
- May 21, 2019: NRA added the OSSF repair and replacements application to <http://www.nuecesriverpartnership.org/implementation.php>.

Ongoing: 13 of 24 months (54.2%) 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.

- March 18, 2019: NRA emailed a 'Save-the-Date' email to the Steering Committee Members for the May 8, 2019 Steering Committee Meeting.
- April 4, 2019: NRA sent a draft press release for the May 8, 2019 Steering Committee Meeting to TSSWCB for review.
- April 5, 2019: NRA sent the draft agenda and meeting invitation for the May 8, 2019 Steering Committee Meeting to TSSWCB for review.
- April 9, 2019: NRA submitted the press release for the May 8, 2019 Steering Committee Meeting to the Corpus Christi Caller to be published on April 14, 2019.
- April 24, 2019: NRA mailed, emailed, and posted the agenda and meeting invitation for the May 8, 2019 Steering Committee Meeting.
- April 29, 2019: NRA emailed the Implementation Page of the website, to be used as the talking points for the May 8, 2019 Steering Committee Meeting, to TSSWCB.
- May 8, 2019: NRA hosted the Steering Committee Meeting.
- May 9, 2019: NRA submitted the May 8, 2019 Steering Committee Meeting summary to TSSWCB.

2 of 4 meetings completed: 50% 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.

- March 4, 2019: NRA hosted the CRP Steering Committee Meeting for the Lower Nueces Basin and coastal basins.
- March 20, 2019: NRA hosted the CRP Coordinated Monitoring Meeting for FY 2020.

Ongoing: 13 of 24 months (54.2%) Complete

TASK 3: Outreach, Education, and Community Support

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.

- March 6, 2019: Provided updates on the WPP implementation in the CRP quarterly newsletter update.
- March 25, 2019: NRA mailed and emailed a flyer for the April 16, 2019 Baffin Bay Riparian Workshop.
- March 26, 2019: NRA posted the flyer for the April 16, 2019 Baffin Bay Riparian Workshop.
- April 6, 2019: NRA demonstrated the Nueces Basin Model at the Coastal Bend Bays Foundation Earth Day Bay Day.
- April 16, 2019: NRA provided an update on the implementation of the Lower Nueces River WPP at the April 16, 2019 Baffin Bay Riparian Workshop.
- May 2019: NRA is working with Texas AgriLife Extension on an October 8, 2019 Texas Watershed Stewards Workshop.

Ongoing: 13 of 24 months (54.2%) 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.

- March 18, 2019: NRA posted QPR Number 3 <http://www.nuecesriverpartnership.org/pubs.php>.
- March 26, 2019: NRA updated and posted water quality graphs with February 11, 2019 sampling results. <http://www.nuecesriverpartnership.org/graph.php>.
- March 2019: NRA completed the website redesign.
- April 4, 2019: NRA updated the OSSF repair and replacements table: <http://www.nuecesriverpartnership.org/implementation.php>.
- April 22, 2019: NRA updated and posted water quality graphs with April 16, 2019 sampling results. <http://www.nuecesriverpartnership.org/graph.php>.
- May 21, 2019: NRA added the OSSF repair and replacements application to <http://www.nuecesriverpartnership.org/implementation.php>.

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, 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.

- No activity this quarter

2 of 4 Newsletters completed: 50% Complete

Activities Planned for June – August 2019 Quarter

Subtask 1.1

- Complete and submit QPR Number 5

Subtask 1.2

- Complete and submit reimbursement requests for May through July
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Subtask 1.3

- Host coordination meeting/conference call with TSSWCB

Subtask 2.1

- Attend the Texas Watershed Coordinator Roundtable in Dallas on August 6, 2019

Subtask 2.2

- Develop proposal for the Household Hazardous Waste State-wide SEP, if feasible
- Continue to plan for a trash collection event in the watershed

Subtask 2.3

- Update and post water quality graphs with CRP FY 19 Q4 quarter sampling results

Subtask 2.4

- Schedule next Steering Committee meeting for November

Subtask 2.5

- Update stakeholder database as needed

Subtask 3.1

- Continue planning for educational workshops
- Participate in the Nueces River Preservation Association's annual river cleanup on July 13, 2019

Subtask 3.2

- Update website when needed