

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 5
Covering work accomplishments and documentation for
June 1, 2019 – August 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.

- June 17, 2019: NRA posted QPR Number 4 <http://www.nuecesriverpartnership.org/pubs.php>.
- August 30, 2019: NRA completed and submitted QPR Number 5.

5 of 8 reports completed: 62.5% Complete

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

- June 5, 2019: NRA completed and submitted a Reimbursement Form for activities conducted in May 2019.
- July 3, 2019: NRA completed and submitted a Reimbursement Form for activities conducted in June 2019.
- August 13, 2019: NRA completed and submitted a Reimbursement Form for activities conducted in July 2019.

13 of 18 reports completed: 72.2% 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.

- July 3, 2019: NRA submitted talking points to TSSWCB
NRA and TSSWCB held the quarterly conference to discuss project activities.
NRA submitted the meeting summary to TSSWCB.

5 of 8 meetings completed: 62.5% 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.

- August 6, 2019: NRA participated in the Texas Watershed Coordinator Roundtable in Dallas.

Ongoing: 16 of 24 months (66.7%) 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.

- June 2019: NRA is working with TCEQ to finalize the workplan and budget for the FY 2020 OSSF repair and replacement project.
- July 11, 2019: NRA met with Plummer Associates, Inc., and Bureau of Reclamation to discuss funding opportunities for a groundwater project in the Lower Nueces River watershed.
- July 13, 2019: NRA participated in the Nueces River Preservation Association's annual river cleanup.
- August 26, 2019: NRA participated in the TCEQ's close out meeting for the City of Corpus Christi's Source Water Protection Program.
- June - August 2019: NRA is working on the logistics to hold trash collection event in the watershed.

Ongoing: 16 of 24 months (66.7%) 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.

- June 5, 2019: NRA updated and posted water quality graphs with the April 16, 2019 sampling results. <http://www.nuecesriverpartnership.org/graph.php>.
- June 18, 2019: NRA updated the OSSF repair and replacements table: <http://www.nuecesriverpartnership.org/implementation.php>. NRA updated the home page with announcements for the Nueces River Preservation Association's annual river cleanup on July 13, 2019 and the Texas Watershed Steward Workshop on October 8, 2019. <http://www.nuecesriverpartnership.org/>.
- July 1, 2019: NRA updated the OSSF repair and replacements table: <http://www.nuecesriverpartnership.org/implementation.php>.
- August 9, 2019: NRA updated the OSSF repair and replacements table: <http://www.nuecesriverpartnership.org/implementation.php>.

Ongoing: 16 of 24 months (66.7%) 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.

- June 13, 2019: NRA posted the May 8, 2019 Steering Committee Meeting Summary.
- June 18, 2019: NRA posted a meeting announcement for a November 14, 2019 Steering Committee Meeting.

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.

- July 9, 2019: NRA attended Texas A&M University – Kingsville Water Center Stakeholder Meeting.

Ongoing: 16 of 24 months (66.7%) 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.

- June 5, 2019: Provided updates on the WPP implementation in the CRP quarterly newsletter update.
- June - August 2019: NRA is working with Texas AgriLife Extension on an October 8, 2019 Texas Watershed Stewards Workshop.
- August 2019: NRA is working with Texas AgriLife Extension to schedule an Urban Stream Restoration training in November 2019.

Ongoing: 16 of 24 months (66.7%) 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.

- June 5, 2019: NRA updated and posted water quality graphs with the April 16, 2019 sampling results. <http://www.nuecesriverpartnership.org/graph.php>.
- June 18, 2019, NRA updated the OSSF repair and replacements table: <http://www.nuecesriverpartnership.org/implementation.php>.
- June 25, 2019: NRA posted the January 2019 and June 2019 newsletters <http://www.nuecesriverpartnership.org/pubs.php>
- July 1, 2019, NRA updated the OSSF repair and replacements table:
- August 9, 2019: <http://www.nuecesriverpartnership.org/implementation.php>.
- August 20, 2019: NRA updated the OSSF Conversion Study information to include a water quality sampling study conducted by LNV Engineering for the City of Corpus Christi: <http://www.nuecesriverpartnership.org/implementation.php>

Ongoing: 16 of 24 months (66.7%) 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.

- June 20, 2019: NRA sent draft newsletter to TSSWCB for review.
- June 24, 2019: TSSWCB approved the newsletter for distribution.
- June 25, 2019: NRA distributed the newsletter via emails and regular mail
NRA posted the January 2019 and June 2019 newsletters
<http://www.nuecesriverpartnership.org/pubs.php>

3 of 4 Newsletters completed: 75% Complete

Activities Planned for September - November 2019 Quarter

Subtask 1.1

- Complete and submit QPR Number 6

Subtask 1.2

- Complete and submit reimbursement requests for August thru October
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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, 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

- Hold Steering Committee meeting on November 12, 2019

Subtask 2.5

- Update stakeholder database as needed

Subtask 3.1

- Continue planning for educational workshops

Subtask 3.2

- Update website when needed