**Cole and Ropes Parks [CARP]**

**Bacteria Reduction Implementation Plan Coordination Committee**

**Meeting Summary**

**Date:** September 13, 2013  
**Location:** Del Mar College Center for Economic Development, Room 106, 3209 S. Staples, Corpus Christi, Texas, 78411  
**Convened:** 10:00 am  
**Adjourned:** 11:50 am

**Committee Members/Alternates Attendees:**

- **YES** Luz Lumb, Recreation, Surfrider Foundation-Coastal Bend, CHAIR
- **YES** Patrick Foley, Recreation, Corpus Christi Windsurfing Association
- **YES** Danielle Converse, City of Corpus Christi – Local Government
- **YES** Pete Anaya, City of Corpus Christi – Local Government
- **YES** Joe Trejo, City of Corpus Christi – Local Government
- **YES** Jace Tunnell, Environmental
- **YES** Jim Klein, Environmental
- **NO** Jim Needham, Tourism, Convention and Visitors Bureau
- **YES** Tim S. (for Bob Blair), Business/Industry
- **YES** Kelly White, Academia
- **NO** Dr. William Burgin, Health, Public Health Authority
- **NO** Sally Farris, Home Owners

**Quorum Reached (≥51%):** YES

**Staff/Facilitators/ IPLAN Scientific Technical Support (Non-voting):**

- **YES** Ismael Nava, Coastal Bend Bays Foundation
- **YES** Teresa A. Carrillo, Coastal Bend Bays Foundation
- **YES** Brien Nicolau, Center for Coastal Studies, Texas A&M Corpus Christi
- **YES** Erin Hill, Center for Coastal Studies, Texas A&M Corpus Christi

**Public Attendees:** Gaye White, Representative Todd Hunter’s District Director, Peggy Duran, Sandra Heatherley (alternate Homeowners), Sharon Bailey Lewis (alternate City of Corpus Christi), Jay Reining, Sandra Ellis.

**Minutes Summary**

1. Call to order, 10:05 am.
2. Roll call
4. Review of the City of Corpus Christi’s position with the EPA by City of Corpus Christi Director of Planning, Pete Anaya. Pete Anaya’s presentation of “how we got here.” Mr. Anaya went over the history of the City of Corpus Christi’s Wastewater Department’s (WWD) operations and maintenance since 2010,
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and how this department has implemented best management practices – operations and maintenance.

September 2011 EPA Region 6 issues Administrative Orders (good faith negotiations with TCEQ). December 2011 Administrative Order kicks off a whole new process. City assumed EPA was pleased and would allow working toward a solution. February 2012 Consent Decree from US Justice Department, sanitary sewer overflow, violation of the Clean Water Act.

Jay Reining explained a Consent Decree is in lieu of a penalty in court. Settlement agreement under supervision of court to enforce term.

Mr. Anaya continued.

February 2012 72 page Consent Decree, $873 million to implement the actions. What can the rate payer afford

6-7 months ago. Turning point when Ron Curry, EPA Region 6 administrator, met with City officials. Worked through some communication problems, had 2 very productive meetings, developed a March 2014 time frame for negotiations. Negotiations should wrap up then. They are comprehensive and touch every aspect of WWD.

Mr. Anaya further explained that the City wants to be comprehensive with the WWD, Stormwater Department, and Water Department systems. The City wants to [develop] an integrated plan and will be going to Council, EPA, with this. Holistically looking at the City, not just separate departments.

The City noticed overlap with the I-Plan and Stormwater’s modeling, etc.

EPA wants City to address **environmental justice aspects. TMDL area also covered. These are the 2 main EPA interests**

Condition assessment – go through inspect all lines in next 5-6 yrs. 6 mil linear feet of sanitary sewer lines. Still negotiating this.

Cleaning, 3rd big ticket item. The City wants to use a risk-based approach, where the problems are most likely to occur.

Jim Klein asked about the 6 million feet of sanitary sewerage lines. The city could make a pitch to EPA to do Cole and Ropes due to bacteria in the bay.

Mr. Anaya said we would prioritize environmental justice and bay areas

Ms. Converse and Mr. Reining said environmental justice areas are historically underserved, primarily poor residents, and many minority.

Too many separate systems, makes good business sense to look at integrated systems

Combining services for the City
Any available grants
City still in negotiations with TCEQ and EPA
Maybe RESTORE funding in 2014, realistically 2016
Concerns on sources of pollution outside City system, smoke testing

Mr. Tunnell passed out the matrix, suggested doing the activities that can be done in 1-3 years first tier, then add others. Keep reviewing monthly
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[Lengthy discussion is captured on audio recording]

- 3 minutes for Public Comments

V. CARP Discussion of Issues
There is continued concern about bacteria in the waters from CARP, including Jim Klein.

Mr. Anaya said that he would get back to CARP at the next meeting with the items on the DRAFT I-Plan that the City would like to postpone until their negotiations with EPA are further along, which he expects to be significantly further along by March 14, 2014.

Mr. Anaya proposed October 24 as enough time to come back to CARP with the City’s concerns and a timeline.

- 3 minutes for Public Comments

VI. *Next CARP meeting OCTOBER 24, 3 PM, at Del Mar’s Center for Economic Development

VII. Other Issues
- Public Comment, 3 minutes

VIII. Adjourn. Motion to adjourn