

RED RIVER AUTHORITY OF TEXAS
Summary of the Red River Basin
Advisory Committee Meeting
April 26, 2016

The Red River Basin Advisory Committee Meeting was held on April 26, 2016, in the Conference Room at the Red River Authority of Texas Administrative Offices and Environmental Laboratory in Wichita Falls, Texas at 10:00 a.m. There were approximately 30 stakeholders, including staff, in attendance at the meeting.

Mr. Jose Martinez, Environmental Technician with the Authority, opened the meeting with introductions and provided a short review of the meeting agenda. He emphasized the importance of stakeholder participation in the Clean Rivers Program through their comments and suggestions.

Mr. Allen Pappas began the meeting with a presentation of the *Draft 2016 Basin Highlights Report* and *Proposed FY-2017 Coordinated Monitoring Efforts*. He presented information regarding current 303(d) impairments and 305(b) concerns as they relate to water quality throughout the Red River Basin. Mr. Pappas also discussed current trends in water quality within several segments, focusing on both total dissolved solids (TDS) and nutrient trends within segments appearing on the *Texas 2014 Integrated Report (2014 IR)*. Additionally, Mr. Pappas highlighted differences amongst water quality parameters pre/post drought, as well as providing an update on the status of the several Recreational Use Attainability Analysis (RUAA) projects throughout the Red River Basin. He emphasized unique trends within several water bodies, including, but not limited to, Smith Creek, Lake Diversion, Lake Kemp, Lake Wichita, and the Upper Prairie Dog Town Fork of the Red River. Mr. Pappas strongly encouraged all stakeholders to review the information prepared by the Authority in both the *2014 Basin Summary Report* and the *Draft 2016 Basin Highlights Report* for additional information on pertinent water quality issues throughout the Canadian and Red River Basins.

Mr. Tom Lang, Texas Parks and Wildlife – District Fisheries Supervisor, and Mr. Steve Garner, Chairman – Lake Wichita Revitalization Committee, presented an update on the progress of the Lake Wichita Revitalization Project. Mr. Lang and Mr. Gardener provided historical information of Lake Wichita and its importance to the region's economic development. Mr. Lang and Mr. Gardener outlined the the goals of the revitalization project, as well as some of the associated costs and hurdles they would need to overcome to begin the next phase (dredging) of the project. Finally, Mr. Lang and Mr. Gardner concluded with future goals and showcased how citizens and stakeholders alike could financially assist with the project.

Mr. Martinez then opened the floor for final questions and comments and encouraged stakeholders to review the *Draft-2016 Basin Highlights Report*. Following discussion, the meeting adjourned at approximately 12:00 p.m. and lunch was provided.