



SB-3 Environmental Flows for the Region H Planning Group

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Beginning of Process

- Environmental Flows Advisory Group Appointed – 3 Senators, 3 Representatives, TCEQ, TWDB, TPWD
- Science Advisory Committee Appointed – 5 to 9 members
- November 1 – Define extent of Bay/Basin Systems for Environmental Flow Process



Priority Basins

- 1. Trinity and San Jacinto Rivers and Galveston Bay and Sabine and Neches Rivers and Sabine Lake.**
2. Colorado and Lavaca Rivers and Matagorda and Lavaca Bays and Guadalupe, San Antonio, Mission, and Aransas Rivers and associated bays systems.
3. Nueces River, Rio Grande, and Brazos River and associated bay systems.



Advisory Groups

Agricultural water users including irrigation, free-range livestock; and CAFOs;

Recreational water users including coastal recreational anglers and businesses supporting water recreation;

Municipalities;

Soil and Water Conservation Districts;

Industrial water users including refining; chemical manufacturing; electricity generation; and production of paper products or timber;

Commercial fishermen;

Public interest groups;

Regional Water Planning Groups;

Groundwater Conservation Districts;

River Authorities and other conservation and reclamation districts; and

Environmental interests.



Important Dates

- **Nov. 1, 2007 – Advisory Group appoints Stakeholders Committees for priority 1 basins**
- **March 1, 2008 – Stakeholders Committees appointment Expert Science Teams for priority 1 basins**
- **Sept. 1, 2008 - Advisory Group defines bay and basins and appoints Stakeholders Committees for priority 2 basins**



Process Dates

- **March 1, 2009 – Priority 1 basin Expert Science Teams submit final flow regime recommendations**
- **Sept. 1, 2009 – Priority 1 basin Stakeholders Committees submit final recommendations**
- Sept. 1, 2009 - Advisory Group defines bay and basins and appoints Stakeholders Committees for priority 3 basins



Process Dates

- **Sept. 1, 2010 – TCEQ adopts environmental flow standards for priority 1 basins**
- Every 10 years – Review flow recommendations
- Upon TCEQ adoption of flow standards for all basins and bays, the Advisory Group and Science Advisory Committee are abolished