

# Arroyo Colorado Outreach and Education Workgroup

January 13, 2009 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm

## Meeting Summary

**Welcome and Introductions**..... Jaime Flores, TWRI

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Don Hockaday, UTPA  
Megan Meier, TWRI

### Project Discussion:

CREST-RESSACA Conference ..... Jaime Flores, TWRI

- 7<sup>th</sup> annual; had stormwater information for students and professionals; over 200 attendees; Jaime was one of keynote speakers;

### Arroyo Colorado Outreach Activities:

Dirty Dozen in COOP Magazine ..... Jaime Flores, TWRI

- sent to approx. 900,000 residents

Road Signage – Watershed Boundary ..... Jaime Flores, TWRI

- 10 signs installed; Task Force working to install additional boundary and waterway crossing signs printed by some of the Task Force cities

Storm Drain Marking ..... Jaime Flores, TWRI

- Markers ordered and received; some cities have picked up and others will get at upcoming Task Force meetings; trying to coordinate valley-wide marking event on Earth Day; Weslaco ordering storm drain manholes with information already printed on them

### O&E Project Updates:

Texas Stream Team .....Heidie Moltz, Texas Stream Team

- Jaime provided update after conversation with Heidi; on auto-pilot; monitors in AC most active in state and are turning in a lot of data; working on data analysis to present in April in public event (**post on website and include in bi-monthly updates and possibly newsletter**)

Storm Water Task Force Outreach Program ..... Jaime Flores, TWRI

- LRGV TPDES; presenting to several local high schools about storm water awareness to thousands of students so far; Jaime has presented information about the watershed at many of these schools as well; 8 additional presentations are scheduled for this month; trying to combine all presentations for teachers to use in following school years

Curriculum Development ..... Jaime Flores, TWRI

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### Upcoming Grants and Potential Projects

O&E EPA Proposals.....Megan Meier, UTPA

- Three separate proposals were put forward outlining PSAs, watershed curriculum, and utility bill inserts

**BWET Grant**..... Don Hockaday, UTPA

- USFWS.gov/coastal potential grant announcement
- supports AC O&E component
- geared towards elementary students (problem b/c many elementary school teachers with little science training)
- give elementary teachers background they need and hands-on program to use in classroom to prepare students to better understand/appreciate presentations and application of the information
- meets several TEKS (water, density, weather, etc.)
- tour of sewer treatment plant and birding center in South Padre Island one day and in Harlingen another day
- would like to have another watershed model built (**what is cost?**)
- would start in October 2009 and last three years
- sending us a copy

**Other Business** ..... Jaime Flores, TWRI

**Next Meeting Date/Adjourn**..... Jaime Flores, TWRI

- send notes to group
- April 14, 2009