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Modeling Support for Little Brazos River Tributaries Bacteria Assessment
Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board
Total Maximum Daily Load Program
TSSWCB Project #08-55

Quarter no. 1 From 6/1/2008 Through 8/31/2008

I. Abstract

Work this quarter has focused on developing and finalizing the QAPP for the project. An initial draft of the QAPP was submitted to TSSWCB on August 5th for their review. Comments were received from TSSWCB and addressed on August 26th. Following these changes, QAPP signature pages were completed by TAMU personnel and sent to TSSWCB. TAMU personnel are now awaiting final QAPP approval before beginning work on Task 3. The contract was also fully executed during the quarter (August 6th) and has allowed for the establishment of project accounts; however, this process was delayed and accounts were not set up during the quarter.

II. Overall Progress and Results by Task

TASK 1: Project Coordination and Administration

Subtask 1.1: TWRI will prepare electronic quarterly reports for submission to the TSSWCB. All progress reports will be provided to all Project Participants. (Month 1 – 24)

The following actions have been completed during this reporting period:

- a. The year 1, quarter 1 report was completed and sent to the TSSWCB on September 11, 2008.

12% Complete

Subtask 1.2: TWRI will submit appropriate Reimbursement Forms. (Month 1 – 24)

The following actions have been completed during this reporting period:

- a. No activity to report at this time. Project accounts have not been set up yet. This should be completed early next quarter.

0% Complete

Subtask 1.3: TWRI and BAEN will participate in quarterly meetings (in person or TTVN) as appropriate with project participants to discuss project activities, project schedule, lines of responsibility, communication needs, and other requirements. (Month 1 – 24).

The following actions have been completed during this reporting period:

- a. One project meeting (conference call) was held on July 31st and all project participants were in attendance.

12% Complete

Subtask 1.4: TWRI and BAEN will attend and participate in public stakeholder meetings as needed. (Month 1 – 24)

The following actions have been completed during this reporting period:

- a. No activity to report at this time.

0% Complete

Task 2: Development of Quality Assurance Project Plan

Subtask 2.1: TWRI will develop a QAPP for activities in Task 3 consistent with EPA Requirements for Quality Assurance Project Plans (QA/R-5) and the TSSWCB Environmental Data Quality Management Plan. (Month 1 – 2)

The following actions have been completed during this reporting period:

- a. The first draft of the QAPP was developed and submitted to TSSWCB for review on August 5th.
- b. TSSWCB comments were received on August 26th and were subsequently addressed.
- c. Signature pages were routed to project participants for their signatures.

95% Complete

Subtask 2.2: Provide annual revisions to the QAPP and amendments, as necessary, to the TSSWCB and EPA. (Month 3 – 24)

The following actions have been completed during this reporting period:

- a. No activity to report at this time.

0% Complete

Task 3: Conducting sanitary surveys to identify potential *E. coli* contributing sources in the impaired watershed

Subtask 3.1: BAEN will cooperate with BRA to develop a comprehensive GIS inventory for the study area through TSSWCB project 08-54. (Month 1 – 3)

The following actions have been completed during this reporting period:

- a. None to report at this time.

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Subtask 3.2: TSSWCB, in coordination with SSL, will provide BAEN a current land use classification for the study area through TSSWCB project 08-52, Classification of Current Land Use/Land Cover for Certain Watersheds Where TMDLs or WPPs Are In Development. (Month 1 – 3)

The following actions have been completed during this reporting period:

- a. None to report at this time.

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Subtask 3.3: BAEN will assist BRA in designing a watershed source survey, to be conducted through TSSWCB project 08-54, that better characterizes the possible sources of bacteria loadings in the study area. (Month 1 – 4)

The following actions have been completed during this reporting period:

- a. No activity

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Subtask 3.4: BAEN, with assistance from BRA through TSSWCB project 08-54, will conduct a LDC analysis of all historic and existing water quality monitoring data from the study area. LDCs will be developed for at least one critical index site per segment. LDCs shall be consistent with both EPA's An Approach for Using Load Duration Curves in the Development of TMDLs and EPA's Options for Expressing Daily Loads in TMDLs. (Month 3 – 6)

The following actions have been completed during this reporting period:

- a. No activity to report at this time.

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Subtask 3.5: Using water quality monitoring data collected by BRA through TSSWCB project 08-54, BAEN, with assistance from BRA, will refine LDCs developed in subtask 3.4. LDCs will be used to determine bacteria load reductions needed to achieve water quality standards. (Month 7 – 21)

The following actions have been completed during this reporting period:

- a. No activity to report at this time.

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Subtask 3.6: BAEN, with assistance from BRA through TSSWCB project 08-54, will conduct watershed modeling for the study area. Utilizing information from the GIS inventory (Subtask 3.1), the source survey (Subtask 3.3), and water quality monitoring (TSSWCB project 08-54), and

in combination with LDCs from Subtasks 3.4-3.5, BAEN will develop a spatially explicit or mass balance model, such as SELECT, for each of the five watersheds in the study area. Modeling will be used to estimate loadings from various sources and to identify critical loading areas within the watersheds. (Month 7 – 21)

The following actions have been completed during this reporting period:

- a. No activity to report at this time.

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III. Related Issues/Current Problems and Favorable or Unusual Developments

- a. Since final approval of the project QAPP has not yet been received, work on Task 3 has been delayed. This work will begin upon approval of the QAPP.

IV. Projected Work for Next Quarter

- a. Project accounts will be fully set up next quarter to allow for project expenditures.
- b. Work on Task 3 will begin following approval of the QAPP.