



Matt Beard

Trinidad Bay Watershed Council

Meeting Notes

Monday, July 20, 2015, 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Civic Club Room, Trinidad Town Hall

Present: Name & Affiliation

Sungnome Madrone	Trinhaven Resident
Tyler Duncan	GHD
Susan Golledge Rotwein	Trinidad Resident
Dwight Miller	Trinidad
Becky Price-Hall	Watershed Coordinator, City of Trinidad

ASBS Stormwater Project: Becky reported that the Water Board Funded ASBS Stormwater Project is being wrapped up, with just a few remaining tasks to be completed by the end of August. The Final Sampling & Analysis Report draft was just received, so she couldn't provide specific details. Generally, the construction of the LID Facilities and disconnection of the storm drain system in the upper part of town resulted in a 37% decrease volume of stormwater discharged to the ASBS, and whatever pollutants were present in the upper area are no longer entering the Trinidad Bay. The concentration of some of the pollutants was greater. The group speculated that if there was less runoff (due to drought or reduced runoff area) then there would tend to be less dilution of the pollutants. As the saying goes, "the solution to pollution is dilution". When approved by the Grant Manager, Becky will upload the Final Sampling & Analysis Report to the TBWC website.

Meeting participants reviewed the TBWC priorities and projects discussed over the past year, and provided additional input about updating the Trinidad-Westhaven ICWM Plan projects & priorities, shown below. These items will also be included in the Stormwater Final Project Report section discussing future plans for reducing pollutant discharges into the ASBS.

TBWC Priorities for ICWM Plan

- Funding to support TBWC meetings, website, special events, newsletters, grant development
- Monitoring & analysis to determine sources of pollutants of concern (sediment, metals, ammonia)
- The Clam Beach to Scenic Drive Trail Project across Little River
- Projects to reduce sediment from private roads and other sources in ASBS watersheds
- Feasibility study for Luffenholtz Creek alternative water supply & small hydropower
- Repair/replace failing OWTS
- Water supply reliability and addressing drought impacts:
 - promote water conservation
 - reduce leaks in water distribution system
 - develop regulations regarding use of grey water in yards
 - promote water storage for use during low flow periods
 - groundwater recharge projects on Luffenholtz
 - Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance
- Encourage Low Impact Development in watersheds for drought resilience and to manage stormwater

TBWC Priorities for ICWM Plan, continued

- Address LID and water strategies in General Plan Update, and encourage “stewardship landowners who do the right things”.

A remaining Stormwater Project deliverable is marking all City storm drain inlets. Becky presented possible wording and marker options. The group chose brass markers with a fish design and agreed that the wording “No Dumping, Drains to Bay” with a fish design was most appropriate from a watershed perspective because the stormwater infiltrating in the upper area of town eventually flows into the Bay.

Watershed & Partner Updates

City of Trinidad: Becky said that the TBWC Fish Festival table was well attended. Sungnome, Danny O’Shea and Becky staffed the table throughout the day. One table was covered in butcher paper where visitors were encouraged to write the name of their watershed and the number of people in their party. 37 watersheds were recorded with a total of 64 people represented in the informal survey. Copies of the Trinidad Bay Report and other literature were handed out, as well as 20 water conservation kits.

Sungnome reported that he attended one of the recent County General Plan update meetings. He said that the Supervisors approved a request from Bob Morris and the Moss subdivision for increased density. The City had submitted a letter expressing concern about increased density in the Luffenholtz Creek area because of water issues; however the supervisors didn’t appear to take this into consideration. Sungnome also provided comments about the density and water concerns in the Luffenholtz and Westhaven area. He also reported that Don Allan put on a good celebration of the Trinidad Coastal Land Trust purchase of the Green Diamond Little River property and site of the future Little River trail.

Trinidad Bay Watershed Council projects & activities:

Trinidad Bay Report: Becky requested comments on the draft Trinidad Bay Report by Wednesday July 22, so the report can be finalized and printed this month.

Water Conservation: Becky offered drought kits to the meeting attendees, and handed out two. The Trinidad Rancheria provided the kits to their members and offered the extras to the City for distribution. Most of them were handed out at the Food Pantry and Fish Festival. Thank you Trinidad Rancheria! The remaining 8 kits will be offered at the August City Council meeting.

Next Meeting Date: Monday October 19, 2015

Future Agenda Items: Onsite Wastewater Treatment System project; water conservation; and using LID to address drought and stormwater issues.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30.

Submitted by Becky Price-Hall