

**Lavaca-Navidad River Authority
Clean Rivers Program
Steering Committee Meeting
July 24, 2025**

The Lavaca Basin Clean Rivers Program (CRP) Annual Meeting was held in in the O&M Meeting Room of the Lavaca Navidad River Authority Office Complex, 4631 FM 3131, located approximately seven (7) miles east of Edna on July 24, 2025.

Annual meetings provide an opportunity to share information about water quality issues with Basin stakeholders, to obtain guidance on the use of resources from the Clean Rivers Program, and to allow LNRA to gain insight from local stakeholders and expertise from such members as Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board (TSSWCB), Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD), Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), United States Geological Survey (USGS), Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Texas AgriLife Extension, and the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA). Input from the attendees allows LNRA to prioritize water quality issues and determine the most effective water quality monitoring program. It also provides an educational opportunity for the community.

Attending from Lavaca-Navidad River Authority:

Chad Kinsfather, Environmental Services Director
Tara Swor, Environmental Services Technician
Jerry Adelman, Board of Directors President
Patrick Brzozowski, P.E., General Manager
Karen Gregory, Deputy General Manager, Administration
Jill Crenshaw, Director of Administrative Services
Paul Poulton, Director of Law Enforcement

Others Attending:

Jenna Wadman, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)
Donnie Tegeler, Retired Educator
Richard Gonzales, Science & Spanish Club Network, Inc.
Robin Flores, Science & Spanish Club Network, Inc.
Harrison Stafford, Landowner
Mieko Mahi, Friends of Lavaca River
Matt Stellbauer, Texas Water Resources Institute (TWRI)

Chad Kinsfather, LNRA Environmental Services Director

Kinsfather opened the meeting. The attendees introduced themselves.

Kinsfather briefed the attendees on the Texas Clean Rivers Program. He also discussed current water sampling schedules and monitoring sites.

Kinsfather updated the group on the Lavaca Watershed Protection Plan. The goal of the Lavaca WPP is to engage local stakeholders in the implementation of Best Management Practices (BMPs) along Segment 1602 of the Lavaca River aimed at lowering bacteria counts below primary recreation standards.

Kinsfather also informed the group that LNRA's Public Outreach Coordinator and Environmental Services Division teach various environmental education programs including a water conservation program and

recycling program to students in the Basin, (*Reduce, Reuse, Repurpose and Recycle*) as part of the public outreach.

Kinsfather updated the group on the Lavaca Bacteriological Source Study on Segment 1602. The study utilizes next generation sequencing (NGS) based bacteriological source tracking (BST) to characterize fecal source contributions in the Lavaca River watershed. There were two parallel aims to the BST project which include: 1) conducting BST analyses using NGS techniques for water samples gathered from four sampling sites in the Lavaca River watershed and 2) examining the potential for NGS analyses of water samples to directly detect microbial pathogens present at the four sampling sites. A copy of the Texas Bacterial Source Tracking Program (FY2023-FY2024) was available for the group to review.

Kinsfather expressed appreciation on behalf of LNRA to all who attended. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:20 p.m.