

Possible Stakeholder Organizational Frameworks and Decision Making Processes

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What is a Stakeholder

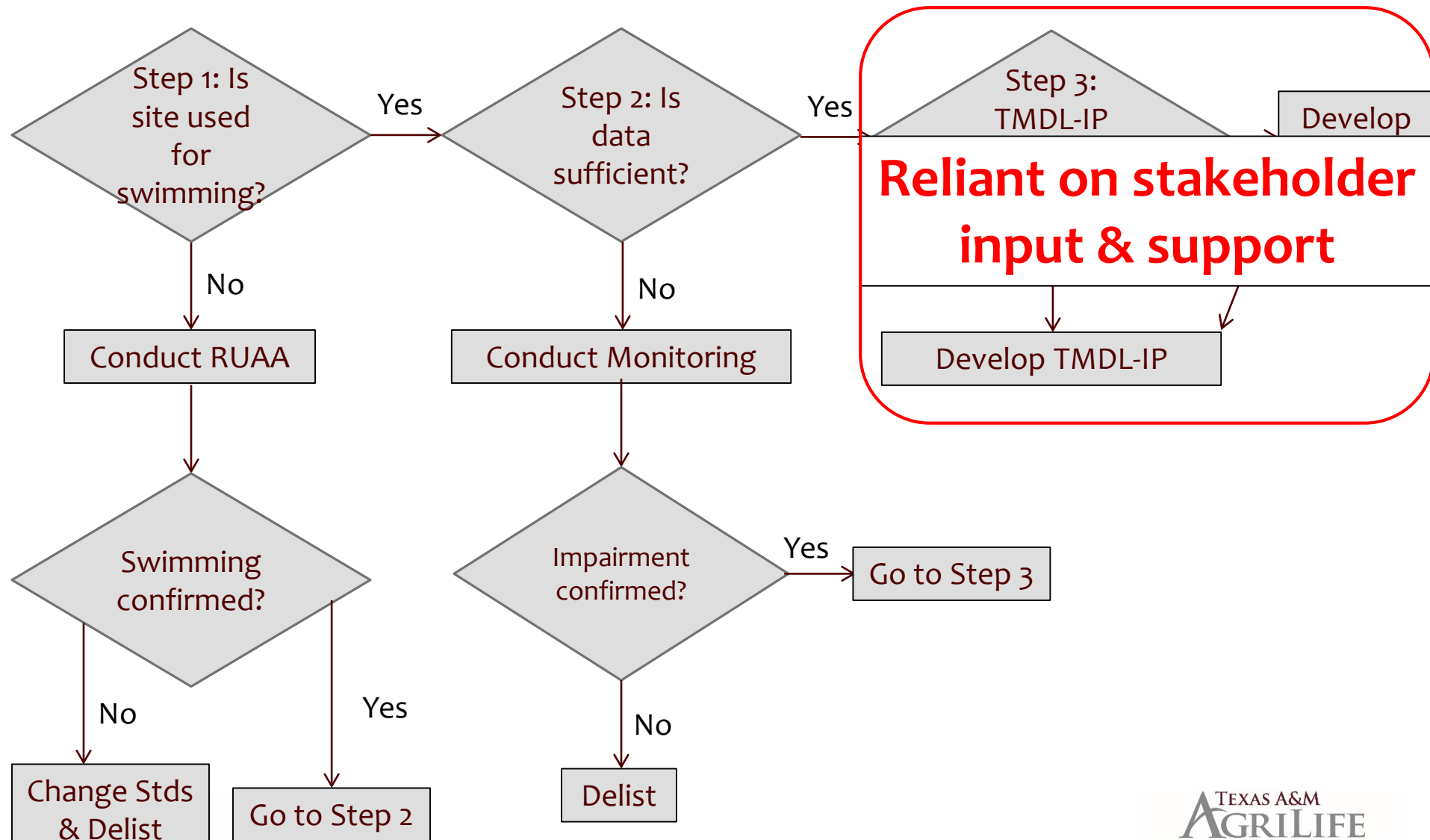
- ⦿ A group or individual who:
 - ⦿ *Has the responsibility for implementing a decision*
 - ⦿ *Is affected by the decision*
 - ⦿ *Assists with problem identification*
 - ⦿ *Promotes awareness, education, and action*
 - ⦿ *Facilitates implementation of solutions*

Types of Stakeholders

Stakeholders can belong to the following entities:

- ⊙ Landowners
- ⊙ County or regional representatives
- ⊙ Local municipal representatives
- ⊙ State and federal agencies
- ⊙ Business and industry representatives
- ⊙ Citizen groups
- ⊙ Community service and Religious organizations
- ⊙ Universities, colleges, and schools
- ⊙ Environmental and conservation groups
- ⊙ Soil and water conservation districts

General approach used today



Keys to developing successful strategies

- ⊙ Involvement of a diversity of interests
- ⊙ Collaborative decision-making
 - ⊙ Joint goals and priorities for partnership initiatives
- ⊙ Decision-making based on sound science and accurate information
- ⊙ Strong communication and outreach
- ⊙ Short-term doable action items and long-term objectives/goals

Major Tasks for Stakeholders

- ⦿ Provide guidance and input on potential sources of bacteria and estimated pollutant loads
- ⦿ Set goals and objectives
- ⦿ Guide identification of measures that could be implemented to address bacteria
- ⦿ Identify level of implementation that's reasonable
- ⦿ Identify outreach and education that is needed
- ⦿ Oversee development of an implementation plan & schedule

Goals for today

- ⦿ Initiate discussions on how best to organize stakeholders to maximize local input
 - ⦿ Possible frameworks
 - ⦿ Possible members (if needed)
 - ⦿ Possible processes for decision making

Stakeholder Group Frameworks

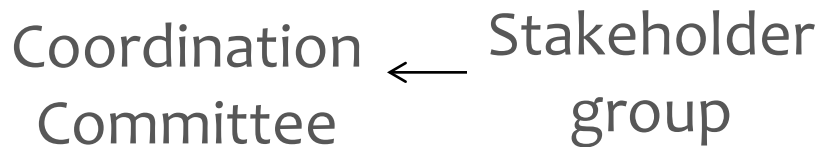


Key Definitions

- ⦿ Stakeholder Group – The general body of individuals who participate in public meetings
- ⦿ Coordination Committee – A decision making body made up of stakeholders from diverse interest/backgrounds
- ⦿ Workgroup – Groups made up of stakeholders of a similar interest/background

Possible Frameworks for Organizing Stakeholders

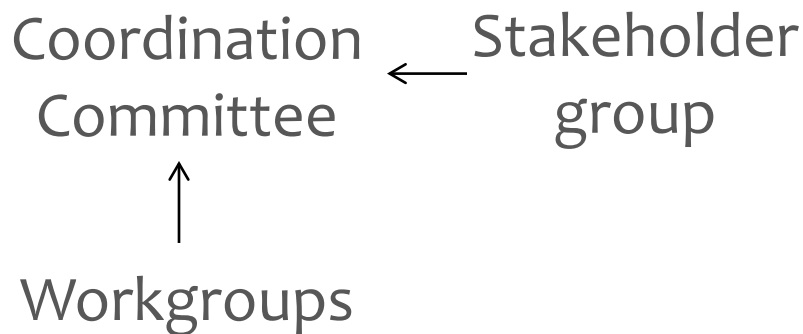
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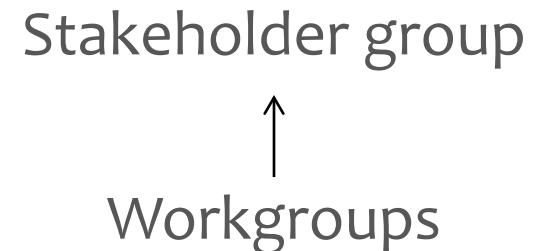
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No formal framework

Option 2



Option 4



Buck Creek Example

Watershed Characteristics:

- ◉ Almost exclusively rural watershed
- ◉ Very limited human influence with low population

Structure:

- ◉ Used Stakeholder Group

Typical Attendees:

- ◉ Texas AgriLife Extension Agent
- ◉ Landowners
- ◉ TPWD
- ◉ River Authority
- ◉ SWCD Board Members
- ◉ County Commissioners
- ◉ Other Citizens

Arroyo Colorado Example

Watershed Characteristics:

- ◉ Multiple Issues/parties involved
- ◉ Significant Growth
- ◉ Multiple environmental concerns

Structure:

- ◉ Established Coordination Committee and Workgroups including:
 - ◉ Habitat
 - ◉ Agricultural Issues
 - ◉ Wastewater Infrastructure
 - ◉ Education and Outreach
- ◉ Coordination Committee typically has final say of activities in watershed

Coordination Committee Reps:

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| ◉ RGV UT-Brownsville | ◉ TPWD |
| ◉ Coastal Conservation Assoc. | ◉ Arroyo Property Owner |
| ◉ Watershed Resident | ◉ Cameron Co. DD #5 |
| ◉ Texas Department of Ag | ◉ City of McAllen |
| ◉ Nueces River Authority | ◉ Texas Citrus Mutual |
| ◉ TSSWCB | ◉ Coalition to Save the AC |
| ◉ City of Harlingen | ◉ Sea Grant Marine Advisory Committee |
| ◉ TWDB | ◉ Military Highway WSC |
| ◉ LRGV SW Task Force | ◉ Cotton Growers Assoc. |
| ◉ Harlingen Irrigation District | ◉ Valley Land Fund |
| ◉ Texas State Bank | ◉ Sugar Growers |
| ◉ LRGV Dev. Council | ◉ Port of Harlingen Authority |
| ◉ Sierra Club | |
| ◉ TAMUK | |
| ◉ USFWS | |

Tres Palacios Example

Watershed

Characteristics:

- ◉ Almost exclusively rural watershed
- ◉ No large water utilities but some urban influence

Structure:

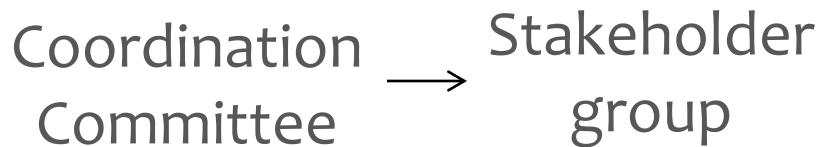
- ◉ Ag workgroup
- ◉ Met with cities individually
- ◉ Stakeholder Group

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- ◉ Chamber of Commerce
- ◉ Other Citizens

Preferred Framework?

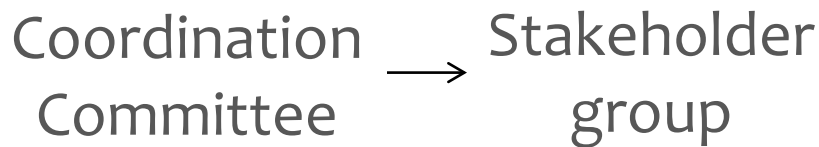
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Option 4

Stakeholder group



Possible Committee Members – If Needed

- ⊙ Citizen
- ⊙ Port Alto, Weedhaven)
- ⊙ Landowners
- ⊙ County Extension Agent
- ⊙ County Health Inspector
- ⊙ County Judge or Commissioner
- ⊙ County Soil and Water Conservation District
- ⊙ Subdivision or homeowner's association
- ⊙ Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
- ⊙ USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service
- ⊙ Texas Sea Grant
- ⊙ TSSWCB
- ⊙ Others

Possible Work Groups – If Needed

Work Groups Used in Other Watersheds:

- ◉ Agricultural Issues
- ◉ Coordination and Policy
- ◉ Education and Outreach
- ◉ Habitat
- ◉ On-Site Sewage
- ◉ Ordinance and Planning
- ◉ Natural Resource Management
- ◉ Science and Monitoring
- ◉ Urban Storm Water
- ◉ Wastewater Infrastructure
- ◉ Wildlife

Work Groups to Consider for Lavaca River:

- ◉ Ag & Wildlife
- ◉ Wastewater and Septic

Decision Making Processes



Possible Decision Making Processes

⦿ Formal

- ⦿ Established bylaws that govern the actions of the committee
- ⦿ Adhere to Open Meeting Act Requirements

⦿ Informal

- ⦿ Develop a set of ground rules that will be used to govern the committee
- ⦿ Committee members approve ground rules and their use

Bylaws Example

**Lake Granbury
Watershed Protection
Plan
STAKEHOLDERS GROUP**

BYLAWS

Adopted
March 24, 2006
Amended
February 13, 2007

◎ Outline:

- ◎ Organization
- ◎ Voting Membership
- ◎ Selection of additional groups/members
- ◎ Designated alternates
- ◎ Decision Making
- ◎ Adopting and amending bylaws

Ground Rules Examples

⊙ Geronimo Creek – More Formal

- ⊙ Goals
- ⊙ Powers
- ⊙ Timeframe
- ⊙ Membership Selection
- ⊙ Steering Committee
- ⊙ Workgroup
- ⊙ Technical advisory
- ⊙ Replacement/additions
- ⊙ Alternates
- ⊙ Decision making
- ⊙ Quorum
- ⊙ Facilitators

⊙ Upper Gulf Coast Oyster Waters – Less Formal

- ⊙ Speak up
- ⊙ Disagree respectfully
- ⊙ Silence is presumed consent
- ⊙ Listen during discussions
- ⊙ Respect opinions and don't criticize people
- ⊙ Be open to new ideas
- ⊙ Silence cell phones
- ⊙ Have fun

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Next Meeting

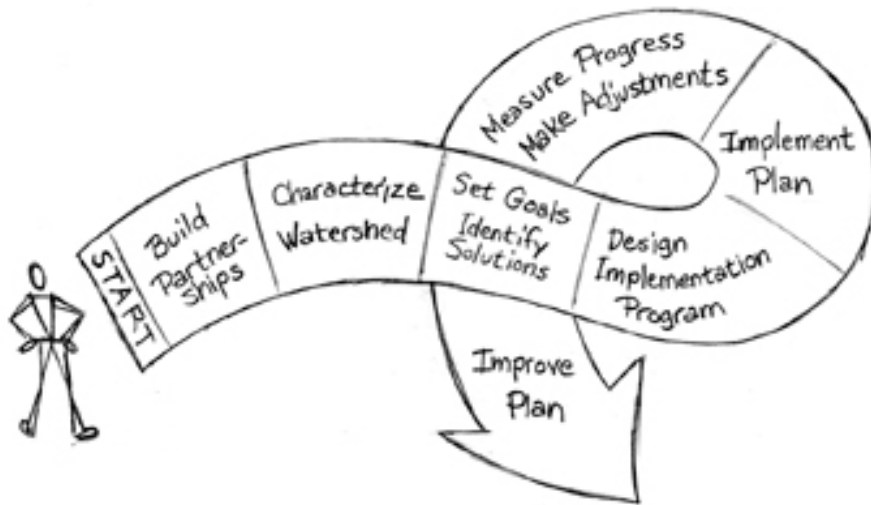
- ⦿ Decide on:
 - ⦿ Stakeholder framework
 - ⦿ Initial stakeholder group membership
- ⦿ Initiate discussion on specifics of decision making process
 - ⦿ If needed, example bylaws or ground rules will be sent out

Next Steps and Timeline



Next Steps – Near Term

- ⦿ Continue building partnerships
- ⦿ Work on characterizing the watershed
- ⦿ Finalize stakeholder structure (if needed)



Next Meeting

- ⦿ Recap meeting 1 – quick review of materials
- ⦿ Finalize watershed partnership (if needed)
- ⦿ Form work groups (if needed)
- ⦿ Discuss example watershed-based plan
- ⦿ Discuss next steps

Overall Timeline

- ⦿ August 2017 – Jun 2018: Stakeholder meetings and plan development– estimated total of 7 meetings
- ⦿ June 2018: Submit TMDL/I-Plan and watershed-based plan to TCEQ for review
- ⦿ August 2018 – August 2019: TCEQ review of Plan
- ⦿ August 2019: Begin implementation of Plan

Questions/Discussion

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