

**Texas A&M AgriLife
Texas Water Resources Institute**

**Modeling Support for Buck Creek Watershed Protection Plan Development
FY 08 CWA 319(h)
TSSWCB Project No. 08-05**

Quarter no. 1 From 10/1/2008 Through 12/31/2008.

I. Abstract

Work conducted during this quarter of the project focused on the development of the QAPP. The draft of the QAPP was submitted to TSSWCB in October for review and signature pages are in the process of being signed. The QAPP will be submitted to TSSWCB and EPA for their review and approval next quarter. BAEN has also been working to hire a research assistant to conduct the work for this project. TWRI has been working to get all project accounts established.

II. Overall Progress and Results by Task

TASK 1: Project Coordination and Administration

Subtask 1.1: *TWRI will coordinate project efforts with all project partners, as well as with the Watershed Protection Plan Development for Buck Creek project (TSSWCB project 06-11). TTVN meetings or teleconferences will be held, as appropriate, with project partners to discuss project activities, project schedule, lines of responsibility, communication needs, and other requirements.*

The following actions have been completed during this reporting period:

- a. A meeting will be scheduled for the upcoming quarter.

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Subtask 1.2: *TWRI will prepare electronic quarterly progress reports (QPRs) that document all activities performed within a quarter and shall be submitted to the TSSWCB no later than the 15th of January, April, July and October. All QPRs will be provided to project partners in this project and project 06-11, including Research, Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Red River Authority, and the Hall-Childress, Salt Fork, and Donley County SWCDs and placed on the project website maintained by TWRI.*

The following actions have been completed during this reporting period:

- a. Submitted Year 1, Quarter 1 report to TSSWCB on 1.15.09.

25% Complete

Subtask 1.3: *TWRI will submit appropriate Reimbursement Forms.*

The following actions have been completed during this reporting period:

- a. No activity to report at this time.

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TASK 2: Modeling of Bacteria Loads using the LDC/SELECT approach

Subtask 2.1: *BAEN will conduct SELECT modeling analysis efforts to estimate bacteria loadings across the Buck Creek and identify critical bacterial loading areas within the watershed.*

The following actions have been completed during this reporting period:

- a. No activity to report at this time.

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Subtask 2.2: *BAEN will examine temporal and spatial trends in observed water quality (bacteria) by developing LDCs for one or more representative index sites which accurately characterize data across all flow regimes. The data will be characterized with a trend line based on statistical evaluation of bacteria loads in each flow regime. The LDCs will be used to differentiate between sources of bacteria as related to different flow conditions and to establish load reduction scenarios from the relationships between the observed data and the allowable loads expressed in the curve.*

The following actions have been completed during this reporting period:

- a. No activity to report at this time.

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Subtask 2.3: *Research will incorporate the results of the modeling analysis into the Buck Creek WPP that will be developed in TSSWCB project 06-11.*

The following actions have been completed during this reporting period:

- a. No activity to report at this time.

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Subtask 2.4: *BAEN and Research, with assistance from TWRI, will develop the technical report for the project for submission to TSSWCB, EPA, and project partners.*

The following actions have been completed during this reporting period:

- a. No activity to report at this time.

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TASK 3: Quality Assurance Project Plan Development

Subtask 3.1: *TWRI will develop a QAPP that will detail project goals and objectives relating to water quality monitoring activities; identify the data needed to fulfill those objectives; list field and laboratory methods; describe procedures and schedules to be followed; and specify a data management structure and the quality assurance protocols.*

The following actions have been completed during this reporting period:

- a. The QAPP has been developed and submitted to TSSWCB for submittal to EPA.

100% Complete

Subtask 3.2: *Provide annual revisions to the QAPP and amendments, as necessary, to the TSSWCB and EPA.*

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

- Project contracts were completely set up in December and allowed BAEN to begin the hiring process to bring a research technician on board who will conduct LDC and SELECT analyses.

IV. Projected Work for Next Quarter

The following will be accomplished during the coming quarter:

- The annual QAPP should be returned from EPA.
- Data analysis and modeling will begin during the next quarter.
- A meeting will be scheduled to discuss the project and ensure that appropriate data sets are transmitted from AgriLife Research Vernon to BAEN prior to LDC and SELECT analyses.