Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board Clean Water Act §319(h) Nonpoint Source Grant Program FY 2018 Workplan 18-04

	SUMMARY PA	AGE					
Title of Project	Continuation of the LCRA Creekside So	il and Water Conservation Program					
Project Goals	 Protect the Texas lower Colorado River basin by providing education, technical assistance, and financial incentives to help producers plan and implement soil and water conservation practices on their land Assess nonpoint source (NPS) pollutant load reductions resulting from the program Educate producers and local stakeholders on abatement of NPS pollution through implementation of conservation practices and promotion of Water Quality Management Plans (WQMPs) Collaborate with the TSSWCB, local soil and water conservation districts, the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service and others to achieve project goals 						
Project Tasks	(1) Project administration; (2) Program implementation and evaluation; (3) Technology transfer						
Measures of Success	 Demonstrate significant implementation of conservation practices on agricultural operations through the implementation of a minimum of 16 conservation plans Work with producers to implement conservation management plans on at least 10,000 acres throughout the project region Achieve the following estimated pollutant load reductions: 10,900 tons sediment, 92,750 pounds nitrogen, and 18,193 pounds phosphorus 						
Project Type		ning (); Assessment (); Groundwater ()					
Status of Waterbody on 2014 Texas Integrated Report	Segment ID 1402 Colorado River Below La Grange 1402C Buckners Creek 1402H Skull Creek 1403 Lake Austin	Parameter of Impairment or Concern Bacteria Depressed dissolved oxygen Depressed dissolved oxygen Depressed dissolved oxygen	Category 5c 5c 5b 5c				
	1403A Bull Creek 1403J Spicewood Tributary to Shoal Creek 1403K Taylor Slough South	Depressed dissolved oxygen Bacteria Aluminum in water	5c 5a 5a 5c				
	1407A Clear Creek	Nickel in water pH Sulfate Total dissolved Solids Zinc in water	50 50 50 50 50 50				
	1416 San Saba River 1416A Brady Creek 1427 Onion Creek 1427A Slaughter Creek 1428B Walnut Creek 1429C Waller Creek	Bacteria Depressed dissolved oxygen Sulfate Impaired macrobenthic community Bacteria Bacteria Impaired macrobenthic community	5c 5c 5b 5a 5a 5c				

Project Location						-			
(Statewide or	Colorado Rive	Colorado River basin in Bastrop, Blanco, Burnet, Colorado, Fayette, Lampasas, Llano,							
Watershed and	Matagorda, Sa	Matagorda, San Saba, Travis and Wharton Counties							
County)									
Key Project Activities	Hire Staff (); S	Hire Staff (); Surface Water Quality Monitoring (); Technical Assistance ();							
	Education (X);	Education (X); Implementation (X); BMP Effectiveness Monitoring ();							
	Demonstration	Demonstration (X); Planning (); Modeling (); Bacterial Source Tracking (); Other ()							
2012 Texas NPS	Components 1	Components 1 and 2							
Management	LTG Objective	es 1,2,3,6,7							
Program Reference	STG 2 Objecti	ves A, B							
	STG 3 Objecti	ves A, B, C, D, G							
Project Costs	Federal	\$472,900	Non-Federal	\$405,000	Total	\$877,900			
Project Management	Lower Colorad	lo River Authority (LC	RA)						
Project Period	October 1, 201	8- September 30, 2021							

Part I – Applicant Information

Applicant										
Project Lea	d	Marshall Trigg	Aarshall Trigg							
Title		Natural Resourc	Natural Resource Conservation Coordinator							
Organizatio	on	Lower Colorado	Lower Colorado River Authority							
E-mail Add	lress	Marshall.Trigg@	LCRA.or	g						
Street Add	ess	1884 Hwy 71 W	1884 Hwy 71 W.							
City	Cedar Cree	ek	County	Bastrop		State	TX	Zip Code	78612	
Telephone	Number	(830) 596-7239			Faz	x Number	(512) 302	3-5277		

Project Partners	
Names	Roles & Responsibilities
Texas State Soil and Water Conservation	Provide state oversight and management of all project activities and
Board (TSSWCB)	ensure coordination of activities with related projects and TCEQ.
Lower Colorado River Authority	Provide project coordination, submission of quarterly and final reports,
	technology transfer, and evaluation of project effectiveness.
Bastrop, Caldwell-Travis, Colorado,	Assist with project coordination, technology transfer, notification of the
Fayette, Hill Country, Llano, Matagorda,	availability of technical and financial assistance, and producer
Pedernales, San Saba, Wharton and	cooperation in installation of conservation practices. Review and approve
Taylor-Travis Soil and Water	conservation plans of operation.
Conservation Districts (SWCDs)	
USDA Natural Resources Conservation	Provide technical service, develop conservation plans of operation, and
Service (NRCS)	conduct project certification of completion.

Part II – Project Information

Project Type										
Surface Water	Х	Grou	Indwater							
Does the project implement recommendations made in (a) a completed WPP, (b) an adopted TMDL, (c) an approved I-Plan, (d) a Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan developed under CWA §320, (e) the Texas Coastal NPS Pollution Control Program, or (f) the Texas Groundwater Protection Strategy?YesXNo										
If yes, identify the document.Adopted TMDL's and approved I-Plans for Gilleland, Shoal, Waller and Walnut Creeks in Travis County, TX.										
If yes, identify the agency/group that developed and/or approved the document.		~ •	Commission on y in cooperation v do River Authority	Environmental vith the Lower	r eloped	20	11			

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Watershed Inf	ormation				
Watershed Name(s)	Hydrologic Unit Code (12 Digit)		Segment ID	Category on 2014 IR	Size (Acres)
Project	12090302	1401	Colorado River Tidal	5c	Colorado
covers lower	12000202	1402	Colorado River below	E.	River basin
Colorado	12090302	1402	LaGrange	5c 5c	area of
River basin	12090302	1402 C	Buckners Creek	5c 5b	LCRA's ten
area of	12090302	1402 H	Skull Creek	-	county
LCRA's ten	12090205	1403	Lake Austin	5c	statutory
statutory counties and	12090205	1403A	Bull Creek	5c	region totals
Lampasas	12090205	1403J	Spicewood Tributary to Shoal Creek	5a	4,233,897
County	12090205	14035 1403K	Taylor Slough South	5a 5a	acres.
County	12090205	1403K	Lake Travis	54	Colorado
	12090203	1404	Lake Marble Falls		River basin
	12090201	1405	Lake LBJ		area of
	12090201	1400	Inks Lake		Lampasas
	12090201	1407A	Clear Creek	5c	County totals
	12090201	1407A	Lake Buchanan	50	93,928 acres.
	12090201	1408	Colorado River above Lake		
	12090201	1409	Buchanan		Total
	12090206	1414	Pedernales River		Acreage:
	12090203	1415	Llano River		4,233,897
	12090109	1416	San Saba River	5c	+ 93,928
	12090109	1416A	Brady Creek	5c	4,327,825
	12090205	1427	Onion Creek	5c	
	12090205	1427A	Slaughter Creek	5b	
			Colorado River below		
	12090205	1428	Town Lake		
	12090205	1428B	Walnut Creek	5a	1
	12090205	1429	Town Lake		
	12090205	1429C	Waller Creek	5a, 5c	
	12090205	1430	Barton Creek	, ,	1
		- *	Colorado River above		1
	12090301	1434	LaGrange		

Water Quality Impairment

Describe all known causes (i.e., pollutants of concern) and sources (e.g., agricultural, silvicultural) of water quality impairments or concerns from any of the following sources: 2014 Texas Integrated Report, Clean Rivers Program Basin Summary/Highlights Reports, or other documented sources.

Segment ID	Water Body	Parameter
1402	Colorado River Below La Grange	5c-Bacteria
1402C	Buckners Creek	5c- DDO
1402H	Skull Creek	5b- DDO
1403	Lake Austin	5c- DDO
1403A	Bull Creek	5c- DDO
1403J	Spicewood Tributary	5a- Bacteria
1403K	Taylor Slough South	5a- Bacteria
1407A	Clear Creek	5c- Aluminum, Nickel, pH, Sulfate, TDS
1416	San Saba River	5c- Bacteria
1416A	Brady Creek	5c- DDO
1427	Onion Creek	5c- Sulfate
1427A	Slaughter Creek	5b- Impaired macrobenthic comm.
1428B	Walnut Creek	5b- Bacteria
1429C	Waller Creek	5a-Bacteria
		5c- Impaired macrobenthic comm.

Project Narrative

Problem/Need Statement

Problem:

Non-point source pollution (NPS) has traditionally been considered one of the greatest threats to the lower Colorado River of Texas. Soil erosion and sedimentation can cause blockage of the main river channel, and can also lead to depressed oxygen levels, threatened aquatic habitats, and overall impaired water quality.

Gilleland Creek (1428):

This creek, a tributary of the Colorado River is located in the proposed project region. In 2004, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) placed a portion of Gilleland Creek on its list of impaired water bodies for elevated bacteria. LCRA worked with a stakeholder group coordinated by TCEQ to develop a TMDL and I-Plan that is currently ongoing. See https://www.tceq.texas.gov/waterquality/tmdl/nav/69-gillelandcreekbacteria/69-gillelandcreekbacteria/iplan-revision.

2014 Texas Integrated Report Listings:

The following watersheds within the proposed project region are listed on the 2014 Texas Integrated Report as "5a" (TMDLs are underway, scheduled or will be scheduled for one or more parameters):

- Spicewood Tributary to Shoal Creek (1403J): bacteria
- Taylor Slough South (1403K): bacteria
- Walnut Creek (1428B):bacteria
- Waller Creek (1429C): bacteria

Need:

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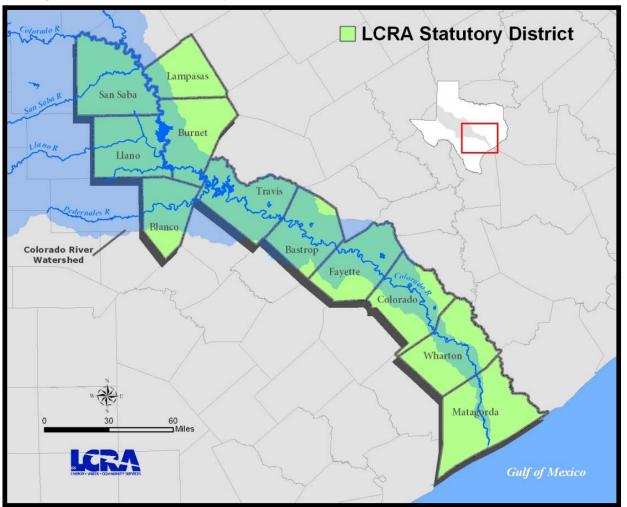
Best Management Practices that improve water quality have historically been cost prohibitive for producers to implement. This project will provide technical service and cost-share incentives to producers to specifically address water quality and aquatic habitat concerns by reducing sedimentation and agricultural NPS. Additionally, this project will provide much needed education and outreach intended to reach stakeholders throughout the lower Colorado River basin.

Project Narrative

General Project Description (Include Project Location Map)

Background

The Lower Colorado River Authority was created as a soil and water conservation reclamation district by the Texas Legislature in 1934. LCRA manages water supplies for cities, industries, and agriculture along a 600-mile stretch of the Texas Colorado River between San Saba County and Matagorda County. The State of Texas gives LCRA responsibility for protecting the waters within the Statuary District of the lower Colorado River basin.



LCRA operates six dams on the Colorado River that form the Highland Lakes: Buchanan, Inks, LBJ, Marble Falls, Travis and Lake Austin. Downstream of the Highland Lakes, the Colorado River winds through several counties and eventually feeds into Matagorda Bay.

LCRA regulates dam operations to manage floods and to supply water for municipal, agricultural and industrial users. It works with communities to plan and coordinate their water and wastewater needs. LCRA also operates an environmental laboratory and monitors the water quality of the lower Colorado River. It enforces ordinances that control illegal dumps, regulates on-site sewage facilities, and reduces the impact of NPS pollution within the basin.

LCRA Creekside Conservation Program History and Purpose

A 1990 Colorado River Sediment Reduction Study conducted by LCRA and NRCS determined that reducing suspended sediment caused by soil erosion and stormwater runoff could be a cost-effective way to lengthen the lives of the Highland Lakes of Central Texas and protect aquatic resources by improving water quality.

As a result of this study, LCRA began the Creekside Conservation Program, a partnership among producers, NRCS, local SWCDs, and LCRA to help participating producers reduce agricultural NPS pollution. This partnership promotes local control of the program through conservation priorities set by the SWCD.

The program provides financial incentives for projects that help conserve soil and water on privately owned land within the Colorado River basin of LCRA's statutory district and Lampasas County. Eligible counties include Bastrop, Blanco, Burnet, Colorado, Fayette, Lampasas, Llano, Matagorda, San Saba, Travis, and Wharton Counties.

Over the 27 year history of the program, 4.8 million dollars have been used to fund conservation projects. Of this, 2.8 million dollars came from producer match, 1.1 million from LCRA match, and over 900K from 319 funds. The Wal-Mart Foundation's Water for Texas Initiative contributed 120K to the program between 2010 and 2011.

Since its inception, the program has helped 303 producers develop and complete management plans on over 176,000 acres of private land. For each producer project, LCRA works with NRCS to write conservation plans of operation that encompass the entire land unit (management acres), thus facilitating a holistic approach to soil and water conservation.

Water Quality Management Plans

A water quality management plan (WQMP) is a site-specific plan developed through and approved by SWCDs for agricultural or silvicultural lands. The plan includes appropriate land treatment practices, production practices, management measures, technologies or combinations thereof.

Through the Creekside Conservation Program, LCRA regularly partners with local SWCDs and NRCS. One goal of this project will be to provide WQMP related education and outreach materials to stakeholders throughout the project area.

Tasks, Objec	tives and Schedul	les							
Task 1	Project Administ	Project Administration							
Costs	Federal \$116,450 Non-Federal \$0 Total \$116,450								
Objective			ordinate and monitor		under this proje	ct including			
			vision and preparation						
Subtask 1.1			e quarterly progress r						
			performed within a q			1 st of January,			
	April, July and C	october. QPF	As shall be distributed						
	Start Date		Month 1	Completion		Month 36			
Subtask 1.2	LCRA will perfo	rm accounti	ng functions for proje	ect funds and will su	bmit appropriate	e Reimbursement			
	Forms to TSSW0	CB at least q	uarterly.	1					
	Start Date		Month 1	Completion		Month 36			
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	distribute to proj		1.						
	Start Date		Month 1	Completion		Month 36			
Subtask 1.4			port that summarizes						
		eport will al	so include the extent	to which project go	als and measures	s of success have			
	been achieved.								
	Start Date	•	Month 1	Completion	Date	Month 36			
Deliverables	• QPRs in ele	ctronic form	at						
	Reimbursen	nent forms a	nd necessary docume	ntation in hard copy	format				
	Final report	in electronic	and hard copy form	ats					

Tasks, Objectives and Schedules Task 2 Project Implementation and Evaluation Costs Federal \$240,000 Non-Federal \$405,000 Total \$645,000 Objective Coordinate with project partners to provide technical and financial assistance for producers to develop and implement conservation plans within the project region. Collaborate with project partners to evaluate nutrient and sediment load reduction resulting from BMPs implemented through the program Subtask 2.1 LCRA will work with SWCDs and NRCS in the project region to solicit participation and develop a minimum of 16 conservation plans of operation for eligible producers. As this minimum is based on t total budgeted amount of financial incentives, SWCDs, NRCS, and LCRA will strive to develop additional conservation plans beyond the minimum. Subtask 2.2 LCRA will work with participating SWCDs and NRCS to assist eligible producers in applying for and obtaining financial incentives to aid in planning and implementation of BMPs prescribed in conservation plans developed through subtask 2.1. Subtask 2.3 Success, NRCS, and LCRA will prioritize conservation plan development and financial incentive applications consistent with the priority areas identified below:
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Priority Area 1
Projects located within LCRA's ten county statutory district and Lampasas County that are directly ale
or adjacent to water bodies listed in the "Water Quality Impairment" section
Priority Area 2
Projects within the watershed boundaries of Priority Area 1, but not directly adjacent to the impaired wa
bodies Priority Area 3
Priority Area 3 Projects not in Priority Area 1 or 2 but directly along or adjacent to the Colorado River or tributaries
the Colorado River, and within LCRA's ten county statutory district and Lampasas County
Priority Area 4
Projects not in Priority Area 1, 2 or 3 but located within the Colorado River watershed of LCRA's ten
county statutory district and Lampasas County
Start Date Month 1 Completion Date Month 36
Subtask 2.4 Participating SWCDs and NRCS, with assistance from LCRA will track the location and types of
conservation practices on each producer's land, and provide follow-up technical assistance throughou
the duration of the project. NRCS will provide technical services to LCRA as part of a reimbursable
agreement shared between these agencies. Technical services will include initial field work, design of
comprehensive plans of operation for each project producer, and follow-up certification of project
completion.
Start Date Month 1 Completion Date Month 36
Subtask 2.5 LCRA Will use the Texas Best Management Practices Tool (TBET) to estimate nutrient and sediment
load reductions resulting from project implementation.
Start DateMonth 1Completion DateMonth 36
Deliverables • Final report that includes a map, list of conservation plans and practices implemented, before-and
after photos of representative BMPs implemented, total acres included in conservation plans of
operation, total treatment amounts, number of project producers, and pollutant load reductions.
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Tasks, Objec	tives and Schedules							
Task 3	Technology Transfer							
Costs	Federal \$116,450 Non-Federal \$0 Total \$116,450							
Objective	Provide public education and outreach opportunities relating to soil and water conservation BMPs.							
Subtask 3.1	LCRA will give conservation presentations to SWCDs, producers and civic groups, and will							
	coordinate/participate in f	ield days and workshops t	hroughout the proje	ect region.				
	Start DateMonth 1Completion DateMonth 36							
Subtask 3.2	LCRA will produce project education and outreach materials for publication (i.e. new articles, local							
	media interviews, etc.)							
	Start Date	Month 1	Completion D	Date	Month 36			
Deliverables	• 2 education and outr	each events per year x 3 y	ears = 6 events.					
	• Documentation of th	e success of each presenta	tion/workshop thro	ough the photos	s, flyers, attendance			
	lists etc.							
	• 2 Media/feature stor	ies submitted in local news	spapers and monthl	y periodicals				
	 1 video production highlighting the program and program producers 							
	• 2 Media/publications	s posted to LCRA website	•					
	*	publications, meeting agen	das, etc. to be inclu	ided in quarter	y and final reports			

Project Goals (Expand from Summary Page)

To protect the lower Colorado River basin of Texas, which is performed by providing education, technical assistance, and financial incentives to producers through LCRA's Creekside Conservation Program. Conservation BMP implementation is a key project goal which is achieved through partnerships with other agencies, such as the NRCS. LCRA will use TBET to assess NPS pollution reductions resulting from the Creekside Conservation Program and will seek technical assistance from NRCS. WQMPs are also emphasized through the program as good tools for watershed management along with the implementation of conservation practices.

Education and technology transfer are also a major component to this project. Educational activities such as field days and workshops will be offered to producers and the general public. The technology transfer goal will also be achieved through demonstration and/or public display of ongoing projects. A "conservation partner" gate sign will be given to each project producer for public display. Gate signs will show logos of participating agencies; TSSWCB, NRCS, Soil and Water Conservation Districts and LCRA.

Measures of Success (Expand from Summary Page)

- 1. Demonstrate significant implementation of conservation practices on agricultural operations through the implementation of a minimum of 16 plans.
- 2. Work with producers to implement conservation management plans on at least 10,000 acres throughout the project region. While financial incentives are provided for the acreage upon which BMPs are directly applied (treatment acres), management plans are written to encompass the entire land unit (management acres), thus facilitating a holistic approach to soil and water conservation.
- 3. Achieve the following estimated pollutant load reductions: 10,000 tons sediment, 90,000 pounds nitrogen, and 18,000 pounds phosphorus.

2012 Texas NPS Management Program Reference (Expand from Summary Page)

Components, Goals, and Objectives

Component 1 - Explicit short- and long-term goals, objectives, and strategies that protect surface and ground water.

- Long-Term Goal Protect and restore water quality affected by NPS pollution through assessment, implementation, and education.
- Long Term Goal Objective 1 Focus NPS abatement efforts, implementation strategies, and available resources in watersheds and aquifers identified as impacted by NPS pollution.
- **Long Term Goal Objective 2** Support the implementation of state, regional, and local programs to prevent NPS pollution through assessment, implementation, and education.
- **Long Term Goal Objective 3** Support the implementation of state, regional, and local programs to reduce NPS pollution, such as the implementation of strategies defined in TMDL I-Plans, WPPs, and other water planning efforts in the state.
- Long Term Goal Objective 6 Develop partnerships, relationships, memoranda of agreement, and other instruments to facilitate collective, cooperative approaches to manage NPS pollution.
- Long Term Goal Objective 7 Increase overall public awareness of NPS issues and prevention activities.
- Short Term Goal Two Implementation Objective A Work with regional and local entities to determine priority areas and develop and implement strategies to address NPS pollution in those areas.
- Short Term Goal Two Implementation Objective B Develop and implement BMPs to address constituents of concern or water bodies not meeting water quality standards in watersheds identified as impacted by NPS pollution.
- Short Term Goal Three Education Objective A Enhance existing outreach programs at the state, regional, and local levels to maximize the effectiveness of NPS education.
- Short Term Goal Three Education Objective B Administer programs to educate citizens about water quality and their potential role in causing NPS pollution.
- Short Term Goal Three Education Objective C Expedite development of technology transfer activities to be conducted to increase BMP implementation.
- Short Term Goal Three Education Objective D Conduct outreach through the CRP, AgriLife Extension, SWCDs, and others to enable stakeholders and the public to participate in decision-making and provide a more complete understanding of water quality issues and how they relate to each citizen.
- Short Term Goal Three Education Objective G Implement public outreach and education to maintain and restore water quality in water bodies impacted by NPS pollution.

Component 2 - Working partnerships and linkages to appropriate State, interstate, Tribal, regional, and local entities, private sector groups, and Federal agencies.

Estimated Load Reductions Expected (Only applicable to Implementation Project Type)

Estimated load reductions expected from implementing BMPs through this project are based on 1) reported Creekside Conservation Program load reductions achieved historically (sediment), and 2) TSSWCB's use of TBET to calculate load reductions achieved (nitrogen and phosphorus) from WQMPs certified in FY2011 in the agency's Wharton and Dublin regional service areas.

Estimated Treatment Acres: 10,000

Estimated Pollutant load reduction (based on BMP implementation on 10,000 acres)

- Sediment: 10,000 tons/yr
- Nitrogen: 90,000 lbs/yr
- Phosphorus: 18,000 lbs/yr

Sediment – The Final Report for TSSWCB project 07-05 *LCRA Land Stewardship* (*Creekside Conservation Program*) *Project* indicates an average sediment load reduction of approximately 1.09 tons/acre was achieved through implementation of BMPs, based on the Rangeland Hydrology Erosion Model (RHEM) considered at the time of preparing the report to be the best science available for such estimate. Therefore, estimated sediment load reductions expected from implementing BMPs through this project are based on using this 1.09 tons/acre average on a goal of 10,000 acres.

Nitrogen and Phosphorus – Beginning in FY2011, TSSWCB began utilizing TBET to estimate nutrient and sediment reductions and BMP effectiveness for the agency's WQMP Program. TBET is a simplified and customized userinterface for the Soil and Water Assessment Tool (SWAT), which predicts pollutant losses from fields under a variety of management scenarios and conservation practices. Although SWAT is generally used as a basin-scale model, its basic structure and development originated from the EPIC field-scale model; therefore, SWAT can and will continue to be suitable for field-scale modeling. TBET accounts for local climate, soils, topography, and management scenarios for conditions across Texas. As an interface, TBET acts as an input and output interpreter for SWAT and insulates the user from the model complexities. By using the process-based SWAT model, TBET more accurately simulates a wide variety of management options and field characteristics than existing alternatives such as the Spreadsheet Tool for Estimating Pollutant Loads (STEPL). To estimate nutrient load reductions expected from implementing BMPs through this project, load reductions achieved (nitrogen and phosphorus) from WQMPs certified in FY2011 in the agency's Wharton and Dublin regional service areas are used (these agency service areas overlap LCRA's statutory district and Lampasas County). TBET results indicate an average nitrogen load reduction of approximately 9.275 lbs/acre and an average phosphorus load reduction of approximately 1.819 lbs/acre were achieved. Therefore, estimated nutrient load reductions expected from implementing BMPs through this project are based on using these averages on a goal of 10,000 acres.

Participation in the Creekside Conservation Program by individual producers is voluntary. Adoption of BMPs by producers is highly dependent on the success or failure of education and outreach initiatives and social marketing campaigns. Effectiveness of particular BMPs in reducing pollutants is dependent on a myriad of factors including natural weather phenomena and the ability of producers to correctly install, operate, maintain or manage the BMP. With these factors accounted for, the estimated load reductions to be expected, as presented above, should be regarded as the "best case scenario" with probability that actual load reductions will be less.

The mechanism for reporting pollutant load reductions achieved through implementation of BMPs funded with CWA §319(h) monies, is through the EPA Grants Reporting and Tracking System (GRTS). Actual load reductions achieved can only be reported after the BMPs are installed and operational. Currently, EPA Program Activity Measures (PAMs) only call for load reductions achieved for nitrogen, phosphorus, and sediment. Nitrogen, phosphorus, and sediment load reductions achieved through this project will be reported through GRTS by TSSWCB.

EPA State Categorical Program Grants – Workplan Essential Elements

FY 2014-2018 EPA Strategic Plan Reference

Strategic Plan Goal – Goal 2 Protecting America's Waters

Strategic Plan Objective – Objective 2.2 Protect and Restore Watersheds and Aquatic Ecosystems

Part III – Financial Information

Budget Summary

Federal	\$	472,	,900	%	% of total project		54%	
Non-Federal	\$	405,	,000	%	of total p	project	46%	
Total	\$	877,	,900		Total	-	100%	
Category			Federal			Non-Federal	Total	
Personnel		\$	180,000		\$	0	\$ 180,000	
Fringe Benefits		\$	50,400		\$	0	\$ 50,400	
Travel		\$	2,500		\$	0	\$ 2,500	
Equipment		\$	0		\$	0	\$ 0	
Supplies		\$	0		\$	0	\$ 0	
Contractual		\$	0		\$	45,000	\$ 45,000	
Construction		\$	240,000		\$	360,000	\$ 600,000	
Other		\$	0		\$	0	\$ 0	
Total Direct Costs		\$	472,900		\$	405,000	\$ 877,900	
Indirect Costs (≤ 1 :	5%)	\$	0		\$	0	\$ 0	
Total Project Costs	5	\$	472,900		\$	405,000	\$ 877,900	

Budget Justification (Federal)

Category	Total	Amount	Justification
Personnel	\$	180,000	1 full-time Project Coordinator Annual Salary (\$60,000 x 3 years = \$180,000)
Fringe Benefits	\$	50,400	\$180,000 x 28% for fringe = \$50,400
Travel	\$	2,500	Out of town/state lodging and meals
Equipment	\$	0	N/A
Supplies	\$	0	N/A
Contractual*	\$	0	
Construction	\$	\$240,000	Fed match will not exceed 40% of total cost for any one project nor will fed
			match exceed 15K for any one project
Other	\$	0	N/A
Indirect	\$	0	N/A

Budget Justification (Non-Federal)		
Category	Total Amount	Justification
Personnel	\$ 0	N/A
Fringe Benefits	\$ 0	N/A
Travel	\$ 0	N/A
Equipment	\$ 0	N/A
Supplies	\$ 0	N/A
Contractual*	\$ 45,000	Technical services provided by USDA NRCS for project
		implementation/evaluation
Construction	\$ \$360,000	Non Fed match will be no less than 60% of total cost for any one project.
Other	\$ 0	N/A
Indirect	\$ 0	N/A