**Raymondville Drain Watershed Protection Plan Project – Steering Committee**

**March 14, 2019 | 1:30 PM | Raymondville Library**

1. **Welcome and Introductions: Commissioner Eduardo Gonzales**

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**2. NCLRGV Project Overview:**

2.0 Dr. Ahmed Mahmoud

* + 1. This meeting is one (1) of three (3) steering committees that will later transition to three (3) different projects.
		2. Stakeholders will be decision makers for direction and start of a new watershed protection plan.
	1. Workplan: Dr. Ahmed Mahmoud
		1. PowerPoint presentation on grant scope of work overview: This project will identify existing data and identify data gaps for characterization as well as identify a path forward by selecting an analytical method for estimating pollutant loads.
		2. The Raymondville Drain and Hidalgo Main the IBWC Pilot channel (IBWC North Floodway) flow into the Lower Laguna Madre which is impaired for low DO and bacteria.

**3. Raymondville Drain Refinement of Project Scope:**

 3.1 Stakeholders: Dr. Ahmed Mahmoud

3.1.1. Grant will focus on stakeholder workgroups revolved around 5 tasks. *See attached PowerPoint presentation*

 3.2 Timeline: Dr. Ahmed Mahmoud

 3.3 Map: Dr. Ahmed Mahmoud

* 1. EPA 9 Elements

3.4.1. Develop watershed protection plan based off EPA’s 9-Elements (A-E) *See attached PowerPoint presentation*

**4.Identification of Steering Committee Members and SC Charge**

 4.1 Dr. Andrew Ernest

4.1.1. Break out groups: Technical, Ag. Interest, Sub groups of steering committee

4.1.2. 11 committee members preferred to break up any ties for future decision making

**5. Population of Technical Committee**

 5.1 Technical committee identified by group:

 5.1.1. Drainage District Manager: Paul (Last Name?)

 Delta Lake (jurisdictional owner)

 Troy Allen

 El Sauz Ranch

 5.2 Mr. Augusto Sanchez Gonzalez

5.2.1. Explained how the other sub groups are set up in other committees ACTION ITEM: Mr. Sanchez will provide a flow/organizational chart of sub groups

6. Identification of Other Committees

 6.1 Commissioner Eduardo Gonzales

6.1.1. Other committees will be determined based off organizational chart during next meeting

8. Agenda for Next Meeting

 8.1 Commissioner Eduardo Gonzales

 8.1.1. Sub Committees: sub committees will be defined

8.1.2. Plans will be shared by Willacy and Hidalgo County

8.1.3. Name, Logo, Website will be discussed

8.1.4. Organizational Chart

8.1.5. Presentation by Raul Sesin, Hidalgo County

8.1.6 Next meeting to be held the 1st week of April

9. Adjourn