



RED RIVER AUTHORITY OF TEXAS



Summary of the Red River Basin Advisory Committee Meeting April 27, 2026

The Red River Basin Advisory Committee Meeting was held on April 27, 2025, at 13:00 in the meeting room at the Authority's administrative offices in Wichita Falls, TX. Approximately 27 stakeholders, including staff, attended the meeting.

Mr. Dan Medenwaldt, Clean Rivers Program (CRP) Supervisor with the Red River Authority (RRA), opened the meeting with a brief welcome to the attendees. He then provided an overview of the Program and noted where to find additional CRP information online.

Mr. Fabian Heaney, General Manager of the Red River Authority, presented a navigation study for the Red River titled: *Red River Navigation from Denison Dam to Index Arkansas*. Mr. Heaney gave a brief background on how the study came about, and shared maps of the area studied. He conveyed who participated in the study and how they determined the feasibility of the potential project. This included the cost of the overall project, compared to the overall economic and environmental impact. Mr. Heaney concluded by outlining the study's key benefits and explaining the economic significance of navigation along the Red River.

Ms. Penny Miller, Texas Master Naturalist Rolling Plains Chapter President, and Texas Stream Team Member, gave a brief presentation on the Texas Stream Team. She explained what the Texas Stream Team is, their objective mission, and what they do within their region. Ms. Miller also spoke about the Texas Master Naturalists, and provided information about their volunteers, education, and outreach.

Mr. Tavin Dotson, representing Ducks Unlimited, presented at length over the Texas Playa Conservation Initiative (TxPCI). He explained in depth how playa lakes function, why they are important, and who they affect. He talked about the difference between a playa and a wetland and gave examples of the two. Mr. Dotson shared maps of Texas illustrating various concentrations of playas throughout the Panhandle. Additionally, he spoke about how the TxPCI gets its funding and how the funding is utilized. In closing, he mentioned different ways landowners can participate in the TxPCI.

Mr. Medenwaldt continued the meeting with a presentation of the Draft *2026 Red and Canadian River Basins Highlights Report*. He extensively talked about each step RRA goes through from start to finish for every CRP contract. This included implementation of the CRP Guidance, development of the Workplan, executing the contract, Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) approval, and all the steps involved with data entry through final submission to the Texas



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Commission on Environmental Quality. He also presented information regarding current 303(d) impairments and 305(b) concerns as they relate to water quality throughout the Red River Basin. He displayed pictures of monitoring stations describing what each station looks like during routine visits. Lastly, Mr. Medenwaldt talked about FY-2027 goals. He went over future monitoring efforts, along with future outreach possibilities. In closing, Mr. Medenwaldt strongly encouraged all stakeholders to review the information, prepared by the Authority, in the Draft *2026 Red and Canadian River Basins Highlights Report* to obtain additional information on pertinent water quality issues throughout both the Canadian and Red River Basins. Mr. Medenwaldt then opened the floor for final questions and comments.

Following questions and comments, the meeting adjourned at approximately 14:45.