Water Quality Credit Trading
Stakeholder Meeting
June 13, 2018

Welcome

• ‘Housekeeping’
  – Parking Validation
  – Exits
  – Restrooms

• Introductions
Recap
What We Accomplished So Far

• Draft guidance available in December 2017
  – Small workgroup in conjunction with Water Synergy Group
  – Used National Network on Water Quality Trading
document & Association of Clean Water Administrators
  (ACWA) Water Quality Toolkit templates

• Kickoff meeting January 23, 2018
  – 47 participants!

• Comments by February 28, 2018

• LDEQ reviewed comments to compile main topics
  that will discuss today and in future meeting

• LDEQ discussions with Pilot proposers

Webpage
http://deq.louisiana.gov/page/water-quality-trading

• Link to Draft Guidance

• Link to January 23, 2018 meeting
  materials

• Link to ACWA Water Quality Trading
  Case Studies
Timeline
Where We Are Headed

• Tentative Timeline
  – Stakeholder Interaction in 2018
    • Kick-off Meeting – January 23, 2018
    • Comments – February 28, 2018
    • Meeting 2 – June 13, 2018
      • Meeting 3 – July 10, 2018
      • Pilot Phase – through late summer 2018
  – Draft Rule proposed by end of 2018
    • September 2018 – begin drafting
  – Final Rule promulgated by end of 2019

Stakeholders

Adaptation Strategies • Beall Law • Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority • Comite Resources • Digital Engineering • Dow • Entergy • ExxonMobil • Green Army • Gulf Restoration Network • JMB Companies • Lake Pontchartrain Basin Foundation • Louisiana Chemical Association • Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry • Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality • Louisiana Department of Natural Resources • Louisiana Environmental Action Network • Louisiana Legislature, House of Representatives • Louisiana Mid-Continent Oil & Gas Association • Louisiana State University Agricultural Center • Louisiana Sea Grant • Louisiana Wildlife Federation • NextEra Energy Marketing • NRG • Providence Engineering and Environmental Group • RES • Restore the Earth • Shell • Sierra Club • Sparta Groundwater Commission • St. Tammany Parish Government • Stonehenge • TestAmerica • Texas Institute for Applied Environmental Research, Tarleton State University • The Nature Conservancy • The Water Institute of the Gulf • Tierra Resources • Tulane Environmental Law Clinic • US Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service • US Environmental Protection Agency • Water Synergy Group
Pilot Projects
Informing WQT Program Development

- Adaptation Strategies & Lake Pontchartrain Basin Foundation
  - Exploring participation of credit buyers and sellers

- The Nature Conservancy
  - Scientific tools and partnerships to target conservation delivery and assess success

- Tierra Resources
  - Evaluating potential for co-benefits with carbon trading

Main Topics Heard from Stakeholders
Let’s Talk About It

Today
1. LDEQ participation in WQT Program
2. Watershed Trading Framework vs. WQT Plan
3. Credit Buyers & Noncompliant Point Source participation
4. Example Forms/Credit Ledger
5. Trading Areas

Next Meeting
6. Trading Parameters
7. Baseline
8. Trading Ratios
9. Quantification Methods
10. Credit Use
Stakeholder Discussion

Ground Rules

- Much to discuss but will focus Today’s meeting on the 5 topics identified
- The other 5 topics will be up for discussion at next stakeholder meeting in July
- Please share your ideas
- Please share your knowledge of trading activities in other states and programs
- Please be respectful and open minded
- Please help us all make this a successful program

Discussion Topic #1

LDEQ Participation in WQT Program
Discussion Topic #2

Watershed Trading Framework

vs.

Water Quality Trading Plan

Discussion Topic #3

Credit Buyers & Noncompliant Point Source participation
Discussion Topic #4

Example Forms and Credit Ledger

Discussion Topic #5

Trading Areas
Wrap-Up

• Next meeting - July 10, 2018
  – Topics: Trading Parameters, Baseline, Trading Ratios, Quantification Methods, and Credit Use
  – Tentative Pilot Project Updates
• Late August 2018
  – Pilot Project Wrap up
• September 2018
  – Begin Drafting rulemaking

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• Thank you!