

Board of Directors

Jim Mifflin
President
Harry Stafford
Vice President
Ted Dove
Secretary
Mitzie Galligan
Treasurer
Eason Dowden
Dan Battarbee
Ramona Moore
Chuck Soileau
Tony Pugh

TOLEDO BEND ALERT

December 2019

Toledo Bend Citizens' Advisory Committee

To Educate and Activate

www.tbcac.net

tbcac3@gmail.com

Next TBCAC SOCIAL 7:00 - 8:30PM Tuesday, March 10, 2020

Our Next TBCAC Quarterly Membership Meeting and Dinner will be held on Tuesday, March 10, 2020 at the **Sabine Council on Aging – Toledo Town Location (SCOA)** located on Hwy. 191, 3/4 miles north of the Hwy. 6 Toledo Town intersection. The SCOA is located next to the DAV. Socials are held quarterly on the 2nd Tuesday of the designated month.

The speaker and entrée for the March 2020 meeting will be announced in the TBCAC February 2020 newsletter. Please plan to join us for good food, fellowship and updates on TBCAC. For more information, contact Jim Mifflin at (318) 586-7897.

2019 Calendar of Meetings: Be sure to “*save the date*” for the upcoming 2020 Socials:

March 10

June 9

September 8

November 10

Meetings/Socials begin at 7:00 p.m. We hope to see you there, and bring a guest!

Board Meetings: The Board normally meets on the 2nd Thursday of even numbered months at 2:00 pm at the SCOA-Toledo Town location. The board had an unscheduled meeting in November. Therefore, the next board meeting is now scheduled for Thursday, February 13, 2020 at 2:00PM. The Board welcomes all members to attend these meetings. The detailed minutes of all Board of Directors meetings are posted on the TBCAC website at www.tbcac.net.

Lake Level as of 11/30/2019: The lake level for Toledo Bend is reported to be 164.93 feet mean sea level (msl), as measured near the dam by the National Weather Service automated gauge. The lake level on November 30 last year was 170.55 msl. Up-to-date reservoir elevations and releases may be obtained from the Toledo Bend Project offices on a 24 hour per day basis at (337) 286-5253 and (409) 565-2273. For the most current lake levels, go to www.srala-toledo.com and click on the National Weather Service link.

Sabine River Authority (SRA/LA) Updates:

Spillway Repairs

The contractor's repair work is proceeding well. Replacement of all the rip-rap rocks in the downstream portion of the spillway area is complete. Work continues on concrete replacement and refurbishment on the concrete apron of the spillway. The concrete work is approximately 80% complete.

The latest completion projection is around mid- December 2019.

Lake Level

The lake level has been stabilized at approximately 165 feet mean sea level (msl) since about August 23. One generator is currently running 3 hours every other day to provide adequate water levels for both the Louisiana and Texas diversion canals located in south Louisiana and Texas. These diversion canals provide water to many industrial plants in both Texas and Louisiana and are a significant source of operating revenue for the Sabine River Authorities.

Upon completion of the spillway repair project, now projected to be mid-December 2019, the normal lake level operating pool of 168 feet to 172 feet will be reinstated. Of course, how quickly the lake gets back to normal operating pool levels depends on the amount of rainfall coming into the Sabine River Basin in the coming months.

Based on a 20-year history of net median inflow to the lake during the months of December and January, the lake could be back above the 168 feet level by February 2020. Only time will tell whether we get those historical median inflows.

TBCAC will keep our members informed as we receive further information.

Update on Water Sales

No specific proposed water sale is currently planned.

Sabine River Authorities Shoreline Management Plan Modifications

The Sabine River Authorities of Louisiana and Texas (the Authorities) are requesting that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) approve some modifications to the Shoreline Management Plan (SMP).

The SMP for the Toledo Bend Project includes five key components: (1) general shoreline policies; (2) classification of the Project's shorelands; (3) programs and guidelines for managing shoreline development, including issuing permits for construction of boathouses, docks, piers and seawalls; (4) SMP enforcement; and (5) an SMP review and update process.

The public has an opportunity to review and comment on the proposed modifications to the SMP before those modifications are sent to FERC for approval. The Toledo Bend Citizens' Advisory Committee (TBCAC) website at www.tbcac.net has a link that provide access to a "red-line" version showing all the modifications being requested and also a link to a form to list your comments and a method for sending the comments to the Authorities. From the website homepage, look at the "What's Happening" section and click the "More" button at the bottom. It will pull up a paragraph about the SMP with the two links in that paragraph.

You can also click on the links shown below.

Links to the SRA website include: Access to the redlined version of the proposed changes can be found at:

<https://nebula.wsimg.com/249ea211e2f1f91b3c4de36aa27f98a9?AccessKeyId=98FA9603A10258A69B0D&disposition=0&alloworigin=1>.

To access their site for comments to be submitted go to:

<https://nebula.wsimg.com/4dbe11cec783bfc075d44ce75ed9f9af?AccessKeyId=98FA9603A10258A69B0D&disposition=0&alloworigin=1>.

The Sabine River Authorities are also hosting public meetings to allow interested source agencies, members of the public, and other interested stakeholders an opportunity to ask questions related to the proposed changes to the Shoreline Management Plan.

A meeting will be held on Monday, December 2 in both Louisiana and Texas as follows:

- **Texas meeting at 2:00PM at the First Baptist Church, 301 Main St., Hemphill, TX 75948.**
- **Louisiana meeting at 6:30PM at the Sabine Council on Aging - Toledo Town, 29275 Highway 191, Many, LA 71449.**

TBCAC wants to give all interested parties an opportunity to review and comment on policy modifications that could impact property owners along the shoreline. **All public comments must be submitted no later than December 30, 2019.**

TBCAC 2020 Membership Renewals

We thank you for your loyal support of the Toledo Bend Citizens' Advisory Committee (TBCAC). Your support enables us to continually monitor proposed legislative proceedings or planned governmental actions that could affect the communities surrounding Toledo Bend Reservoir. The TBCAC will support public agencies when they act in the best interests of our communities and vigorously oppose them when they do not.

Please let us know if you have any suggestions regarding how we may better serve you.

Our February newsletter will summarize our accomplishments for 2019 and our major action plans for 2020.

We wish all members a very happy and healthy holiday season and a safe and prosperous 2020.

It is very important that we maintain a large membership since there is always strength in numbers. Your 2020 membership renewal notice will be sent to you the first week of December. We sincerely hope we can depend on your continued support.

Community Center Upcoming Events

Movies in Many (free admissions, soft drinks and popcorn \$1.00 each)

December 14 – How the Grinch Stole Christmas

Music in Many (ticket prices vary)

December 21 – Willie Stewart Family and Friends Annual Christmas Concert

Other Local Entertainment & Events

Hookem's on Pirates Cove

December 7 - Jared Bridges Band

December 21 – Jaryd Lane

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

To All

TBCAC Members and Their Families

Remember: You can help us save money by providing your e-mail address as a means of receiving your copy of the newsletter. You can list your e-mail address with your dues, or drop us a line at tbcac3@gmail.com. Every newsletter that we can send out via e-mail helps to save \$\$.

Help Us Grow Our TBCAC Membership: If you know someone who is not a member, give them a membership form and ask them to join. The TBCAC is a Civic & Educational Organization, dedicated to making the lake and surrounding community a true “Sportsman’s Paradise” and the retirement destination of choice for people from all walks of life. **JOIN US TODAY!** *We need your support!* And visit our website at www.tbcac.net Questions? E-mail us at: tbcac3@gmail.com



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

For new members, or RENEWAL form for existing members.

Annual membership is \$20.00 per single, \$30.00 per couple. *Not tax deductible under IRS rules.*

Name:	_____	Spouse:	_____
Address:	_____	City, State:	_____
Zip:	_____	Home Phone	_____
		Lake Phone:	_____
Occupation:	_____	E-mail Address:	_____
Dues amount:	_____	Donation enclosed:	_____

* Providing an e-mail address allows us to quickly send you the Toledo Bend Alert electronically, keep you informed and save printing and postage costs.

With your paid membership, you’ll receive our periodic newsletter, the “Toledo Bend Alert.”

Make check payable to: TBCAC and Mail to: TBCAC, P.O. Box 983, Many, LA 71449.