

Lower Brazos group to fight for water

The Brazosport Chamber Board of Directors, at its January board meeting, voted unanimously to support the Lower Brazos River Coalition.

The Lower Brazos River Coalition is a grassroots partnership of concerned individuals, organizations, municipalities, ranchers, farmers, environmentalists, conservationists, business and industry seeking fair and effective Brazos River water supply management. The coalition was created to ensure Texas properly develops and manages the river's limited resources for the benefit of all, including downstream local communities, agricultural needs, business and industry, energy concerns, sportsmen, wildlife habitat and critical environmental flows.

The Brazos River sustains communities along its 840 miles, the longest river inside Texas. Water demands in the Brazos River Basin are expected to triple by 2060, faster than the statewide average, based on State Water Plan projections for Region G and Region H. Numerous organizations in the upper and middle portions of the Brazos River Basin are



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seeking to limit, reduce or otherwise restrict the flow in the river. This would harm downstream communities. The Coalition was formed to provide a collective voice for downstream interests as competition for water increases. It represents a wide range of stakeholders in the lower Brazos River Basin and is a task force of the Economic Development Alliance for Brazoria County.

Some of its main goals are to keep water flowing down the entire length of the Brazos River, seek responsible management of river water and flood control, ensure property management of water resources, ensure more water conservation and support the TCEQ Watermaster Program for the Brazos River.

For information, contact Gary Basinger at garyb@eda-bc.com or call 979-848-0560.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:
Welcome to the following new members who

have recently joined the Brazosport Chamber — The Grape Taste, Lake Jackson Dermatology, HDR-Engineering Consultant, CWS Corporate Housing and Stripes Stores.

Thank you for joining the team that is making a difference in the future of our area.

BRAZORIA COUNTY DAY IN AUSTIN: Brazoria County Day in Austin, the "World's Largest Shrimp Cocktail" is almost here.

Mark your calendars and plan to attend this great event at Fiesta Gardens in Austin from 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesday. This event gives our county the opportunity to showcase its best and discuss issues of importance with state legislators and agencies.

All county residents and those who do business here are invited. The host hotel for 2015 is the Hilton Austin on Fourth Street.

Co-chairs for the 2015 event are Lucilla Henderson, TDECU — Your Credit Union; and Greg Hill, attorney.

For information, go to www.brazoriacountyday.org.

Sandra Shaw is the president and CEO of the Brazosport Chamber of Commerce.