

April 30, 2024

Steven J. Raabe, P.E.
Trustee, Matagorda Bay Mitigation Trust
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RE: Quarterly Progress Report for the period 2/1/2024 – 4/30/2024.

Dear Mr. Raabe,

Please find enclosed the following deliverable: Quarterly Progress Report for the project
“Sediment Quality Assessment Survey of Lavaca and Matagorda Bays” Contract No. 019.

Sincerely,



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I. TITLE, CONTRACT INFORMATION, AND CONTACTS:

Sediment Quality Assessment Survey of Lavaca and Matagorda Bays

Contract 019

Performing Party Representative:

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Contract Period: 01 February 2022 – 31 August 2024

Reporting Period: 01 February 2024 to 30 April 2024
Date of submission: 31 January 2024

SUBMITTED TO:

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Via Email to: Trustee@mbmTrust.com

II. DESCRIPTION OF TASKS:

There are two tasks for this project:

Task 1): Sediment Quality Triad (SQT) analysis. 24 stations will be sampled and analyzed for sediment chemistry, toxicity, and biodiversity.

Task 2): Data Management, Reporting, and Outreach Engagement. Quarterly Progress Reports: within 10 days of the end of each annual quarter: Q1 = 10 May 2022, Q2 = 10 August 2022, Q3 = 10 November 2022, Q4 = 10 February 2023, Q5 = 10 May 2023, Q6 = 10 August 2023, Q7 = 10 November 2023, Q8 = 10 May 2024, Q9 = 10 August 2024. The Final Report = August 31, 2024. Public engagement.

III. STATUS OF TASKS:

Task 1): Task complete last quarter.

Task 2): In progress. Eighth quarterly report submitted.

A journal article entitled, “An assessment of contaminants and benthic condition in the Matagorda Bay system” was submitted to the journal *Environmental Monitoring and Assessment* on April 14, 2024. Currently waiting on the peer-review.

IV. PLAN FOR NEXT QUARTER:

Task 1): Complete.

Task 2): Submit a quarterly reporting. Complete writing the final report. Present result of study at meetings.

V. PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED/CORRECTIVE ACTIONS:

Manuscript submission was delayed, and I requested a no-cost-extension was granted on December 12, 2023, so that the final report is now due August 31, 2024.

VI. ADHERENCE TO PROJECT TIMELINE:

A. Explanation of delays (if any): No delays in current quarter.

B. Anticipated delays: None expected.