

Geronimo and Alligator Creeks Partnership meeting slated for November 13th
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SEGUIN — The Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority and Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board will hold a Geronimo and Alligator Creeks Partnership meeting November 13th.

The meeting is free and open to the public. It will be held at the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority's River Annex, 905 Nolan St. in Seguin. Sign-in and refreshments will be at 5:30 p.m., with proceedings to begin at 6 p.m.

“Since EPA accepted the Geronimo and Alligator Creeks WPP in September, we will be discussing how to move forward with implementing the plan,” said Ward Ling, AgriLife Extension program specialist.

Ling said that the implementation process incorporates adaptive implementation, or “learning by doing.” This means that implementation activities will periodically be followed by times of evaluation and refinement to maintain efficiency and have maximum impact.

Partnership and public involvement led to the development of the completed WPP. “Just as area residents and stakeholders participated in development of the plan, it will take their participation to implement the plan,” said Debbie Magin, director of water quality services at the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority.

The Partnership welcomes Jared Timmons with AgriLife Extension, who will give a special presentation on feral hog biology and control at the meeting. Mr. Timmons is the new feral hog education coordinator for the Geronimo and Alligator Creeks Watershed.

The watershed protection plan, as well as meeting information can be found at <http://geronimocreek.org>.

Geronimo Creek and its tributary, Alligator Creek, which flow through Comal and Guadalupe counties, were identified for watershed protection plan development due to concerns about high levels of nitrogen and elevated levels of bacteria, as reported in the Texas Water Quality Inventory published by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

A Clean Water Act §319(h) grant was provided to the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority by the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to facilitate the development of this watershed protection plan.

Other key area partners supporting watershed protection efforts include Comal and Guadalupe counties, the cities of Seguin and New Braunfels, New Braunfels Utilities and the Comal-Guadalupe Soil and Water Conservation District.

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