

Geronimo and Alligator Creeks Partnership meeting slated for September 10

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SEGUIN — The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority and Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board will hold a Geronimo and Alligator Creeks Partnership meeting the evening of Sept 10.

The meeting, to be held at the authority's River Annex, 905 Nolan St. in Seguin, is free and open to the public.

Sign-in, which will be accompanied by food and refreshments, including sandwich fixings and chips, will start at 5:30 p.m., with proceedings to begin at 6 p.m.

“The Partnership is comprised of individuals with an interest in learning about and doing more to improve and protect water quality in the Geronimo and Alligator Creeks watershed,” said Ward Ling, AgriLife Extension program specialist, College Station.

Meeting agenda topics will include a presentation from Seguin Independent School District on work performed by Seguin High School students in and around Geronimo Creek as part of the summer Project-Based Learning Academy. The focus of the class this summer was Geronimo Creek, for which students developed outreach and education materials, studied conditions in the creek and tested water samples.

Also on the agenda will be a presentation by Texas Parks & Wildlife Department Kills and Spills Team. The Kills and Spills Team conducts investigations and assesses impacts to fish and wildlife resources in waters of the state.

“This presentation will cover current events, such as the recent Marble Falls bridge demolition, local pollution events and similar topics, as well as how to report pollution events and fish and wildlife kills and what to look for in the field,” said Debbie Magin, director of water quality services at the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority. “We hope interested members of the public will attend the meeting to hear about local water issues and get involved.”

Project related materials can be found at <http://geronimocreek.org>.

Geronimo Creek and its Alligator Creek tributary, 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 grant was provided to the river authority, state water board and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to facilitate the development of the 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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