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WESTSIDE CREEKS RESTORATION PROJECT

Local Officials Join Oversight Committee to Kick Off Public Outreach Efforts

WHAT: Join the San Antonio River Authority (SARA) General Manager Suzanne Scott and Elected Board Member Roberto Rodriguez at the official kick-off of the Westside Creeks Restoration Project. Together, they will introduce the project and talk about the history of the four creeks involved in the effort—the Alazán, Apache, Martínez, and San Pedro Creeks. They will also announce the Westside Creeks Imagination Station taking place in conjunction with the 2009 Fiesta Earth Day Celebration at Woodlawn Lake.

WHEN: Monday, April 13, 2009
2:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

WHERE: Escobar Park, across from Castano Park (on the banks of Apache Creek near S. Zarzamora St. & S. Laredo St.)

WHO: Suzanne Scott, General Manager for SARA, will recognize the Honorable Lourdes Galvan, the Honorable Mary Alice Cisneros and the Honorable Justin Rodriguez; San Antonio River Authority Board Member Roberto Rodriguez; and Westside Creeks Restoration Oversight Committee Co-chairs Robert Ramirez and Olga Lizcano at a press conference kicking off the public involvement program for the Westside Creeks Restoration Project. They will join members of the Westside Creeks Restoration Oversight Committee as they encourage people to get involved in the community-based planning effort initiated by SARA along the four creeks.

WHY: SARA will host an all-ages extravaganza at the 2009 Earth Day Celebration at Woodlawn Lake—the Westside Creeks Imagination Station—on Saturday, April 18 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This event is an opportunity for the general public to envision the future of Alazán, Apache, Martínez, and San Pedro Creeks.

The feedback collected at the Westside Creeks Imagination Station will be incorporated into the Westside Creeks Restoration Project, a community-based planning effort initiated by SARA with the goal of:

1. Developing concepts for restoring the environmental condition of the Alazan, Apache, Martinez, and San Pedro Creeks.
2. Maintaining the current flood control components of the creeks.
3. Providing increased opportunities for people to enjoy these urban creeks.

The Westside Creeks Restoration Project aims to restore the creeks in a way that keeps with the rich historical and cultural background of the community. It will also provide ecosystem restoration that will increase the biological stability of the creeks and reintroduce native vegetation and wildlife.

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