

# Westside Creeks Restoration Oversight Committee

October 17, 2023



# Agenda

- I. **Welcome** – Robert Ramirez & Skye Curd, Committee Co-chairs
- II. **Roll call** – Brian Mast, San Antonio River Authority
- III. **Approval of meeting minutes**, June 20, 2023
- IV. **Calendar items**, Brian Mast, San Antonio River Authority
- V. **General manager updates**, Derek Boese, River Authority
- VI. **Presentation on Drainage**, Victoria Escobedo, City of San Antonio
- VII. **Review of Comments, 30% Design Public Information Session**, Rebecca Krug, River Authority
- VIII. **Citizens to be heard**
- IX. **Miscellaneous items**
- X. **Adjourn**

***Public Participation:***

*Comments during the public comment portion are also limited to three (3) minutes and we ask that time not be transferred to another individual.*



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October 17, 2023  
Westside Creeks Restoration  
Oversight Committee (WCROC) Meeting  
6:00 p.m.

**START RECORDING**

# Roll Call

Organization Name	Member Name	Alternate Member
Co-Chair	Robert Ramirez	
Co-Chair	Skye Curd	
Alazán Resident Council	Christina Barbosa	
Avenida Guadalupe	Gabriel Velasquez	
Beacon Hill Neighborhood Association	Jerry Lockey	
Bexar Audubon Society	Rita Avery	
Historic Westside Residents Association	Mary Ann Valdez-Hernandez	
Los Bexareños Genealogical Society	Barbara Chavez	
Opportunity Home San Antonio	Michael Lopez	
Our Lady of the Lake University	Brianna Salas	Adam Bynum
Prosper West	Ramiro Gonzales	
Prospect Hill Neighborhood Association	Jeremy Landin	Russell Felan
River Aid San Antonio	Charles Blank	
San Antonio Alternative Housing Corporation	Rick Rodriguez	
San Antonio Conservation Society	Rick Hernandez	
San Antonio Independent School District	Anna Alicia Romero	Brooke Vasquez
San Antonio Wheelman	Abel Ramirez	
St. Mary's University	William "Bill" Buhrman	Evelynn Mitchell
TexasTejano.com	Kamala Platt	
University of Texas at San Antonio	Albert Salgado	
United San Antonio Pow Wow Inc.	Erwin DeLuna	
Woodlawn Lake Neighborhood Association	Charles Oisten	

# Approval of minutes

# Calendar Items

## **Yoga on the Creek**

- Monday's at 6:00 PM
- San Pedro Creek Culture Park / St. James A.M.E.C. Culture Crossing

## **Westside Resource Fair & Tree Giveaway**

- Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup> – 9:00 AM
- Rosedale Park

## **River Authority & River Foundation's Volunteer Appreciation Mixer**

- Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup> – 6:00 PM
- Ruby City

## **~~Canceled~~ Westside Creeks Restoration Oversight Committee**

~~— Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup> — 6:00 PM~~

# General Manager Update

October 2023

# San Pedro Creek Culture Park's Newest Segments El Paso Street Trailhead to Alamo Street





# River Authority's New Parks

## Trueheart Ranch Park & Hendrick Arnold Nature Park



# 30% Design Information Sessions



# September Governance Meeting

- Briefed Col. Calvin Kroeger on the Westside Creeks project
- Toured the creeks system and Mission Reach with Col. Kroeger and the USACE Ft. Worth team





# Drainage Study

Victoria Escobedo, City of San Antonio

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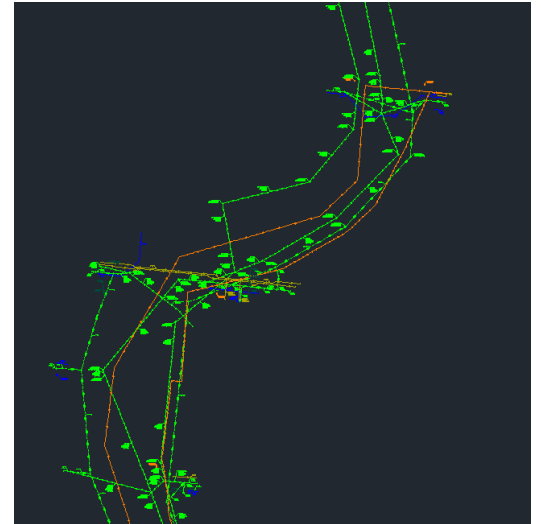
# Status Report & Review of 30% Design

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# WSEC ER.1 Redesign Activity Update

- Pre-design surveys near completion
  - Coordinating final revisions to surveys with USACE
  - Geotech kick-off later this month
- Notice to Proceed for Real Estate
- Apache Creek Remediation project
  - Sampling complete, working on excavation plan



# WSC ER: Project Update

- Third Governance meeting with USACE
- Recommendations for locations of project recreation features provided to design team
- Additional Work/ Betterments Requested
  - USACE has review/ approval process
- Cultural Resources Survey kicked off
- Value Engineering in progress





# WSPC ER. 50% Design Information Sessions

San Pedro Creek	Apache Creek	Alazan Creek	Martinez Creek
Monday September 18	Tuesday September 19	Wednesday September 20	Thursday September 21
Guenther Boardroom	Alazan Apache Courts	Alazan Apache Courts	Huisache Ave Baptist Church
~ 15 attendees	~ 12 attendees	~ 22 attendees	~ 15 attendees

# WSC ER: 30% Design Information Sessions

## San Pedro Creek



**Question:** Will a new trail be added to the other side of the creek?

**Answer:** In order to maximize the area for restoration, no new trail will be added to San Pedro, Apache, or Alazan Creeks.

## Apache Creek



**Question:** How will the project make the concrete banks look better?

**Answer:** There will be opportunities for locally funded art separate from the project.

# WSEC: 50% Design Information Sessions

## Alazan Creek



**Question:** How will the project fix flooding?

**Answer:** The Ecosystem Restoration project will maintain current flood control.

## Martinez Creek

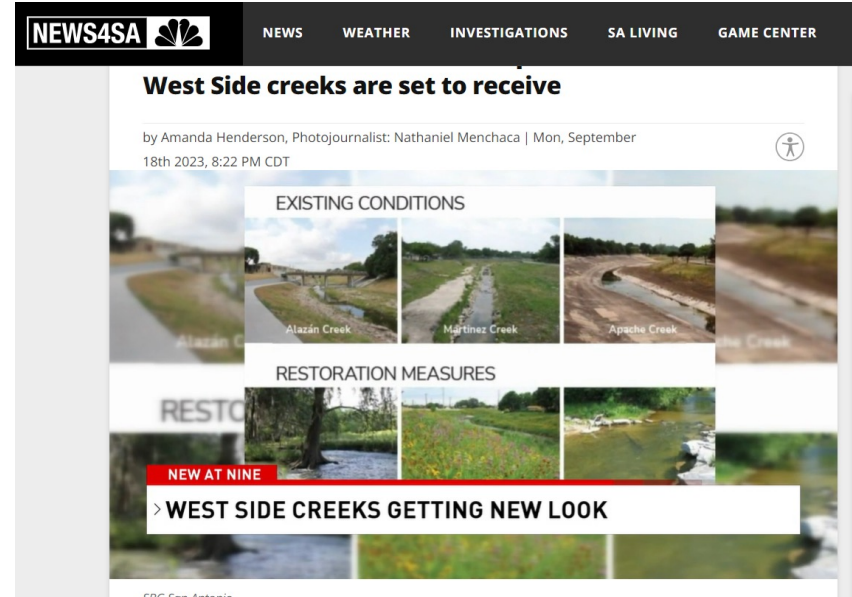


**Question:** Will there be a new trail to connect from Fredericksburg to the Beacon Hill trail?

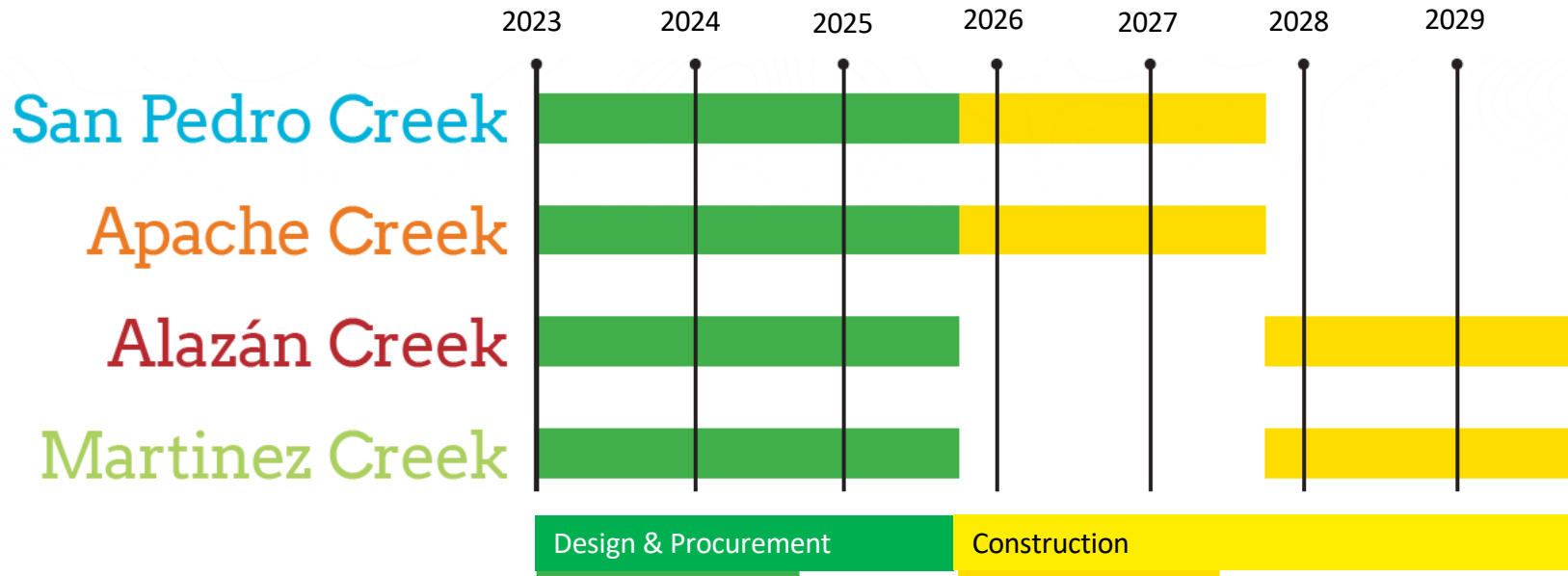
**Answer:** New trail will be added from Cincinnati South to the confluence with Alazan Creek.

# WSC ER: 30% Design Overview

- Project in the news
- Following is an abbreviated presentation in case you missed it
- Creek-specific presentations are online, and hardcopies are available in-person



# Proposed Schedule\*



\*Proposed schedule subject to change

# Public Information Sessions\*

(30%) Initial Design

September 2023



(60%) Interim Design

Spring 2024

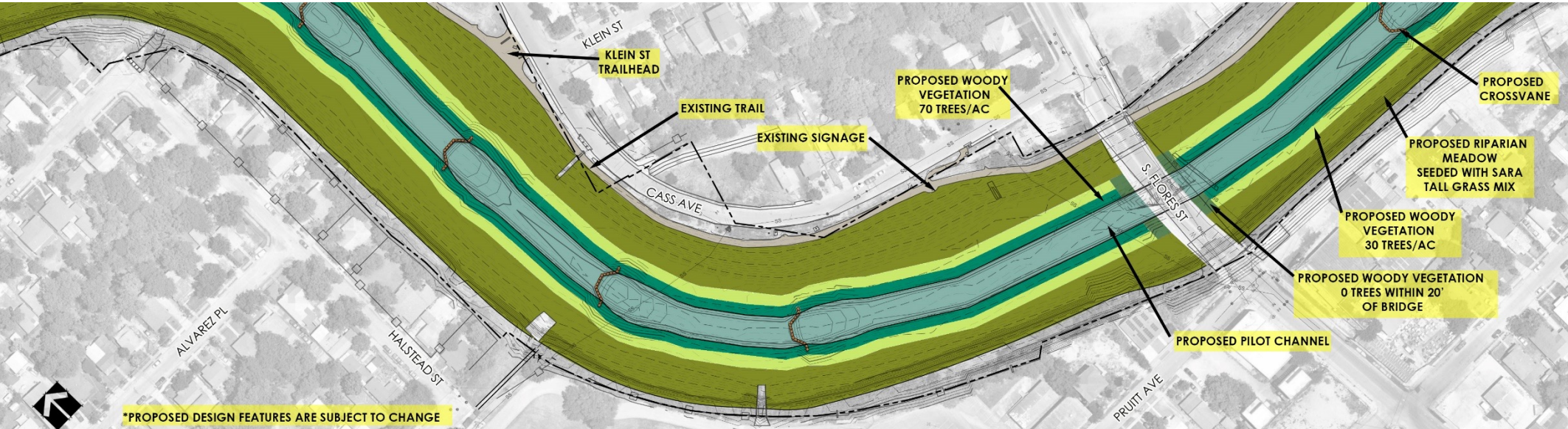


(90%) Final Design

Fall 2024

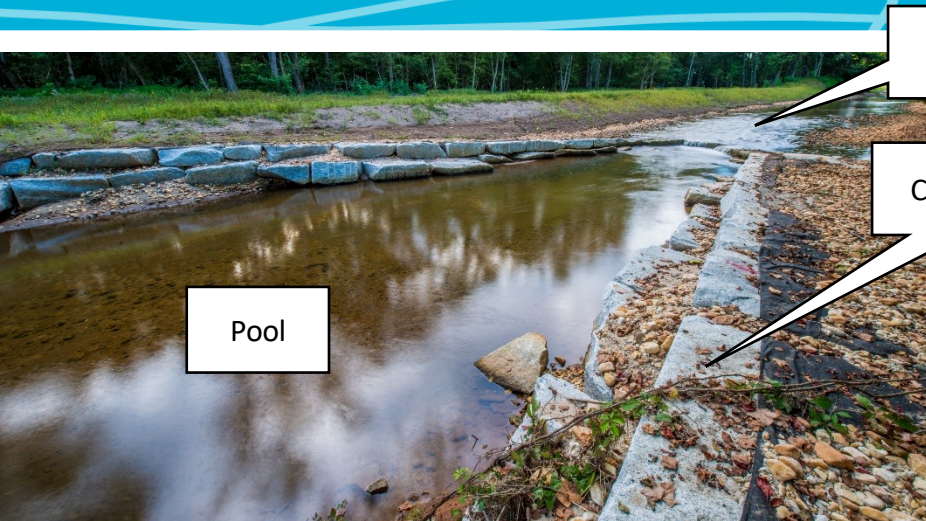
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# Example Creek Layout



- Water surface elevation rises with increased vegetation
- Vegetation will be strategically located in the design to maintain the current water surface elevation

# Examples of Cross Vanes, Constructed Riffles, and Pools



Constructed Riffle

Cross Vane



Cross Vane





# Vegetation Value

- Food for wildlife
  - Nectar, foliage, pollen, seeds, nuts, fruits, etc.
- Shelter for wildlife
- Soil and creek bank stabilization
- Filtration for water quality
- Shading
- Higher tolerance of heat, drought, and flooding



BALD CYPRESS



EASTERN GAMMA GRASS



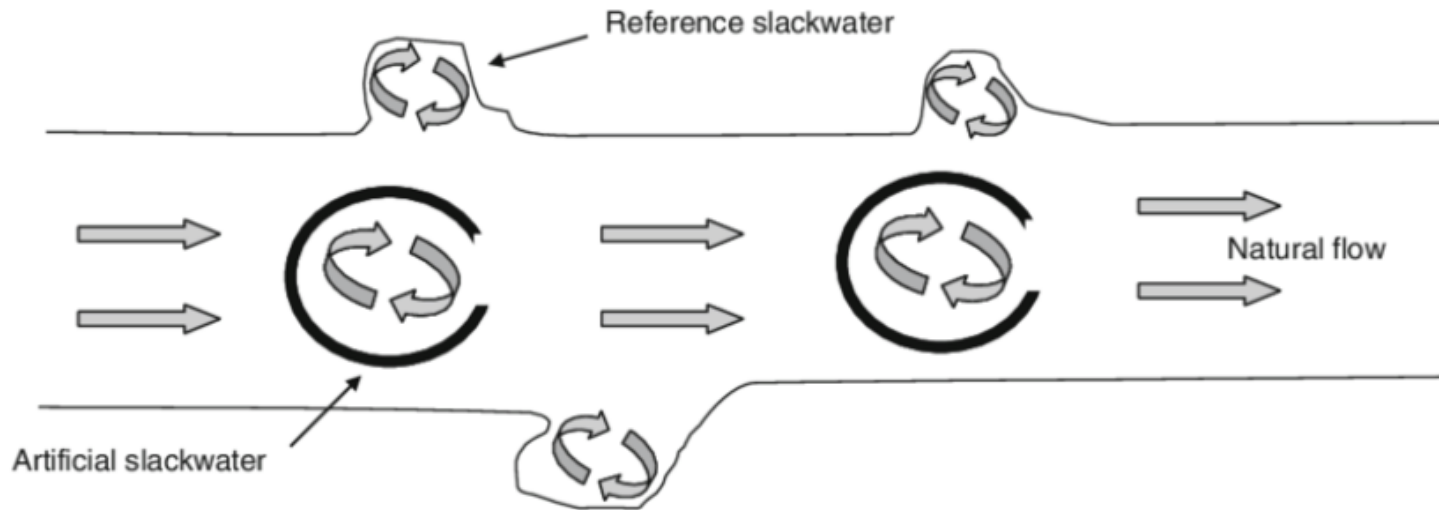
MAXIMILIAN SUNFLOWER



RED BUCKEYE

# Slackwater

- Slackwater areas are portions of the creek with low velocities and shallow depths
- Important habitat area for aquatic organisms



# Recreation Amenities

- Interpretive and wayfinding signs
- Shade structures
- Benches
- Water fountains
- Picnic tables
- Trash receptacles



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# WSC ER: Community Outreach

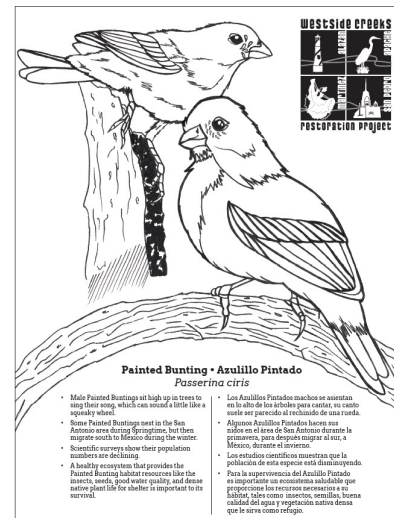
Coming up this Saturday, Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>

- **Westside Resource Fair & Tree Giveaway**

- Hosted by San Antonio Parks & Recreation and MetroHealth/Healthy Neighborhoods
- Information about Westside health and wellness programs
- FREE tree adoption

- **9 AM – 12 PM**

- River Authority will have a table for the Ecosystem Restoration Project with seed packets and coloring pages



**> 250  
attended  
last year!**

Questions?

# Citizens to be heard

# Miscellaneous

Adjourn



# Review of July Public Input Session & Status Report

June 20, 2023



**UPDATE WITH REBECCA'S  
PRESENTATION**