

# Westside Creeks Restoration Oversight Committee

February 20, 2024



# Agenda

- I. **Welcome**
  - Robert Ramirez & Skye Curd, Committee Co-Chairs
- II. **Roll Call**
- III. **Approval of Meeting Minutes, August 15, 2023 & October 17, 2023**
- IV. **Calendar Items**
  - Yoga on the Creek – Monday's at 6:00pm – St. James A.M.E.C. Culture Crossing at San Pedro Creek Culture Park
  - Westside Creeks Restoration Oversight Committee – Tuesday, March 19 at 6:00 PM – San Antonio River Authority Boardroom
- V. **General Manager Updates, Derek Boese, River Authority**
- VI. **Project Status Update, Rebecca Krug, River Authority**
- VII. **Update on Dedication**
- VIII. **Citizens to be Heard**
- IX. **Miscellaneous items**
- X. **Adjourn**

***Public Participation:***

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

For additional project information visit:  
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February 20, 2024  
Westside Creeks Restoration  
Oversight Committee  
(WCROC) Meeting  
6:00 p.m.

# 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 the Minutes

August 15, 2023 & October 17, 2023

# Calendar Items

## **Yoga on the Creek**

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

## **Westside Creeks Restoration Oversight Committee**

- Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM
- San Antonio River Authority, 100 E Guenther St

# General Manager Update

Derek Boese, River Authority



# Federal Agency Meetings

- Agencies
  - Office of Management and Budget (OMB)
    - Kelly Colyar
  - U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)
    - Tab Brown
  - Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works
    - ASA Michael Connor and Stacy Brown

# Westside Creeks Topics

- Project cost estimates
- Seeking to enhance Martinez Creek aquatic ecosystem restoration features
  - Section 7001 report to Congress
  - Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) 2024



# River Authority Meetings

- Senate
  - John Cornyn
- US House
  - Greg Casar
  - Joaquin Castro
  - Henry Cuellar
  - Tony Gonzales



# Water Resources Development Act

- Modify the authorized project as recommended in the January 2014 Final Report ... by adding a pilot channel, riparian woody vegetation and slack water areas to restoration on Martinez Creek, along with a 5-acre wetland adjacent to Martinez Creek, in lieu of Alternative 6. This plan is referred to as Alternative 7 in the 2014 Final Report and included in the Section 7001 of the 2023 Report to Congress on Future Water Resources Development, dated February 2023.
- Requests submitted by Rep. Casar, Castro, Cuellar & Gonzales with a joint delegation letter

# San Pedro Creek Culture Park Update

## Phase 3: *Alamo Street to Confluence w/ Apache Creek*

- Paseos on either side of the railroad are nearing completion
- Collaboration with Union Pacific is on track
  - Pending final approvals for materials and construction plans
- On-site construction work around the bridge should begin in March
- Current completion date is set for September
- Completed installation of the El Paso Street Trailhead art piece



Questions?

# Project Status Update

Rebecca Krug, River Authority



# WSC ER: Predesign Activity Update

- All Pre-design surveys complete!
  - Topo, boundary, and Subsurface Utility Engineering (SUE) surveys accepted by USACE and shared with Design Team
- Geotech borings complete, under USACE review
- Request for Betterments/Additional Work under review by USACE
- Working towards 65% Design Review (Late Spring 2024)

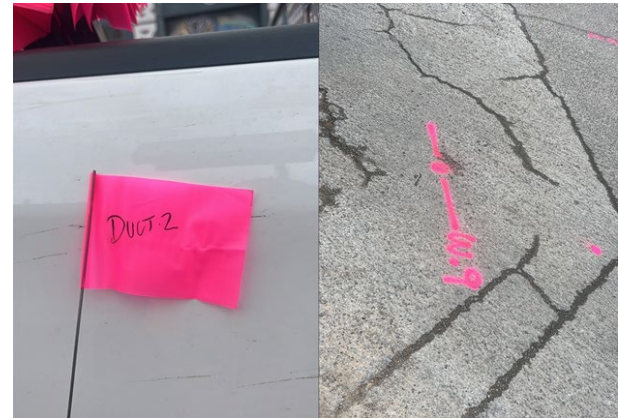


# WSC ER: Design Activity Update

USACE kicked off Cultural Resources survey, field work in progress



Michael Baker design team kicked off Subsurface Utility Engineering (SUE), Level B field work in progress

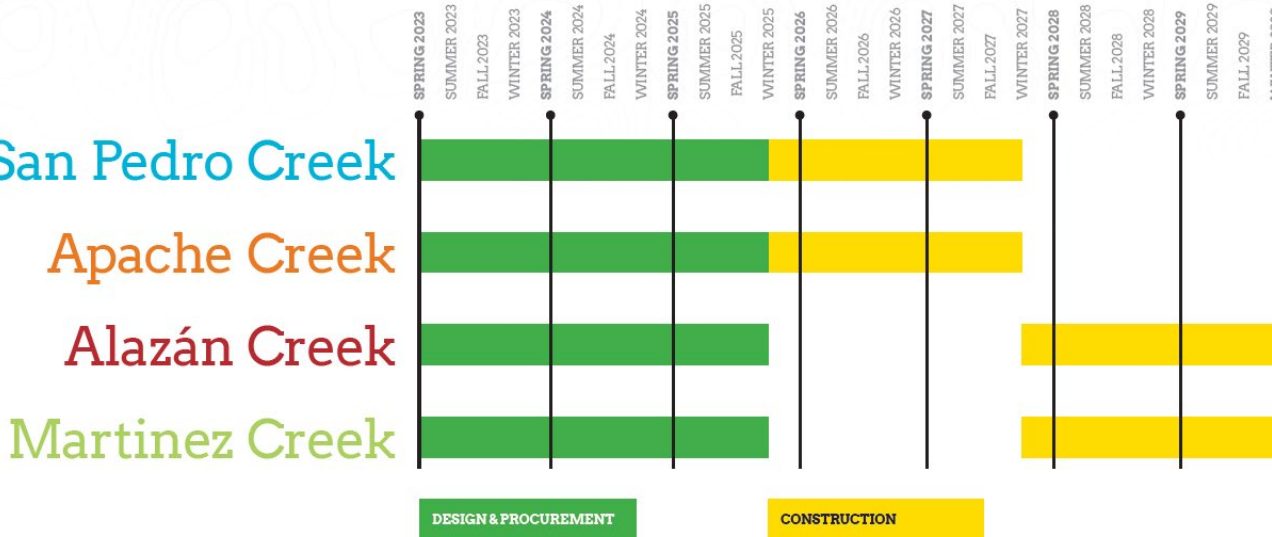


# WSC ER: Schedule



## Current Project Design Timeline

- Design all 4 creeks together
  - Spring 2023 → Winter 2025
- Phased Construction
  - San Pedro and Apache: Winter 2025 → Winter 2027
  - Alazán and Martínez: Winter 2027 → Winter 2029





# WSC ER: Apache Creek Remediation

- 40% Remediation design plans submitted in January
  - CoSA reviewing
- Construction solicitation est. January 2025
- Est. Start of Construction late Spring 2025



Questions?

# Update on Dedication

Robert Ramirez & Lourdes Galvan

# Citizens to be Heard

# Miscellaneous Items

# Adjourn

Next Meeting – Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>