



**Westside Creeks Restoration  
Oversight Committee (WCROC) Meeting  
San Antonio River Authority  
In-person: 100 E. Guenther St.  
Virtual: GoToMeetings  
April 15, 2025 - 6 p.m.**

**Committee Members Present**

Robert Ramirez, Co-Chair  
Ana Sandoval, Co-Chair  
Gabriel Velasquez, Avenida Guadalupe  
Mary Ann Valdez-Hernandez,  
Historic Westside Residents Assoc.  
Charles Blank, River Aid San Antonio  
Benjamin Coronado, Beacon Hill NA  
Reb Lopez, Martinez Creek NA

Abel Ramirez, SA Wheelmen  
Anna Alicia Romero, SAISD  
William Buhrman, St. Mary's Univ.  
Maia Woodall, Student At-Large  
Michael Lopez, Opportunity Home  
Rebeca Canizales, Prosper West  
Erwin DeLuna, United SA Pow Wow Inc  
Charles Oisten, Woodlawn Lake NA  
Rick Hernandez, Los Bexarenos  
Genealogical Society

**Staff and Public Present**

Lourdes Galvan, RA Board Member  
Derek Boese, RA  
Brian Mast, RA  
Rebecca Krug, RA  
Kendall Hayes, RA  
Christina M. Castaño, Ximenes & Assoc

John Watson  
Mickey Clemmons  
Robert Gonzales  
Mark Liberatore  
Roberto Rodriguez  
Ki'Amber Thompson

**I. Welcome**

Co-Chair Robert Ramirez called the WCROC meeting to order. Mr. Ramirez reminded everyone to schedule their interview with Kendall so that the Supplemental Oral History Project can be part of the record.

**II. Roll Call – Kendall Hayes, RA**

Ms. Hayes called the WCROC roll. The committee members who were present, either in person or online, are listed above. A quorum was met.

**III. Approval of Meeting Minutes – March 2025**

The meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

**IV. Calendar Items – Kendall Hayes, RA**

Slides 5-6: Ms. Hayes provided an overview of all items on the related PowerPoint.

**V. General Manager Update – Derek Boese**

Slide 7-8: Mr. Boese mentioned the RA will participate in the Cavaliers River Parade on Monday, April 28, and RA staff and volunteers' "River Warriors" marching at the King William Fiesta Parade on Saturday, May 3. He reminded the committee that the RA's annual Fiesta Flotilla event on the

Mission Reach will be on Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm. The event is free, will have entertainment, activities, Fiesta royalty, and Fiesta Medals will be handed out. Ms. Galvan announced AYUDA's Piñata will be on Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, at the Guadalupe Cultural Arts Center from 12:00 pm - 9:00 pm. There will be entertainment, Fiesta royalty, and fun at this free event; food and drinks will be available for purchase from non-profit organizations. Everyone is invited to attend. Applications for three five-hundred-dollar (\$500) scholarships will be available.

Slide 9: Mr. Boese updated the RA's Supplemental Oral History Project. Interviews have begun and appointments are still available. Interviews will be recorded or transcribed.

Slide 10-11: Mr. Boese announced there will be a pre-construction public information session for the local Apache Creek Soil Remediation project on Tuesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 - 7:00 pm. The purpose of the meeting is to inform neighboring residences and businesses about the plan for construction. Postcards were mailed to adjacent residences and businesses, additional notices will be sent to get the word out through elected official's offices, newsletters and the WCROC mailing list.

Slide 12: Mr. Boese advised that for the San Pedro Creek Culture Park update, phase III targeted completion is in early May, the final art pieces have been installed, and the paseos are still getting completed. Lastly, the Grand Finale event is scheduled for Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. More details are to come.

## **VI. Project Status Update, Rebecca Krug, RA**

Ms. Krug provided updates on the project (slides 15-17, respectively).

Slide 15: Ms. Krug announced that the team continues to work towards the 90% design, the additional work/betterments are being incorporated into the scope of work as approved by United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), the RA looks forward to receiving the updated schedule and budget. Additionally, the draft report from the USACE's consultant for the Cultural Resources Survey has been submitted and will be sent out to consulting parties.

Slide 16: Additional design activity updates include real estate acquisitions required for this project. The RA is working closely with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) for approximately 90 parcels of Right-of-Way. The parcels owned by the San Antonio Independent School District (SAISD) are under appraisal and surveys are in progress. While the appraisals for the parcels owned by Opportunity Home were completed this week. And finally, temporary easements are required for the construction and staging access, and the RA is working with City partners for this need.

Slide 17-25: Ms. Krug provided an update on the local Apache Creek Remediation project. She noted that Mr. Boese provided a note about this in his update, and re-iterated that the RA is hosting a Pre-Construction Public Meeting on May 13<sup>th</sup> at the Maestro Entrepreneur Center. The purpose of the meeting is to advise the neighboring residents and businesses of the forthcoming construction and schedule, and to answer questions/concerns they might have. This project is locally funded by the CoSA and it must be completed before the start of the federal Apache ecosystem restoration project. Ms. Krug provided an overview of the presentation that will be delivered to the community at the public meeting on May 13<sup>th</sup>; and noted that the presentation and opportunity to provide comment will be on the RA's website for those individuals that are unable to attend the meeting in person. USACE requires the remediation of soil on this section of the Apache Creek bank and complete approval from TCEQ that "no further action" is required from the site, prior to USACE giving the green light for construction with the federal portion of the

project. Because the property is owned by CoSA, they are funding the remediation project. Upon completion of the presentation, WCROC committee members inquired as to why remediation was occurring, and Ms. Krug reminded the committee of the contaminated soil on the site. Several committee members had questions about the construction process and mitigation efforts to protect the neighboring community during construction. Ms. Krug addressed the questions in detail. Additionally, committee members suggested RA staff provide signage around the remediation construction site and informational flyers with an explanation that it is not part of the federal Ecosystem Restoration Project, and phone numbers for public communication during the remediation project.

## **VII. Citizens to Be Heard**

John Watson, a member of the Jefferson Neighborhood Association and an avid cyclist, provided comments. He requested that when the construction begins, he asks that the RA overcommunicate with the users of the system, especially as many users utilize the system to get to work; suggested a QR code to find more information.

## **VIII. Miscellaneous Items**

Mr. Velasquez suggested that due to the size of the WCROC, he would recommend the committee consider amendments to the by-laws that would not prohibit business taking place due to absence of a quorum. Co-chair Ramirez suggested that this item be put on the agenda for next month to allow adequate discussion and consideration. Co-chair Sandoval asked that the by-laws be shared with all members in anticipation of the discussion next month. Mr. Boese said they will send out the by-laws and will bring examples of consideration for quorum votes.

## **IX. Adjourn**

Co-Chair Sandoval adjourned the meeting at 7:16 p.m.

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## Chat

**Kendall Hayes** sent a chat · 6:00 PM

Thank you for joining us at this month's Westside Creeks Restoration Oversight Committee. We will begin shortly. We kindly ask that online participants sign in here  
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**Kendall Hayes** sent a chat · 6:16 PM

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**Kendall Hayes** sent a chat · 6:44 PM

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**Martinez Creek Neighborhood Association - Reb Mar** sent a chat · 7:14 PM

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**Kendall Hayes** sent a chat · 7:15 PM

Thank you, Reb.