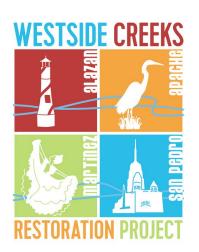
# Westside Creeks Restoration Oversight Committee

October 21, 2025



## Agenda

- Welcome
  - Robert Ramirez & Ana Sandoval, Committee Co-Chairs
- Roll Call
- Approval of Meeting Minutes August 2025
- Calendar Items
  - Yoga on the Creek Mondays at 6:00 PM– St. James A.M.E.C. Culture Crossing at San Pedro Creek Culture Park
  - Haunted Hikes: King William Wednesday, October 22, 7:00 8:00 PM King William
  - Cinema Night: Trueheart Ranch Friday, October 24, 7:00 9:00 PM Trueheart Ranch Nature Park, 14984 Blue Wing Rd, San Antonio
  - Bike Rides: Bats & Pollinators Wednesday, October 29, 9:00 10:00 AM Confluence Park
  - Haunted Hikes: Museum Reach Wednesday, October 29, 7:00 8:00 PM Museum Reach
  - Free Camping Weekend Friday, November 7 Helton Nature Park, 15662 FM 775, Floresville
  - Race the River: Downtown Riverwalk Friday, November 7, 5:00 10:30 PM City Marina
  - Community Drum Circle Tuesday, November 11, 7:00 8:00 PM San Pedro Creek Culture Park
  - Westside Creeks Restoration Oversight Committee Meeting Tuesday, November 18, 6:00 PM
- General Manager Update, Derek Boese, River Authority
- Project Status Update, Rebecca Krug, River Authority
- Review of Committee Guidelines & Responsibilities Proposals, Committee Co-Chairs
- Review of Project Public Comments, River Authority & Committee Co-Chairs
- Citizens to be Heard
- Miscellaneous Items
- XI. Adjourn

#### Public Participation:

Comments during the public comment portion are limited to two (2) minutes and we ask that time not be transferred to another individual.

WESTSIDE CREEKS

Agenda October 21, 2025 Westside Creeks Restoration **Oversight Committee** (WCROC) Meeting 6:00 p.m.

# Roll Call

| Organization Name                              | Member Name                | Alternate         |
|--|----------------------------|-------------------|
| Co-Chair                                       | Robert Ramirez             |                   |
| Co-Chair                                       | Ana Sandoval               |                   |
| Alazan Resident Council                        | Gloria Mora                | Rosalva Eva Ramos |
| Avenida Guadalupe                              | Gabriel Velasquez          |                   |
| Beacon Hill Neighborhood Association           | Jerry Lockey               | Benjamin Coronado |
| Bexar Audubon Society                          | Rita Maria Contreras Avery | Britt Coleman     |
| Historic Westside Residents Association        | Mary Ann Valdez-Hernandez  |                   |
| Los Bexarenos Genealogical Society             | Rick Hernandez             |                   |
| Martinez Creek Neighborhood Association        | Reb Lopez                  |                   |
| Opportunity Home San Antonio                   | Michael Lopez              | Wilson Harpe      |
| Our Lady of the Lake University                | Adam Bynum                 | Chloe Lash        |
| Prosper West                                   | Melinda Gonzalez           | Ryan Kuhl         |
| Prospect Hill Neighborhood Association         | Russell Felan              |                   |
| River Aid San Antonio                          | Charles Blank              | Athena Santos     |
| San Antonio Alternative Housing Corporation    | Rick Rodriguez             |                   |
| San Antonio Conservation Society               | Mark Kusey                 |                   |
| San Antonio Independent School District        | Anna Alicia Romero         | Brooke Vasquez    |
| San Antonio Wheelmen                           | Abel Ramirez               |                   |
| St. Mary's University                          | William Buhrman            | Evelynn Mitchell  |
| Student At-Large                               | Maia Woodall               |                   |
| TexasTejano.com                                | Kamala Platt               |                   |
| University of Texas at San Antonio             | Joshua Gerken              | Michael Rodriguez |
| United San Antonio Pow Wow Inc.                | Erwin DeLuna               |                   |
| Woodlawn Lake Neighborhood Association         | Charles Oisten             |                   |
| San Antonio River Authority Board of Directors | Lourdes Galvan             |                   |



## Approval of the Minutes

August 19, 2025



### Calendar Items

#### **Yoga on the Creek**

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

#### **Haunted Hikes: King William**

Wednesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 7:00 – 8:00 PM

#### **Cinema Night**

- Friday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 9:00 PM
- Trueheart Ranch Nature Park

#### **Bike Rides: Bats & Pollinators**

- Wednesday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 10:00 AM
- Confluence Park

#### **Haunted Hikes: Museum Reach**

Wednesday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 – 8:00 PM

#### **Free Camping Weekend**

- Friday, November 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup>
- Helton Nature Park, Floresville

#### Race the River: Downtown Riverwalk

Friday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 – 10:30 PM

#### **Community Drum Circle**

- Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 8:00 PM
- Plaza de Fundación at SPC

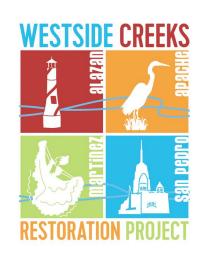
# Westside Creeks Restoration Oversight Committee Meeting

- Tuesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 PM
- San Antonio River Authority and Online



# General Manager Update

Derek Boese, River Authority



### Fort Worth Leadership Update

- Fort Worth District Leadership
  - COL Kroeger has returned as Commander of the Fort Worth District
- Governance Meeting scheduled for Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>





### Section 1043(b) Update

- Progress on 1043(b) Application
  - Corps recently released the Implementation Guidance for Section 1043(b) of WRRDA 2014
    - WSC is an eligible project, and the River Authority is an eligible non-federal sponsor
  - River Authority staff will work with HQ to develop 1043(b) application in accordance with the guidance

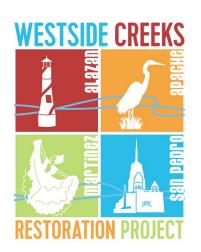


# Questions?



# Project Status Update

Rebecca Krug, River Authority



### WSC ER: Design Activity Update

 Design team will be replacing the two confluence crossings with Alazan style crossings with more clearance for improved fish passage.





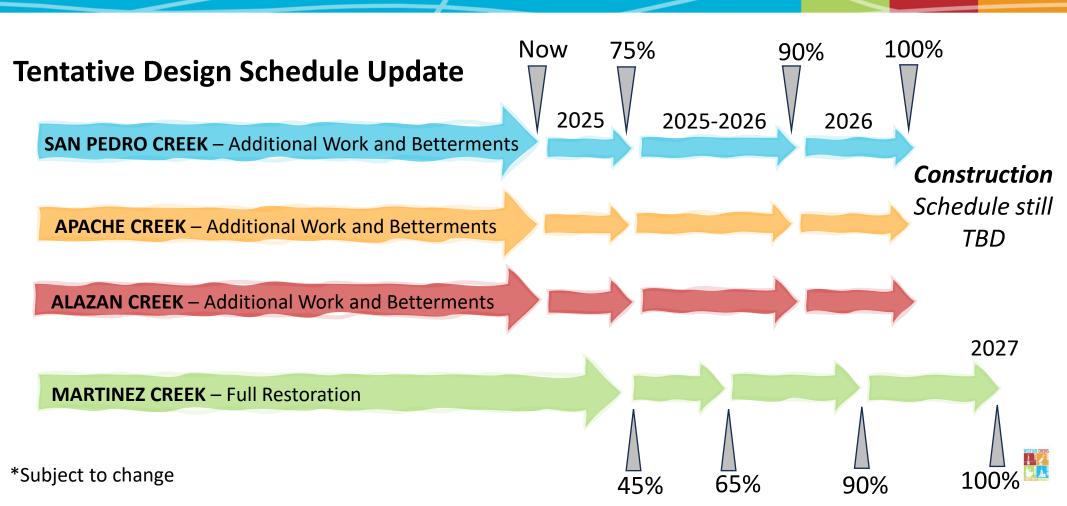
### WSC ER: Design Activity Update

- Real Estate Acquisitions
  - TxDOT Coordination ongoing
  - SAISD Coordination
    - On hold, pending appraisals
  - Opportunity Home Coordination
    - Offer letter submitted
    - HUD requirements
  - CoSA Coordination
    - Real Estate group is reviewing





### WSC ER: Schedule Update







# Questions?



# Review of Committee Guidelines & Responsibilities Proposals

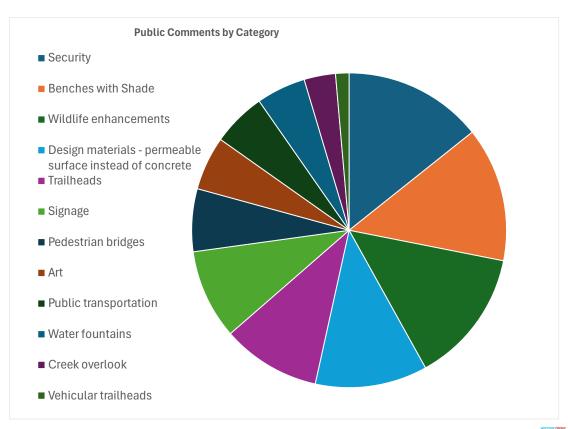
WCROC Co-Chairs

# Review of the Project's Public Comments

River Authority & WCROC Co-Chairs



- The Project Team has received over 250 recorded public comments to date
- There are 12 recurring themes for comments
  - Benches with shade (49)
  - Security (47)
  - Design Materials (45)
  - Wildlife Enhancements (44)
  - Trailheads (32)
  - Signage (24)
  - Public Transportation (22)
  - Pedestrian Bridges (20)
  - Art (19)
  - Water Fountains (16)
  - Creek Overlooks (9)
  - Vehicular Trailheads (3)





- Public Comments included in project design through base project and betterments
  - Benches with shade
  - Permeable materials and Low Impact Development features
  - Wildlife enhancements
  - Trailheads
  - Signage
  - Pedestrian bridges
  - Water fountains
  - Creek overlooks



- Public Comments not included in the scope of the project, but might be considered for local funding outside of the federal project
- Vehicular Trailheads
  - Request for vehicular access to trailheads with parking spaces
    - Streets are outside of the federal project boundaries
    - Bexar County is actively considering a vehicular trailhead at Little Flower

#### Security

- Request for increased Park Police presence
  - City Park Police and Trail Stewards currently patrol the Howard Peak Greenway trails along the WSC and will continue to do so after the completion of the federal project
  - An increase in presence would be an opportunity for increased funding for staffing Park Police and/or Trail Stewards
- Request for lighting along the trails
  - The federal project includes the installation of lighting at the trailheads, but not along the trails themselves
  - Federal restoration projects consider the ecological impact of lighting and restrict the installation of lighting along the trails themselves



- Public Comments not included in the scope of the project, but might be considered for local funding outside of the federal project
- Public Art
  - Request for public art installations along the trails
    - Public art is not within the base project or betterments, but the project design at trailheads will leave space for any future installations
    - Public art can be considered for a local project or for private funding, similar to public art along the Mission Reach
- Public transportation
  - Request for public transportation access to the trail system
    - Streets are outside of the federal project boundaries
    - There are VIA bus stops along the WSC trails at street-level
- Dog Parks
  - Request for dog parks along the trails
    - Dog parks are not within the base project or betterments, but betterments do include dog mitt stations
    - The project team is aware of dog parks in progress around Woodlawn Lake and Beacon Hill



- Public Comments not included in the scope of the project, but might be considered for local funding outside of the federal project
- Nuisance Flooding & Additional Flood Control
  - There are a couple of recurring comments regarding street flooding and requests for additional flood control improvements
    - Outside of the federal project's scope, boundaries are restricted to the SACIP, which means streets and adjacent properties are outside of the project boundaries
    - Opportunity for local projects
  - Most of these comments also included requests for permeable pavement and design features, which is within the project design
    - Comments that mentioned design materials were categorized as such
- The City and County are aware of these requests



# Questions?



### Citizens to be Heard

Comments limited to two (2) minutes



## Miscellaneous Items



# Adjourn

Next Meeting – Tuesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>

