



**Westside Creeks Restoration
Oversight Committee (WCROC) Meeting
San Antonio River Authority
In-person: 100 E. Guenther St.
Virtual: GoToMeetings
April 21, 2026 - 6 p.m.**

Committee Members Present

Robert Ramirez, Co-Chair
Rita Maria Contreras Avery
Bexar Audubon Society
Austin Kelm, Martinez Creek NA
William Buhrman, St. Mary's Univ.
Chloe Lash, OLLU
Rebeca Canizales, Prosper West

Anna Alicia Romero, SAISD
Mary Ann Valdez-Hernandez,
Historic Westside RA
Abel Ramirez, SA Wheelman Association
Michael Lopez, Opportunity Home
Charles Blank, River Aid SA
Michael Rodriguez, UTSA
Maia Woodall, Student At Large

Staff and Public Present

Derek Boese, RA
Brian Mast, RA
Noah Fuentes, RA
Rebecca Krug, RA
Margarita Saldana, RA

Chris Perez, RA
Christina M. Castaño, CM Castaño Assocs.
John Watson, Jefferson NA
Robert Gonzales, River Warrior

I. Welcome

Co-Chair Robert Ramirez called the WCROC meeting to order.

II. Roll Call – Noah Fuentes, RA

Mr. Fuentes 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 2026

The meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

IV. Calendar Items – Noah Fuentes, RA

Slide 5: Mr. Fuentes provided an overview of all items on the related PowerPoint slide. Committee member Chloe Lash shared information on an event at Our Lady of the Lake and invited all to attend: Saturday, April 24, 2026 at 10 am. The event is being co-hosted with the Bexar Audubon Society and will focus on education about Chimney Swift Tower Birds and other migratory birds.

V. Project Management Update – Committee Co-Chairs

Co-Chair Ramirez recognized project manager Rebecca Krug, RA staff, as she is leaving the project. Ramirez then announced the new project manager and welcomed Mr. Chris Perez to the podium to introduce himself.

VI. Roberto Rodriguez Recognition Update Brian Mast

Mr. Mast provided an update on the tribute to Roberto Rodriguez, as he has been working closely with the City of San Antonio's Parks Department. Brian provided a copy of the draft language for the interpretive signs, those signs that will be placed at prominent areas along the four westside creeks respectively: Cassiano Trailhead on Apache Creek, Farias Park on Martinez and Alazan Creeks, the Casting Pond at Woodlawn Lake on Alazan Creek, and finally the Kline Street Trailhead on San Pedro Creek. The installation date for the signs has not been determined, but the goal is to have them installed prior to this summer. The RA will coordinate a ceremonial event marking the installation of the signage, and WCROC will be notified when the date is determined. Lastly, Brian thanked Ms. Galvan and the WCROC members that helped shepherd this along.

VII. Sub-Committees Workgroup Update Committee Co-Chairs

Co-Chair Ramirez provided a history of the westside creeks restoration project with regards to public comments received, and the basis for establishing the three new sub-committees: infrastructure, security and public art. He concluded by stating the meeting will be adjourned and sub-committees will continue to their work session after adjournment and anticipates report-outs to the WCROC in June. Ramirez further stated that there is no WCROC meeting in July per usual, and in August begins the process of developing a master list and strategy for funding the priorities.

VIII. Citizens to Be Heard

None.

IX. Adjourn

Co-Chair Ramirez adjourned the meeting at 6:23 p.m.

X. Sub-Committees Workgroup Session

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Chat: None.

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