



**Westside Creeks Restoration
Oversight Committee (WCROC) Meeting
San Antonio River Authority
In-person: 100 E. Guenther St.
Virtual: GoToMeetings
May 19, 2026 - 6 p.m.**

Committee Members Present

Robert Ramirez, Co-Chair
Ana Sandoval, Co-Chair
Rita Maria Contreras Avery
Bexar Audubon Society
Austin Kelm, Martinez Creek NA
William Buhrman, St. Mary's Univ.
Adam Bynum, OLLU
Abel Ramirez, SA Wheelman
Anna Alicia Romero, SAISD
Athena Santos, River Aid SA

Mark Kusey, SA Conservation Soc.
Mary Ann Valdez-Hernandez,
Historic Westside RA
Abel Ramirez, SA Wheelman Association
Michael Lopez, Opportunity Home
Jerry Lockey, Beacon Hill NA
Maia Woodall, Student At Large
Rick Hernandez, Los Bexarenos
Genealogical Society
Gabriel Velasquez, Avenida Guadalupe
Dr. Kamala Platt, Texas Tejano.com

Staff and Public Present

Lourdes Galvan, RA Board
Derek Boese, RA
Brian Mast, RA
Noah Fuentes, RA

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

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 – April 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.

V. Project Update – Cris Perez, RA

Real Estate Acquisitions: All are moving forward as planned and are on target to complete them by Summer 2026. The United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) will be meeting with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) here in San Antonio to collaborate on the potential revised footprint to enable TxDOT to continue their maintenance while maintaining the objective of the project. The San Antonio Independent School District (SAISD) voted to approve the sale of portions at Nelson and Tafolla schools. Opportunity Home is targeting obtaining their board of directors' approval in August 2026, to allow the RA to acquire the properties needed. Lastly, the City of San Antonio (CoSA) is nearing completion of the canvassing and have finalized the

language that will be in the deed, awaiting final approval from CPS Energy, and anticipate going to City Council in August 2026.

The RA has begun coordinating with the CoSA for the Maintenance and Operating agreement, including detailed components of boundaries, working creek by creek for fine details toward the future inter-local agreement (ILA).

Utility relocations: seven San Antonio Water System (SAWS) relocations were identified to be required. The RA is coordinating with SAWS to determine path forward for design and construction prior to the construction of the WSC project.

Apache Creek Remediation – the remediation work has been completed, and all reports are being submitted to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) this week.

VI. Attendance Update – Noah Fuentes, RA

Co-Chair Ramirez introduced the agenda item, reminding the committee that this item is a follow-up to the WCROC's by-law updates the committee approved in January 2026 to address chronic absenteeism. Mr. Fuentes reported that he had taken a recent inventory of the attendance records (November 2025 through April 2026); and provided a list of organizations that have fallen below the newly approved attendance requirements in the bylaws. The list included: Alazan Resident Council, Beacon Hills Neighborhood Association, Prospect Hills Neighborhood Association, SA Alternative Housing Corporation and Woodlawn Lake Neighborhood Association. The organizations were contacted by RA staff to alert them and seek resolution to their ongoing absences. As a result of staff contacting Beacon Hill, they sent their representative this evening, therefore are being taken off the chronic absenteeism list. Co-Chair Ramirez mentioned that this item is for information only today and will be for action in June 2026. The action to be taken can be discussed in June.

VII. Roberto Rodriguez Recognition Update - Brian Mast, RA

Mr. Mast provided an update which included a photocopy of the signage mark-up. The text to be included on the sign had been circulated two months ago to the WCROC for review. Mr. Mast provided the locations along the creeks where the signage would be placed. Discussion ensued. It is estimated that the celebratory event making the recognition will likely be in August 2026.

VIII. Public Comment Follow-Up, 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. Ramirez noted the work being done and thanked the subcommittees for their work. 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 2026. And lastly, 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.

IX. Citizens to be Heard

None.

X. Adjourn

Co-Chair Ramirez adjourned the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

XI. Sub-Committees Workgroup Session

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Attendees

Ana Sandoval

Jerry

John Watson

Chat

Athena Santos (RASA) sent a chat · 6:04 PM
Trying to get my audio going...here. RASA. Thank you.

Athena Santos (RASA) sent a chat · 6:17 PM
I joined on call due to bad audio. Thank you

Maia Woodall sent a chat · 6:39 PM
Wonderful job everyone!

Athena Santos (RASA) sent a chat · 6:39 PM
No objection. :-)