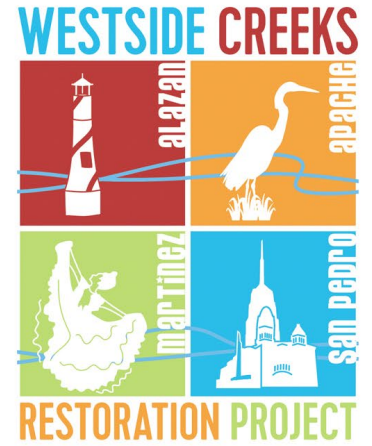


Westside Creeks Restoration Oversight Committee

February 18, 2025

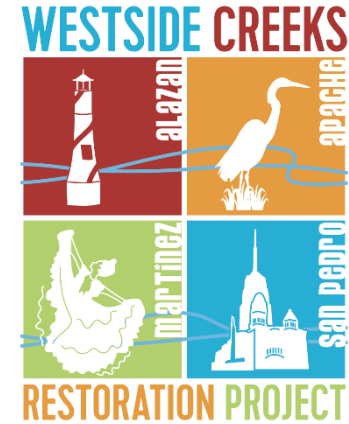


Agenda

- I. Welcome
 - Robert Ramirez & Ana Sandoval, Committee Co-Chairs
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Meeting Minutes, August, September and November 2024
- 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
 - Community Drum Circle – Tuesday, February 18, 7:00 – 8:00 PM – Plaza de Fundación – San Pedro Creek Culture Park
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 - Friday Night Hikes – Friday, March 14, 8:00 – 9:00 PM – Jackson Nature Park – 9284 CR 401, Stockdale
 - San Antonio River Basin Bioblitz – Thursday, March 20 – Saturday March 22 – Hendrick Arnold Nature Park – 8950 Fitzhugh Rd
- V. Project Status Update, Rebecca Krug, River Authority
- VI. General Manager Update, Derek Boese, River Authority
- VII. Recognition of City Council Action to Name the Roberto Rodriguez Westside Creeks Ecosystem, Lourdes Galvan, River Authority Board of Directors
- 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.



Agenda
February 18, 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	
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	Brianna Salas	Adam Bynum
Prosper West	Melinda Gonzalez	Ryan Kuhl
Prospect Hill Neighborhood Association	Jeremy Landin	Russell Felan
River Aid San Antonio	Charles Blank	Athena Santos
San Antonio Alternative Housing Corporation	Rick Rodriguez	
San Antonio Conservation Society	Patricia Seidenberger	
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	Albert Salgado	
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 20, 2024
September 17, 2024
November 19, 2024

Calendar Items

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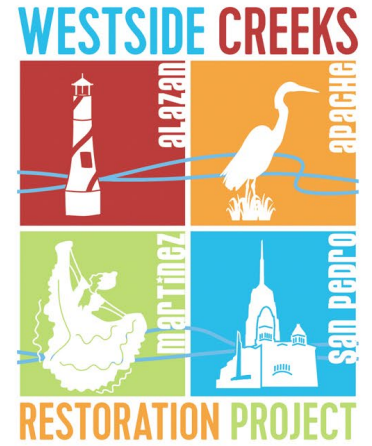
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Project Status Update

Rebecca Krug, River Authority



WSC ER: Design Activity Update

- Working towards 90% Design
 - Revise design based on 65% review comments
 - Schedule and budget evaluation for full restoration on Martinez
 - USACE PM Change – Andrew Park
- Response for Betterments/Additional Work
 - Approved!
 - Conditional – based on design
 - Next steps – amend scope and budget

Future Opportunities

- Trailheads
- Scenic Overlook



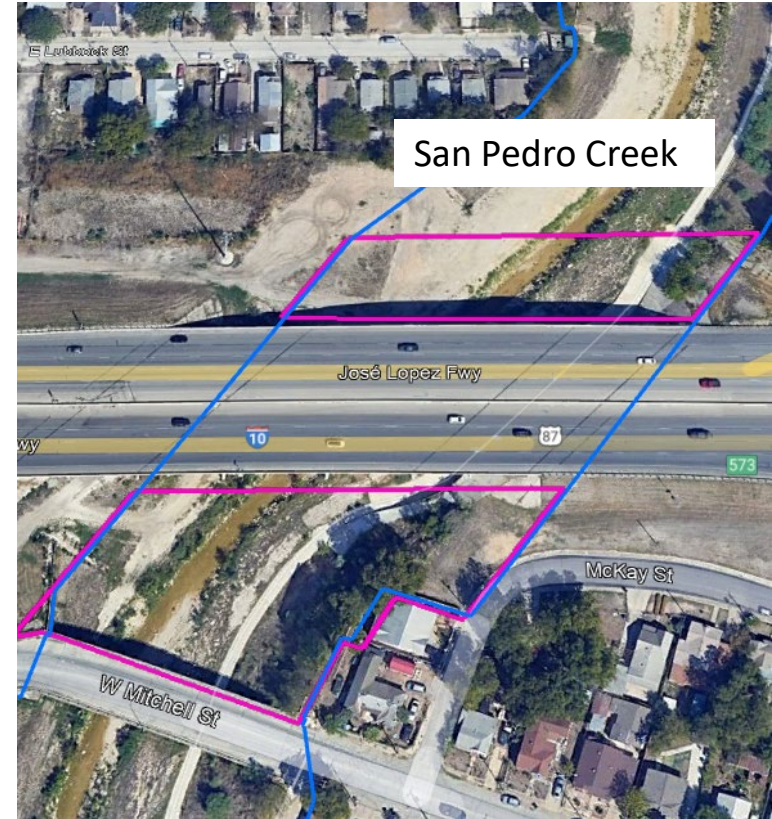
WSC ER: Design Activity Update

- Martinez Trail Extension to Farias Park
 - Design of trail and street connections in progress
 - Reviewing - retaining wall aesthetics and other furnishings
 - Trailheads and pedestrian bridge can be included as additional work/betterments



WSC ER: Design Activity Update

- Real Estate Acquisitions
 - TxDOT title research – in progress
 - SAISD survey – in progress, appraisal next
 - Opportunity Home survey – soon, then appraisal
- Construction and Staging Access
 - Design team is reviewing locations for construction



WSC ER: **Design** Activity Update

- Utility Relocations
 - SAWS coordination – Alazan sanitary/water lines
- Baseline Aquatic Surveys
 - In the news: Guadalupe Bass found in Southern reach of San Pedro Creek

Rare fish found in San Antonio's San Pedro Creek

The Guadalupe bass is only found in Central Texas



WSC ER: **Schedule** Update

- 90% Public Sessions targeted late Spring 2025, **TBD**
- Evaluating schedule impacts of full restoration on Martinez Creek

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by Lindsey Carnett January 10, 2025

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Congressman Henry Cuellar (TX-28) shakes hands with Roberto Rodriguez, a Westside activist who has championed the Westside Creeks restoration project for over 20 years, after the announcement of the restoration of Martinez Creek on Friday. Credit: Brenda Bazán / San Antonio Report



WSC ER: Apache Creek Remediation Update

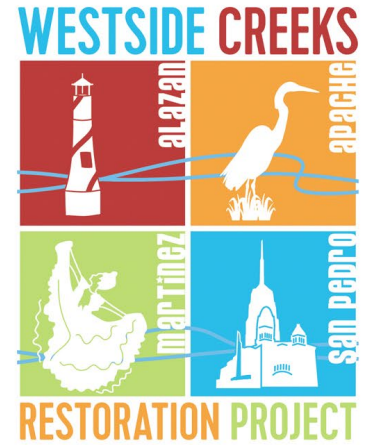
- Construction solicitation is open
 - 20+ attended pre-bid meeting
 - Bids due 3/6
- Construction - Summer 2025
- Local project complete before start of Apache ecosystem restoration



Questions?

General Manager Update

Derek Boese, River Authority



River Authority's Supplemental Oral History Project

- River Authority has received positive responses to initial contact regarding interest in contributing to the project
- Invitations to schedule interviews will be sent out this week
- Interviews will begin next week
 - Availability on Monday – Friday
 - February availability 9:00 – 4:00 PM
 - March availability depends on weekday
 - Guadalupe Cultural Arts Center, Promesa Building
- There is a public form available on the project website where residents can request an interview or write in with their contributions if they are not interested in interviewing

San Pedro Creek Culture Park

- Completion of the new railroad
- Successful demolition and construction of new bridge within 74 hours
- The project is on target to finish construction this Spring



2025 Calendar: January-March

- Project in design
- USACE Items
 - Betterments under review
 - Post-approval, working with Bexar County regarding betterment costs
- Implementation of WRDA (Martinez Creek)
- Update on expectations for construction phase
 - River Authority's 1043(b) application
- Update on federal funding and cost estimates
- Kick-off supplemental oral history efforts

2025 Calendar: April - June

- Project in design
 - 95% Design milestone est. May
- Public Information Sessions
 - 95% Design meetings est. June
- Local Apache Creek Remediation project
 - Construction begins in May
 - Pre-construction public meetings
- Discussion on potential COSA 2027 Bond projects
 - Thoughts on recreation opportunities, improvements to parks on the Westside, stormwater drainage infrastructure, etc.

2025 Calendar: July - September

- Project in Design, end stages
 - 100% Design milestone est. August-September
- USACE Items
 - Following completion of design, begin real estate certification
- Mid-year update on supplemental oral history effort
- Mid-year update on federal funding
- Local Apache Creek Remediation project
 - Under construction

2025 Calendar: October - December

- Preparing for construction procurement
- USACE Items
 - Real estate certification with HQ
- Update on federal funding
- Update on 1043(b) application
- Local Apache Creek Remediation project
 - Construction completion est. December

Water Resources Development Act

- On Saturday, January 4th, WRDA was signed into law
- The project will proceed with the full restoration of Martinez Creek
- Press conference on January 10th
 - Attended by elected officials and local community members
 - Press coverage
 - Thank you to the committee members who attended to celebrate this milestone



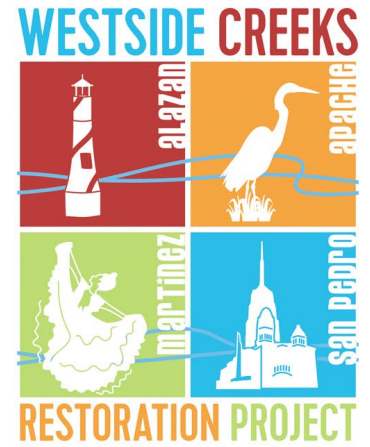
Continued Lobbying Efforts

- River Authority board members and staff will continue advocating for the project at a local and federal level
- Washington DC – February
 - River Authority staff traveled to DC earlier this month to discuss the implementation of Alternative 7 (Martinez Creek) and the 1043(b) application
 - Meetings with USACE, OMB, and members of the federal delegation
- Washington DC – March
 - River Authority board members and staff will travel to DC as part of the SA to DC program
 - Currently requesting meetings with USACE HQ, members of the federal delegation
 - Monitoring appointment of a new Assistant Secretary of the Army, Civil Works

Questions?

Recognition of City Council Action to Name the Roberto Rodriguez Westside Creeks Ecosystem

Lourdes Galvan, River Authority Board of Directors



Roberto Rodriguez Westside Creeks Ecosystem

- On Thursday, December 5th, San Antonio City Council officially recognized the Roberto Rodriguez Westside Creeks Ecosystem
- Councilwoman Castillo championed the item
- Unanimous consent on the item with words of support from other councilmembers and the mayor



Citizens to be Heard

Comments limited to three (3) minutes

Miscellaneous Items

Adjourn

Next Meeting – Tuesday, March 18th