



**Plum Creek Watershed Partnership Meeting**

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Lockhart, Texas  
February 10, 2011

**Meeting Overview and Introductions**

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**Discussion and Update on Long-term Sustainability Meetings with Cities and Counties, GBRA and PCCD and New Implementation Proposal**

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Debbie Magin,  
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Pam Casebolt,  
Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board

**Meetings with Counties and Cities to Update and Discuss Sustainability**

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- May 17, 2010 – Caldwell County Commissioners Court Meeting
- June 4, 2010 – GBRA and TSSWCB
- June 8, 2010 – Hays County Commissioners Court Meeting
- June 15, 2010 – Kyle City Council Meeting
- August 10, 2010 – Lockhart Public Works Director and City Manager
- August 31, 2010 – Sustainability meeting with partner entities
- November 2, 2010 – Sustainability meeting with partner entities



**Meetings with Counties and Cities to Update and Discuss Sustainability**

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- January 20, 2011 – Luling City Council Meeting
- February 2, 2011 – Hays County Commissioner Mark Jones
- February 2, 2011 – Umland City Council Meeting postponed again due to weather – rescheduled for Wed., March 2<sup>nd</sup>
- February 7, 2011 – Caldwell County Judge Tom Bonn
- March 1, 2011 – Sustainability meeting with partner entities



**Sustainability Discussion**

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- 3 year implementation project administration funding will end August 2011
- GBRA led the effort to develop and submit a proposal for additional 319(h) grant funds from TSSWCB for a watershed coordinator
- Currently working on inter-local agreement with partner entities and 40% match requirement



## Sustainability Discussion

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- Entities that have reviewed the inter-local agreement and provided legal comments:
  - Kyle, Lockhart, Luling, and GBRA
- Entities that have approved signing the inter-local agreement once finalized and providing match funding include:
  - PCCD, Lockhart, Luling, and GBRA
- Caldwell County is evaluating the possibility of providing the office space and utilities for the local position
- Additional presentations and meetings are being planned for Caldwell County, Hays County, Buda and Kyle.



## Update on Plum Creek Watershed Signs Request to TXDOT

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## Update on Lockhart CWA §319 Implementation Grant

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## Update on Plum Creek Feral Hog Education Program

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## Education Program for Feral Hog Management in the Plum Creek Watershed

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February 8, 2011

## Presentations/Meetings

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- ❑ 12/4/10 – Lockhart Kiwanis Club
- ❑ 1/10/11 – Buda Lions Club
- ❑ 1/11/11 – Lockhart Lions Club
- ❑ 1/12/11 – Luling Kiwanis Club
- ❑ 1/20/11 – Hays County Conservation Expo Planning Meeting
- ❑ 2/8/11 – Geronimo Creek Watershed Partnership
- ❑ 2/10/11 – San Marcos Kiwanis Club

## Upcoming Articles

- ❑ Feral Hog Ownership
- ❑ Movement of Live Feral Hogs
- ❑ Feral Hog Disease Concerns

## Landowners

- ❑ Two site visits
- ❑ Approved three landowners for reporting on website
- ❑ Two landowner reports
- ❑ Four public reports

## Feral Hog Management Workshop

- Covers feral hog biology, behavior, laws, regulations, and management strategies
- Draws landowners from the watershed and throughout the region
- Offers TDA credit
- The next workshop will be February 23, 2011 in Luling



## Available resources

- <http://pcwp.tamu.edu/FeralHogs/>
- Publication links
  - Recognizing Feral Hog Sign
  - Snaring Feral Hogs
  - Building a Feral Hog Snare
  - Placing and Baiting Feral Hog Traps
  - Box Traps for Capturing Feral Hogs
  - Corral Traps for Capturing Feral Hogs
  - Door Modifications for Feral Hog Traps
- Site visits for landowners
- Presentations for groups



## Project Funding


- Provided through a Clean Water Act §319(h) nonpoint source grant from the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency



## Questions?





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## Implementation of Agricultural Best Management Practices

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## Technical and Financial Assistance for Ranchers and Farmers in the Plum Creek Watershed



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## Update


- To Date:
  - 6 WQMPs certified
  - All at different stages of implementation
    - 555 acres under plan
    - 110 acres of grass planted
    - 800 feet of fence constructed
  - Will be implementing additional pasture/hayland planting, livestock watering facilities, and additional cross-fencing

\*Have had additional interested producers, however, they have not officially applied for the program

## Thanks

### Questions?



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## Federal Farm Bill Programs Available in the Plum Creek Watershed

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## Next Steps

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### **Watershed Events**

- Feral Hog Workshop in Luling Feb. 23
- Kyle Cleanup Event and Enviro-Tour on Saturday, February 26, 2011 at 9:30 – noon at Steeplechase Park and surrounding areas
- Landowner Riparian Workshop for the Plum Creek Watershed Partnership in coordination with SMRF and TPWD will be held on Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> from 9 am to 4 pm in San Marcos.
  - Morning will be at San Marcos Activity Center.
  - Afternoon will be in the field.



### **PCWP Steering Committee Meeting**

**Thursday, May 5, 2011  
6:30 to 9:00 pm  
Lockhart State Park, Lockhart**

