Meeting Overview, Introductions and Approval of Minutes

Nick Dornak, Plum Creek Watershed Coordinator
Watershed Coordinator Update,

Plum Creek Watershed Feral Hog Projects
Hillside Terrace Wastewater Project
The Plum Creek Riparian Cooperative
Community Clean Up Events
Kyle WWTP Spill
Additional Activities

Nick Dornak,
Plum Creek Watershed Coordinator
Texas Department of Agriculture – Hog Out County Grants Program

- Hays and Caldwell County programs facilitated by Plum Creek Watershed Partnership
- Program conducted October 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012
- Award Information for FY2013
  - Highest scoring county awarded $20,000
  - 2nd highest awarded $15,000 and 3rd highest $10,000
  - Other counties awarded based on feral hog harvest count
- $2 per tail bounty instituted (receipt from Certified Holding Facility also accepted)
- Over $1,000 in prizes donated
- Cabela’s Grand Prize for top individuals
- All donations tax deductible through the San Marcos River Foundation
## Hog Out County Grants Program - Data Collection

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Hog Out County Grants Program ~
PCWP Publicity and Support

Cabela's
World's Foremost Outfitter

Tiger Tote

Harwood Farm and Ranch

Caldwell County Farm and Ranch

Triple “S” Feeds

Salt Flat Feed and Mercantile

C&J’s Auto Supply
Hog Out County Grants Program – Results

- Hays County results:
  - 110 feral hogs harvested
  - 57 individuals educated (3 workshops)
  - Grand Prize Winner: Walter Elias

- Caldwell County results:
  - 1,025 feral hogs harvested
  - 68 individuals educated (2 workshops)
  - Grand Prize Winner: Jacob Hohertz

- Additional prize winners from drawing will contacted by Watershed Coordinator

- March 1, 2013 – Prizes will be available for pickup at Caldwell County Feral Hog Task Force booth at the Caldwell County Youth Livestock show. Watershed Coordinator will be serving feral hog tacos!!!
December 21, 2012 – Watershed Coordinator met with Lt. Governor’s Office to discuss potential funding for feral hog project in Caldwell County

January 8, 2013 – First meeting of the Task Force facilitated by Plum Creek Watershed Coordinator

19 Attendees – minutes available on PCWP website

Develop 2013 feral hog action plan for Caldwell County

Watershed Coordinator will work with Task Force members to develop draft action plan.

Next meeting – February 26, 2013, with goal to approve 2013 feral hog action plan for Caldwell County

Watershed Coordinator was approached by TDA staff to propose a pilot project for the state to be conducted in Caldwell County and directed by the Task Force.
Hillside Terrace Wastewater Project:

Update on TWDB State Revolving Fund Program Application
Potential Hillside Terrace Project
Hillside Terrace Project

- Over 265 homes in the subdivision are on onsite wastewater systems
- Majority of lots are small, wastewater issues are reported often to the County
- A lift station for the Buda WWTP is located across the road
- The total project for infrastructure to connect these homes is estimated to cost $5.6 Million
- Planning and Design Phase is estimated to cost around $400,000
Texas Water Development Board  
Clean Water State Revolving Fund Loan Program

- Clean Water State Revolving Fund Loan Program – low-interest rate loans and principal forgiveness.
- Requires Water Conservation and Drought Contingency Plan.
- Loans are 1.3% below market rate and terms for disadvantaged up to 30 yrs; 1.85% origination fee.
- Must have project listed on SFY 2013 CWSRF Intended Use Plan.
- Hillside Terrace Project qualified for 70% loan forgiveness toward P&D due to disadvantaged community status.
- October 30, 2012 – Interlocal agreement approved by Hays County Commissioner’s Court to split costs with City of Buda for unfunded principal portion of P&D.
- November 1, 2012 – Application submitted to TWDB.
The Plum Creek Riparian Cooperative:

Proposal to the TSSWCB CWA §319(h) Nonpoint Source Grant Program, FY2013
The Plum Creek Riparian Cooperative

- Develop riparian landowner network for the Plum Creek watershed, the Plum Creek Riparian Cooperative (PCRC)
  - Enhance stakeholder knowledge of riparian ecosystems
  - Encourage participation in BMPs identified in the Plum Creek WPP
- Guided by the PCRC Leadership Committee
- “On Ranch” and “Living Room” workshops
- Deliver online content using the existing PCWP website
- Evaluation component
- $111,660 Federal funds / $77,052 Local match
- Project Partners
  - GBRA, TSSWCB, WaterPR, LLC, Nueces River Authority*, Plum Creek Watershed Partnership*, NRCS*, Texas Master Naturalist*, Caldwell County Farm Bureau*, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service*
- Application submitted 10/12/2012 was not approved
- Working with project partners to develop alternative plans
SWCD Technician and WQMP funding:

Proposal to the TSSWCB CWA §319(h) Nonpoint Source Grant Program, FY2013
SWCD Technician and WQMP funding

- CWA Section 319 grant application to the TSSWCB to continue funding the District SWCD Technician and WQMPs to support the Plum Creek WPP
  - $607,080 Federal Funds (proposed)
  - 30 WQMPs in 3 years (proposed)

Project Partners
- Hays County Soil and Water Conservation District, GBRA, TSSWCB, Plum Creek Watershed Partnership, NRCS

Application submitted 10/12/2012 in process
$18,349 in CAPCOG funding for four FY2012-2013 CCEs

Past Dates

- July 26, 2012 – CAPCOG Interlocal Contract for FY12-13 Solid Waste Equipment and Services signed by Judge Bonn
- October 20, 2012 – Maxwell, TX (Pct. #3)
- December 10, 2012 – Addition funding ($3,000) for tire collection approved by Caldwell County Commissioner’s
- January 12, 2013 – Luling, TX (Pct. #2)

- April 6, 2013 – Dale, TX (Pct. #4)
- June 1, 2013 – Lockhart, TX (Pct. #1)
- First progress reports due Feb. 15, 2013

Working with vendors and Caldwell County to provide a long-term recycling option for tires!!!
Caldwell County Community Collection Events 2012 – 2013
Maxwell, TX – October 20, 2012

Thank you, Pegasus!!!
Caldwell County Community Collection Events 2012 - 2013
Luling, TX - January 12, 2013

Thank you, Pegasus!!!
Kyle Wastewater Treatment Plant Spills:

November 20, 2012
December 3, 2012
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* Follow up sample

** Sample not collected by request of plant operator due to broken chemical line

Meeting between PCWP representatives and City of Kyle staff held on June 26, 2012.
2012 Kyle WWTP Spills

- Kyle WWTP operated by Aqua Texas – City of Kyle and Aqua Texas are co-permittees
- Plant malfunction resulted in spills into Plum Creek on November 20 and December 3, 2012
- Total volume of spills unknown
- Clarifier had approximately 5 to 6 feet of sludge at time of first spill
- Black sludge first noted at Heidenreich Lane during routine sampling by GBRA on November 15
- Plum Creek Development wet well filling with unusual number of solids throughout November
- November 21 photos and video taken by Watershed Coordinator shows solidification of Plum Creek up to ½ mile downstream of Kyle WWTP
2012 Kyle WWTP Spills

- Vacuum trucks used for initial clean up
- Significant impact to riparian vegetation and aquatic life
- Stakeholder meeting with TCEQ staff held on December 6
- Watershed coordinator conducted approximately 10 post-spill site visits with representatives from TCEQ, Aqua Texas and TPWD
- TCEQ has requested dewatering and additional clean up by Aqua Texas. This has not yet taken place. Investigation ongoing.
- Ongoing lawsuits between Aqua Texas and City of Kyle
- *Potential SEP for watershed*
Additional Activities

- Nov. 30 and Dec. 19, 2012 – Stakeholder site visits
- Dec. 21, 2012 – Meeting with Lt. Governor’s COS
- Jan. 22, 2013 - Meeting with Frank Hamilton and local realtors to distribute PCWP information
- Jan. 28, 2013 –
  - The Texas Water Crisis: Finding and Funding a Solution
  - The Hogs Strike Back - 18-wheeler accident
- Feb. 5, 2013 – Feral Hog Workshop in Luling, TX
- Secured new Tabletop Display
- Continued Monthly Coordination Meetings
- Lots of media coverage from feral hog programs, Hillside Terrace Project and Kyle WWTP spills
- GBRA River Run – “Dornak Gets Active in Plum Creek”
- Caldwell County declared a disaster area
Roundtable Discussion
Plum Creek Watershed Partnership Steering Committee

Discussion Topics

➢ Kyle WWTP Spill
  • TPWD involvement (5 min)
  • Enforcement and Lawsuits (5 min)
  • Supplemental Environmental Project ideas (10 min)

➢ Steering Committee Ideas and Concerns
  • Open forum (10 min)
Next Steps

Nick Dornak,
Plum Creek Watershed Coordinator
Next Steps

- Plum Creek Isotope Study - GBRA
- Publish next issue of the *Plum Creek Current*
- *Twitter* feed for website
- Project Update meetings with Financial Partners

Key Dates

- February 18 – Representative Tim Kleinschmidt, Dist. 17
- February 23 – Plum Creek Watershed Cleanup, City of Kyle
- February 26 – Caldwell County Feral Hog Task Force
- March 1 – Caldwell County Youth Livestock Show / Hog Out Awards and Feral Hog Tacos!
- March 6 – Texas Dept. of Agriculture and Caldwell County Feral Hog Task Force
- March 21 – Clean Rivers Program Meeting
- April 20 – Caldwell Bastrop WMA Wildlife Extravaganza
- April 30 through May 1 – TCEQ Environmental Fair
Next Steps

➢ Funding Opportunities

- SEP for the Plum Creek Watershed as a result of Kyle WWTP spill
- Hillside Terrace Project – Planning and Design
- *Keep Texas Beautiful* – Funding for 6th Annual Keep Lockhart Beautiful, Plum Creek Clean Up
- “On ranch” Riparian Workshops
- Caldwell County tire recycling program
- Hog Out Grant funds for Caldwell and Hays Counties
- TDA Pilot Program - Caldwell County Feral Hog Task Force
Next Steps

- 2013 Workshops (in the works)
  - Riparian Workshop conducted by TWRI to be scheduled for the Plum Creek Watershed
  - Texas Well Owner Network to provide workshop and low-cost water quality screening for domestic well owners in the Plum Creek Watershed
  - NEMO Training – Joint effort with PCWP and Geronimo & Alligator Creek Watershed Partnership
  - Texas Stream Team – Additional monitoring programs
PCWP
Steering Committee Meeting

Thursday, May 2, 2013
6:30 to 8:30 pm
Lockhart State Park, Lockhart
Thanks!

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