

Nolan Creek/South Nolan Creek Watershed Stakeholder Advisory Committee to Meet on May 4, 2016.

The Nolan Creek/South Nolan Creek Watershed Stakeholder Advisory Committee will meet Wednesday, May 4th in Harker Heights to discuss water quality monitoring locations and the timeline of development for the Nolan Creek/South Nolan Creek Watershed Protection Plan.

The meeting will be from 1pm – 3pm at the Harker Heights Activity Center (Room A), 400 Indian Trail.

The Nolan Creek/South Nolan Creek watershed is located in Bell County and encompasses portions of the cities of Belton, Harker Heights, Killeen, Nolanville, and the Fort Hood Military Reservation. Nolan Creek/South Nolan Creek was first listed as impaired and not meeting state water quality standards due to elevated bacteria concentrations in the creek on the 1996 Texas Water Quality Inventory and 303(d) List. The most recent 303(d) List for 2014 continues to list Nolan Creek/South Nolan Creek as impaired for bacteria. Concerns for elevated nitrate, total phosphorus, and orthophosphorus were also noted in 2010 and continue in the 2014 assessment of the Texas surface water quality.

The Texas Institute for Applied Environmental Research and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality are partnering with landowners in the Nolan Creek/South Nolan Creek watershed to protect and improve the area's water quality through the development of a watershed protection plan (WPP). Stakeholder involvement is crucial in developing a WPP that will comprehensively address all water quality impairments and concerns.

The upcoming meeting will focus on creating work groups within the advisory committee, a timeline of the Nolan Creek/South Nolan Creek WPP development, and seek input from the advisory committee regarding water quality monitoring locations and watershed implementation activities.

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