

## **Nolan Creek/South Nolan Creek Watershed Stakeholder Advisory Committee to Meet on August 17, 2017.**

The Nolan Creek/South Nolan Creek Watershed Stakeholder Advisory Committee will meet Thursday August 16<sup>th</sup> in Harker Heights regarding the Nolan Creek/South Nolan Creek Watershed Protection Plan. The meeting will be from 10:00 am to noon at the Harker Heights Activity Center in Room C.

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 nutrients 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 (TCEQ) are partnering with stakeholders in the Nolan Creek/South Nolan Creek watershed to protect and improve the area's water quality through 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.

Anne McFarland with the Texas Institute for Applied Environmental Research will review water quality monitoring data and facilitate a discussion on sampling locations for targeting sources. An update on the status of the watershed planning document will also be addressed.

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