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Geronimo and Alligator Creeks Partnership meeting slated for Feb. 26

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SEGUIN — The Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority and Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board will hold a Geronimo and Alligator Creeks Partnership meeting the evening of Feb 26.

The meeting, to be held at the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority's River Annex, 905 Nolan St. in Seguin, is free and open to the public.

Sign-in and refreshments will be at 5:30 p.m., with proceedings to begin at 6 p.m.

With the recent U.S. Environmental Protection Agency acceptance of the Geronimo and Alligator Creeks Watershed Protection Plan, momentum has shifted into implementation of the plan, according to coordinators.

“We will provide project updates on various implementation activities that have been initiated in the area,” said Ward Ling, AgriLife Extension program specialist. Also, Jared Timmons, the new feral hog education coordinator for the Geronimo and Alligator Creeks Watershed, will speak about the most recent Luling Feral Hog Workshop and new fact sheets he is developing to assist landowners with control of feral hog populations.”

Ling said some meeting time will be devoted to planning and discussion of the first annual Geronimo and Alligator Creeks Cleanup Event, which is scheduled for April 6.

Anyone wanting to participate in the planning or volunteering for the event is invited to attend the Feb. 26 meeting, said Debbie Magin, director of water quality services at the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority.

“The Partnership and public involvement led to the idea for this event, and we want to involve the community in the planning and development of the cleanup day,” Magin said.

The watershed protection plan and other project related materials can be found at <http://geronimocreek.org>.

Geronimo Creek and its tributary, Alligator Creek, which flow through Comal and Guadalupe counties, were identified for watershed protection plan development due to concerns about high levels of nitrogen and elevated levels of bacteria, as reported in the Texas Water Quality Inventory published by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

A Clean Water Act grant was provided to the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority by the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to facilitate the development of this watershed protection plan.

Other key area partners supporting watershed protection efforts include Comal and Guadalupe counties, the cities of Seguin and New Braunfels, New Braunfels Utilities and the Comal-Guadalupe Soil and Water Conservation District.

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