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Geronimo and Alligator Creeks Partnership meeting slated for June 10

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SEGUIN — The Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority (GBRA) and Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board (TSSWCB) will hold a Geronimo and Alligator creeks Partnership meeting the evening of June 10th.

The meeting, to be held at the GBRA'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.

Agenda topics include a presentation explaining work performed by Navarro High School students in and around Geronimo Creek, a summary and forecast on drought conditions by the Climatologist from the U.S. Weather Station in New Braunfels, and a recap of the first annual Geronimo and Alligator creeks cleanup event held in April.

"I am excited to hear about the work the high school students did and the drought presentation will be very interesting," said Ward Ling, AgriLife Extension program specialist. Mark Lenz, a U.S. Weather Station Climatologist will provide the attendees with his perspective on the drought.

Ling said some meeting time will be devoted to a recap of the first Geronimo and Alligator creeks cleanup event. The event was the first of its kind in the watershed, and resulted in the collection of more than a ton of trash and debris through the work of almost 100 volunteers. "The response from the community was unbelievable," said Debbie Magin, GBRA's director of water quality services. "The partnership came up with the idea for this event, and we want to express our thanks to the community for their support of the cleanup day," Magin said.

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 GBRA by the TSSWCB 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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