



# Southeast and South Central Texas Regional Watershed Coordination Steering Committee

Texas State Soil and Water  
Conservation Board

Colorado County Agriculture Building  
Columbus, Texas  
Thursday, September 1, 2011



# Today's Agenda Items

- Welcome and Introductions
- San Antonio Bay Wetland Inventory
  - Nikki Davis, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi
- Coastal Prairie Potholes-A Significant Nexus
  - John Jacob, Texas Sea Grant
- Recreational Use Attainability Analysis Update
  - Laurie Curra, TCEQ
- Watershed Planning Priorities for TSSWCB FY2012  
CWA §319(h) Request-for-Proposals
  - Brian Koch, TSSWCB
- Adjournment



# TSSWCB Watershed Planning Priorities

TSSWCB Request-for-Proposals (RFP) for FY2012 Clean Water Act §319(h) NPS Grant projects will be published in the *Texas Register* tomorrow, September 2, 2011. Proposals will be due October 14, 2011.

WCSC gets a preview.



# TSSWCB Watershed Planning Priorities

## RFP Priority Project Activities

- Implement WPPs and TMDL I-Plans (See priority areas listed below).
- WPP Development Initiatives (See priority areas listed below), which include activities such as formation of watershed groups, water quality data collection and analysis.
- Conserve healthy watersheds with a goal to protect high quality waters and prevent future water quality impairments through EPA's Healthy Watershed Initiative.
- Implement components of the *Texas Coastal NPS Pollution Control Program* in the Coastal Management Zone.
- Support use of federal Farm Bill Programs through Cooperative Conservation in impaired watersheds.
- Demonstration projects and or development of statewide education programs.
- Ambient surface water quality monitoring to verify Category 5c impairments.
- Conduct Recreational Use Attainability Analyses.



# TSSWCB Watershed Planning Priorities

## RFP Priority Areas for WPP Implementation Projects

- Arroyo Colorado
- Buck Creek
- Cedar Creek Reservoir
- Concho River
- Dickinson Bayou
- Geronimo Creek
- Granbury Lake
- Hickory Creek
- Lampasas River
- Leon River
- Pecos River
- Plum Creek
- San Bernard River



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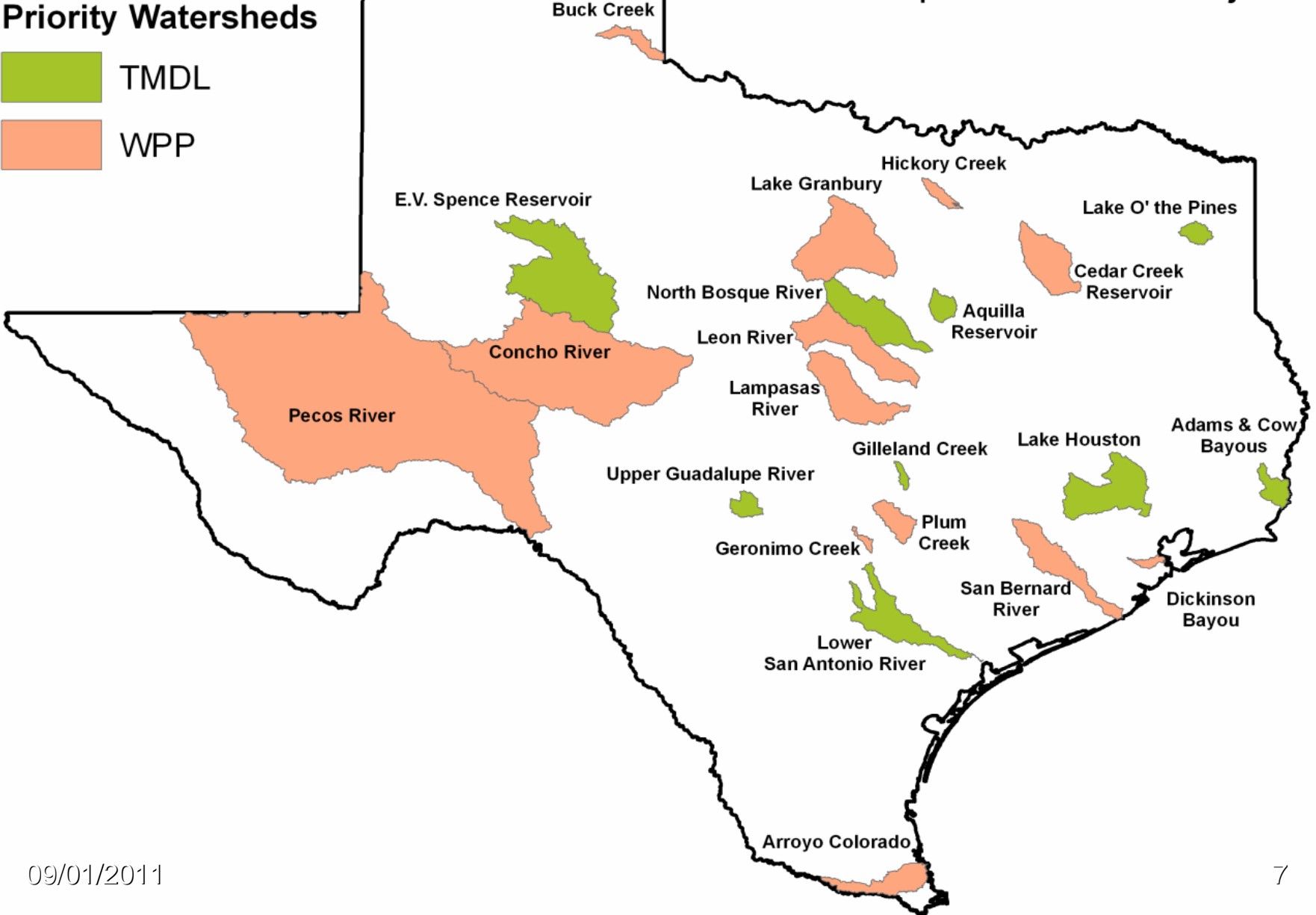
## RFP Priority Areas for TMDL Implementation Projects

- Adams and Cow Bayous (bacteria and dissolved oxygen)
- Aquilla Reservoir (atrazine)
- Gilleland Creek (bacteria)
- E.V. Spence Reservoir (salinity)
- Lake O' the Pines (dissolved oxygen through phosphorus)
- Lower San Antonio River (bacteria)
- North Bosque River (nutrients)
- Guadalupe River above Canyon Lake (bacteria)
- Lake Houston (bacteria)

# Map of Priority Areas for WPP & TMDL Implementation Projects

## Priority Watersheds

- TMDL
- WPP





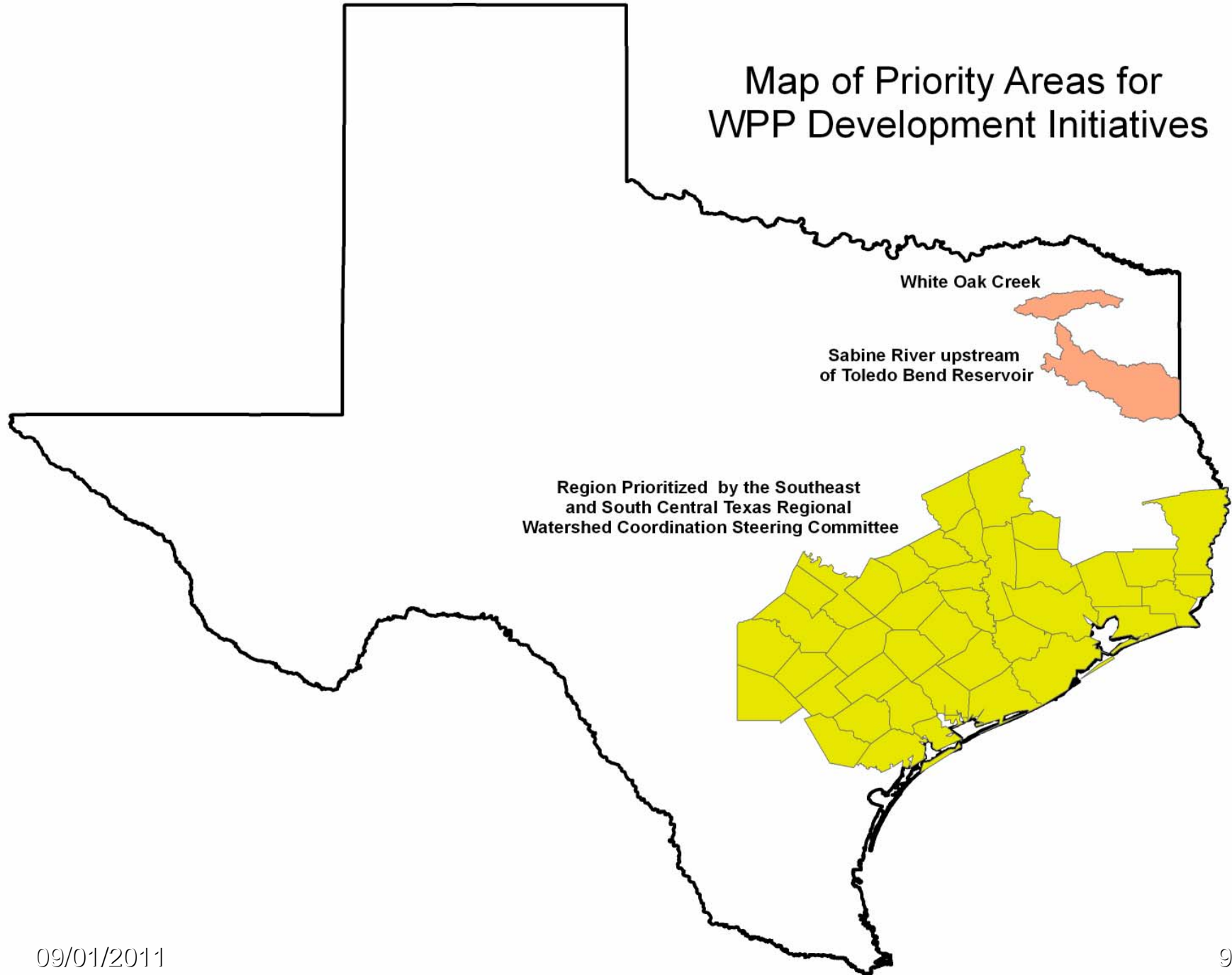
# TSSWCB Watershed Planning Priorities

## RFP Priority Areas for WPP Development Initiatives

- **Watersheds Prioritized by the Southeast and South Central Texas Regional Watershed Coordination Steering Committee**
- Sulphur River Basin (Basin 3)
  - White Oak Creek (Segment 0303B)
- Sabine River Basin (Basin 5)
  - Upstream and exclusive of Toledo Bend Reservoir (Segment 0504)

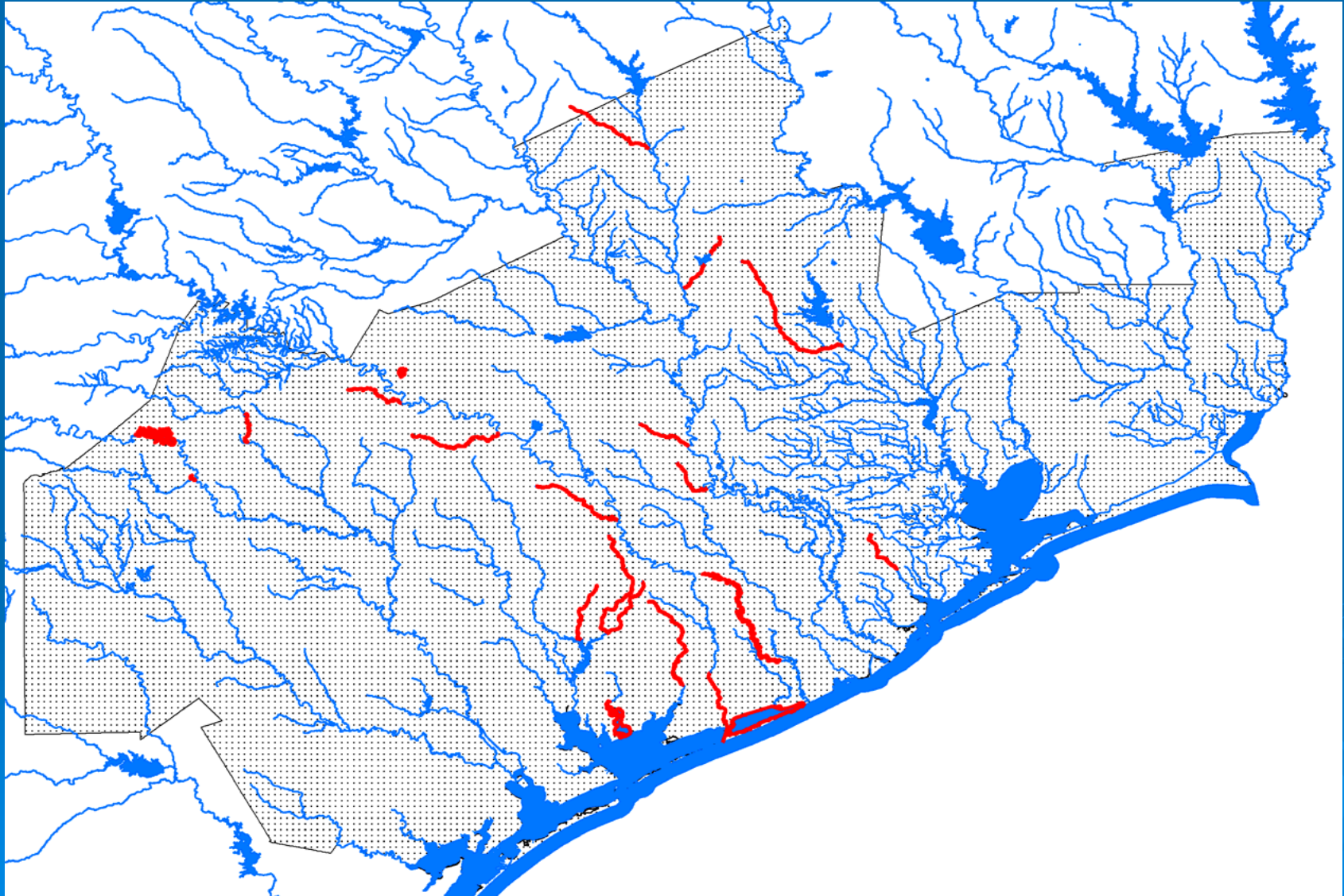


# Map of Priority Areas for WPP Development Initiatives





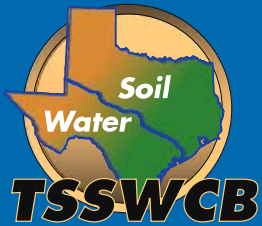
# Top 20 Waterbodies Prioritized for WPP Development





# TSSWCB Watershed Planning Priorities

- Set of Criteria Evaluated to Prioritize
  - Impairment
  - Planning Status
  - LULC
  - Implementation Status
  - Size
  - Ag NPS Potential
  - Threat or LULC Change or Census Change
  - WCSC Member Priority
  - Coastal Zone
  - Stakeholder Buy-In



# TSSWCB Watershed Planning Priorities

- Looking at Top 20 out of 80 watersheds assessed
- First set on handout includes watersheds with WPPs under development
- Second set on handout excludes WPPs, takes in next 3 watersheds
- Proposals submitted through the RFP are not limited to these watersheds



# Path Forward

- TSSWCB Request for Proposals FY2012 CWA §319(h) grant
  - Open on September 2, 2011
  - Closes on October 14, 2011
  
- Texas Watershed Steward Workshops
  - Upcoming trainings:
    - Leona River, September 28, 2011 Uvalde, Texas
    - Adams and Cow Bayous, October 24, 2011 Orange, Texas
  - TWS course is now online! <http://tw.s.tamu.edu/online-course>
  - <http://tw.s.tamu.edu/>
  
- Texas Watershed Planning Short Course
  - November 14-18, 2011 Bandera, Texas
  - <http://watershedplanning.tamu.edu/>
  
- Next WCSC meeting December 1, 2011
- Other Announcements



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