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Dear Aransas Creek Stakeholder:

The Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board (TSSWCB) and Nueces River Authority (NRA) cordially invite you and your neighbors to an upcoming meeting regarding the Recreational Use Attainability Analysis (RUAA) for Aransas Creek. The meeting will be on May 29th from 6:00 – 7:30 PM at Skidmore-Tynan High School at 213 West Walton Street in Skidmore. Registration begins at 5:30 PM. A map to the meeting location is enclosed, along with the meeting agenda.

Aransas Creek is 20 miles long, beginning west of Beeville to its confluence with the Aransas River. Aransas Creek currently exceeds the state water quality standard for contact recreation and is listed as impaired on the Texas 303(d) List due to elevated levels of indicator bacteria.

Nueces River Authority will be conducting a Recreational Use Attainability Analysis (RUAA) on Aransas Creek. A Use Attainability Analysis assesses the physical, chemical, biological, and economical conditions affecting the use of a water body. This study is also performed to determine what level of aquatic recreation (i.e. swimming, wading, boating and fishing) is actually occurring.

Local landowner cooperation is crucial to identify the locations most used for contact recreation. Input is needed from local city and county officials, landowners, and the general public on their knowledge of how the stream has been used historically. Since decisions made about Aransas Creek will affect landowners, industries, municipalities, and other residents, stakeholder participation is fundamental to the success of this study.

An agenda and map of the study area are included with this letter. Additional information on the project is available on the project website at:

<http://www.tsswcb.texas.gov/managementprogram/aransaruaa>

If you have any questions, please contact me at (361) 653-2110 or ssugarek@nueces-ra.org

Sincerely,

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