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Dear Mid Pecan Bayou Stakeholder,

Texas AgriLife Research, the Texas Institute for Applied Environmental Research (TIAER), and the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board cordially invite you to an upcoming meeting to discuss possible bacteria sources in the Mid Pecan Bayou watershed on Wednesday, May 4, 2011. The meeting will be held from 2:00 – 4:30 p.m. at the Depot Civic and Cultural Center on 600 East Depot Street in Brownwood. Registration will begin at 1:30 p.m.

Mid Pecan Bayou is located in Brown County, southeast of Brownwood and extends from a point immediately upstream of the confluence of Mackinally Creek to a point immediately upstream of Willis Creek. The bayou currently exceeds that state water quality standard for contact recreation and is listed as impaired on the *Texas 303(d) List* due to elevated levels of *E. coli* bacteria.

Texas AgriLife Research and TIAER will be conducting a Recreational Use Attainability Analysis (RUAA) on Mid Pecan Bayou during the summer of 2011. The RUAA will assess the physical, chemical, biological, and economical conditions affecting the contact recreation use of Mid Pecan Bayou.

To complement the work being done for the RUAA, TIAER will conduct a watershed source survey that characterizes sources of bacteria within Mid Pecan Bayou. Potential bacteria contributors include, but are not limited to, wastewater treatment facilities, central sewage collection systems, septic systems, as well as wildlife, livestock, and non-domestic animal populations. Stakeholders and technical experts are being asked to lend their local expertise in the design of the survey. Since decisions made about Mid Pecan Bayou will affect landowners, industries, municipalities, and other residents, your participation is fundamental to the success of this effort.

An agenda and map of the study area are included with this letter. Additional project information, including past meeting materials, is available at <http://www.tsswcb.state.tx.us/managementprogram/mpbruaa>. If you have any additional thoughts or questions, please contact me at (254) 968-4144 or [lberan@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:lberan@ag.tamu.edu). While we hope you will be able to attend the meeting on May 4<sup>th</sup> and contribute to the discussion, if for some reason you are not able to attend, your input, thoughts, ideas, and comments are welcomed in advance.

Sincerely,



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