

Dixon Creek watershed public meeting set for July 23, 2013 in Borger

Borger, TEXAS – The Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board and the Texas Institute for Applied Environmental Research invite residents in the Dixon Creek watershed to a public meeting to discuss updates regarding water quality concerns. The meeting will be held at Borger City Hall located at 600 North Main Street in Borger, Texas. Sign-in and refreshments will begin at 5:30pm.

The Dixon Creek flows approximately 20 miles from north central Carson County, through Hutchinson County, to its confluence with the Canadian River in southern Hutchinson County. The Dixon Creek is on the state's list of impaired waters for having bacteria levels that exceed water quality standards and has been identified as having a concern for bacteria and dissolved oxygen levels.

At this meeting, landowners and citizens will have the opportunity to be updated on the findings from the first RUAA field survey from the project, *Recreational Use Attainability Analysis for Five Creeks in the Canadian River and Red River Basins project*, which focuses on gathering data to determine whether contact recreation is occurring and if the current water quality standard is appropriate.

Since decisions made about these waterbodies will affect landowners, citizens, industries, and municipalities, local participation is fundamental to the success of this project. Stakeholders will be asked to provide guidance on the direction of this project.

This project is funded by the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board through a general revenue nonpoint source grant to the Texas Institute for Applied Environmental Research.

For more information about the meeting, visit the project website at www.tsswcb.texas.gov/en/managementprogram/RUAADIXON or contact Leah Brown at 254-968-0513 or lrbrown@tiaer.tarleton.edu

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