

Plum Creek Watershed Partnership Public Stakeholder Meeting

10:00 – 11:30 AM
July 9, 2025
Hays County ESD 5 Station 24
111 High Road, Kyle, Texas

Meeting Summary

- O The Watershed Coordinator (WC) began the meeting by providing a brief summary of education and engagement events from the past quarter. These updates included aquatic macroinvertebrate lessons with Lockhart ISD 5th graders, a watershed model demonstration during the Caldwell Co. AgriLife Extension Water Fair, tabling events at the Aqua WSC membership meeting and City of Kyle Earth Day, presenting at GBRA's CRP Meeting, assisting in the aquatic life monitoring event, and attending the Spring Watershed Coordinator Roundtable.
- The WC gave updates on the Feral Hog Trap Loan Program. A kickoff event was held on June 21st at the Luling Foundation. The event included program details, a trap demonstration, and raffle prizes. The WC will send out postcards to stakeholders within Caldwell County who previously participated in the feral hog bounty program. The project manager asked community partners to also help increase program awareness.
- The WC summarized the clean-up and planting efforts for the Caldwell County Justice Center Rain Garden that occurred on April 26th and May 10th. Caldwell County 4-H volunteers assisted with the clean-up on April 26th. Approximately 30 bags of green waste were pulled from the garden. 21 plants (White Yarrow, Texas Lantana, Turks Cap, Esperanza, Mexican Honeysuckle, and Salvia) were planted on May 10th. Due to the increased amount of rainfall in recent months, the rain garden has become overgrown. The WC is working to coordinate a regular monthly volunteer group to maintain the rain garden.
- o One Steering Committee member and four alternate nominations were approved.

- The WC asked for input on potential modifying the total phosphorus wastewater treatment effluent limits. The Partnership currently recommends 5-5-2-1 effluent limits but may want to consider recommending a more stringent total phosphorus limit of 0.5 mg/L. The Partnership requested a draft of changes and will vote via email.
- o The WC reminded the Steering Committee that approval to submit a comment on the permit renewal of WQ0015064001 is still needed. Responses should be submitted by 5PM on Monday, July 14th. The recommendation is to lower the CBOD and TSS limits to 5 mg/L each.
- The WC notified the Steering Committee of potential grants and funding opportunities. The WC asked for potential ideas or projects that need funding within the watershed. The WC discussed the Coca-Cola Southwest Texas Recycles Day Grant, CAPCOG, and TCEQ Nonpoint Source Grant Program as funding sources.
- The WC requested city or county representatives report stormwater management, wastewater management, illegal dumping/litter prevention, and other watershed improvements and updates to the WC to be included in the *Plum Creek Current* and the 2026 Biennial Update.
- o The WC discussed upcoming events and plans.
 - The WC will participate in the Caldwell County 4-H Open House.
 - PCWP is partnering with neighboring watersheds for a Lone Star Healthy Streams program on September 12th.
 - The WC will attend the TSSWCB State Meeting in late September.
 - The WC is planning a rainwater harvesting workshop with the City of Kyle.
- Steering Committee members toured the fire house and grounds while discussing the low-impact development installed and the PFAs testing that will be completed by Texas State.
- o The meeting was adjourned concluding the tour.

Next Public Stakeholder Meeting: Wednesday, October 8, 2025 at 6 PM

Location: TBD

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