

**Guadalupe River Basin
2021 Clean Rivers Program
Basin Steering Committee Meeting**

Thursday, July 29, 2021
Virtual Meeting Minutes

- GBRA updates
 - Contract has been renewed for 2 more years.
 - Performing 4 aquatic life monitoring events for FY21 and three planned for FY22.
 - Regulatory changes coming for PFAS. Forever chemicals that have adverse health effects.
- UGRA updates
 - Quarterly sample 12 sites and monthly sample at six.
 - Have a Bacteria Reduction Plan to reduce bacteria and keep river segments in contact recreation standards
 - Working with TEARs form Tarlton State to create a technical supporting document to address listed segments
 - Water Quality updates at 2 sites, Guadalupe at Riverview Rd and Guadalupe at Splitrock. All parameters are within the screening criteria
 - Public Outreach Activities – for 2020 an “On Your Own” river clean up was held and public outreach was done digitally and through outreach through radio and mailers due to Covid.
- WVWA updates
 - WVWA – two sites monitored monthly, seven sites quarterly
 - Water Quality - e. coli measurements are below the geomean water quality standard of 126mpn
 - Cypress Creek Pilot Project – Trying to detect potential sources of E. coli. Biweekly monitoring done at six sites during different times of the week for 13 weeks in the summer of 2021.
- MCWE updates
 - Spring flow and groundwater levels were low (between 0.0 – 1.0 cfs) well owners are the ones controlling flow from Jacobs Well
 - Blue Hole Primary school is a One Water School, harvesting their own water to use. Used half as much water comparable elementary schools in the area
- Upper San Marcos River Watershed updates

- Working on restoring the Sessom Creek watershed. This flows into the San Marcos River and is an area that is vulnerable to degradation
- Awarded TPWD Recreational Trails Grant. Goal is the resort the Lakeside Trail at Spring Lake
- Plum Creek Watershed updates
 - Able to hold a successful on your own river cleanup
 - Tree planting event on the Guadalupe River Trust Property North of Lockhart
 - Working on a anti littering campaign for downtown Lockhart
- Dry Comal Creek and Comal River updates
 - BST study done that tracked 60% of the bacteria found in the Comal River and Dry Comal creek was attributed to wildlife
 - Adding signage to deter wildlife feeding, trapping nonnative waterfowl, and oil coating eggs to lower the amount of bacteria going into the Comal/Dry Comal
 - Informing the public about pet waste management
 - Approved for a second round of 319 grant funding to continue funding WPP efforts
- Geronimo and Alligator Creek watershed updates
 - Has agricultural land being converted to residential
 - Is offering a Homeowner Maintenance of Septic Systems virtual course
 - BST study done, found 61% of bacteria was from wildlife
 - Working with City of Seguin with their TCEQ NPS grant for decommissioning septic systems