

Lower Prairie Dog Town Fork Red River watershed public meeting set for March 31, 2015 in Memphis

Memphis, TEXAS – The Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board and the Texas Institute for Applied Environmental Research invite residents in the Lower Prairie Dog Town Fork Red River watershed to a public meeting to discuss a water quality project. The meeting will be held in the First Bank and Trust (Bronze Room) located at 501 Main Street, Memphis, Texas 79245. Sign-in will begin at 5:45pm and the meeting will start at 6:00pm.

Lower Prairie Dog Town Fork Red River is within the Red River Basin within Armstrong, Briscoe, Hall and Childress Counties. The waterbody extends from immediately upstream of the confluence of Buck Creek in Hardeman County to the confluence of Salt Creek in Armstrong County. Lower Prairie Dog Town Fork Red River is on the state's list of impaired waters for having bacteria levels that exceed water quality standards for primary contact recreation.

At this meeting, landowners and citizens will have the opportunity to learn about a new project, *Recreational Use Attainability Analysis for One Segment in the Red River Basin and One Water Body in the Sabine River Basin*, which focuses on assessing the level of recreational use occurring in Lower Prairie Dog Town Fork Red River.

Since decisions made about this waterbody 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 state nonpoint source grant to the Texas Institute for Applied Environmental Research.

For more information about the meeting, visit the project website at <http://tiaer.tarleton.edu/ruaa/lower-prairie-dog-town.html> or contact Kalyn Brymer at 254-968-1921 or at brymer@tiaer.tarleton.edu

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