

This is a second notification that the next Stakeholder Committee Organizational Meeting will be held from 6:00 – 10:00 pm on Wed, June 30th, at the Waldorf School, at 8700 South View Rd near US Hwy 290, about 2 miles West of the “Y” in Oak Hill.

The role of the Stakeholder Committee will be to identify concerns that must be addressed in the Regional Water Quality Protection Plan, and to evaluate and reach consensus on the Plan that is produced.

The first in a series of stakeholder meetings was held June 8th. At that meeting eight categories of stakeholder groups were identified. Those eight categories are:

- Concerned Citizens
- Development Interests
- Economic Interests
- Governmental Entities
- Local Environmental Preservation/Good Governance Organizations
- Neighborhood Interests
- Property Owners
- Public Interest Organizations

These stakeholder groups began the process to identify and prioritize issues facing water quality protection for the Barton Springs segment of the Edwards Aquifer and its contributing zone.

At the June 30th meeting this process will continue. Presentations will be given on the Clean Water and Endangered Species Acts, the current legal authority of the political subdivisions in the planning area, and water and sewer platting requirements. Presentations will also be made by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on protection of the Barton Springs Salamander, by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality on the Edwards Aquifer Protection Rules, and by the City of Austin on its watershed protection program. These presentations will help stakeholders better understand the issues and considerations that shape the planning process.

At this meeting, the Stakeholder groups (listed above) will select members to represent their interests on a newly formed Stakeholder Committee, which will work with Naismith Engineering, the consulting firm hired to develop the Water Quality Protection Plan. The Stakeholder Committee will review issues identified by all interest groups and prioritize those to be address as the plan is developed.

Elements of the planning process include:

- Involve the stakeholders in all phases of development of the Water Quality Protection Plan
- Identify the best management techniques for the protection of water quality in the area
- Identify entities that can implement water quality protection measure within the planning area
- Develop model ordinances to implement and enforce water quality protection plans for the area
- Develop a consensus-based Water Quality Protection Plan including best management practices and water quality protection strategies and regional planning tools to protect both surface and ground water quality.

The project area includes the parts of the following political subdivisions: Hays and Travis Counties, the Cities of Austin, Buda, Hays City, Kyle, Mountain City, Rollingwood, Sunset Valley, Village of Bee Cave, Village of Bear Creek, and the Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer and Hays Trinity Conservation Districts.

Participation at this meeting by a broad cross-section of stakeholders from throughout the project area will be vital to ensure that the Stakeholder Committee truly represents the stakeholders who

will be impacted by the outcome of this planning effort. All interested stakeholders are encouraged to attend.

Please circulate this notification to others who have an interest in our efforts. A copy of the Public Notice regarding this meeting is attached for your information.

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