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Press Release

Nolan Creek/South Nolan Creek Partners Meeting

Harker Heights, TX January 20, 2016: The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), the Texas Institute for Applied Environmental Research (TIAER), and Cities of Killeen and Harker Heights cordially invite you to a Nolan Creek Watershed Partnership meeting. The meeting will be held on January 20, 2016 from 6:00pm – 8:00pm, at the Harker Heights Activity Center, Room A located at 400 Indian Trail, Harker Heights TX 76548.

At this meeting you will have an opportunity to hear and provide feedback on an educational and outreach strategy developed to address elevated bacteria concentrations in Nolan Creek. Additionally, steps will be discussed regarding watershed protection planning for the full Nolan Creek/South Nolan Creek watershed, which includes portions of Killeen, Harker Heights, Nolanville, Belton and the Fort Hood Military Reservation.

This meeting is being held because portions of Nolan Creek/South Nolan Creek, Segment 1218, do not meet Texas State surface water quality standards due to elevated bacteria concentrations. These elevated bacteria concentrations put recreational users of the creek at higher risk for gastrointestinal problems if water is ingested when swimming or participating in other such activities. Stakeholder feedback is important, so we ask for your attendance and participation in decisions impacting the water quality of Nolan Creek/South Nolan Creek.

This meeting is being held as part of the project, Assessment of Water Quality and Watershed Based Planning for Nolan Creek/South Nolan Creek, being conducted by TIAER at Tarleton State University. Funding for this project is provided through a Clean Water Act section 319(h) grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency through the TCEQ.

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