

Texas Riparian Association Meeting

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Austin, Texas

February 11, 2015

TRA Business Meeting Agenda

6:00-6:30pm Program

– Welcome and Overview

Board Reports

– Membership Report

– Financial Report

– Landowner Workshop Summary

General Discussion:

- Committees and Goals for 2014
- Discussion of annual meeting dates and possible locations
- Open topics from members

Mission

- The Texas Riparian Association's mission is to improve and enhance the health of water quality and quantity in Texas's streams, by encouraging sustainable and balanced riparian ecosystems for the people and the environment of Texas through the exchange of knowledge and expertise, and the dissemination of information.
- The Texas Riparian Association is a statewide organization dedicated to improving the quality of life in Texas communities, by promoting an appreciation of the benefits of healthy rivers.
- TRA pursues its mission by identifying and filling information needs, and by communicating with professionals in the field of land and water conservation, public officials, landowners, academia, and the people of Texas.

Vision of TRA

- Our vision is that the network of rivers and creeks in Texas is protected and preserved for and by the people of Texas, who recognize and appreciate their reliance on healthy riparian ecosystems for an improved quality of life.
- TRA's vision is that landowners, academics, public agencies and conservationists work together as partners, sharing best practices and knowledge that result in public policy and funding for the preservation and restoration of Texas's water resources, stream habitat and recreational areas.

Organizational Goals:

- **Education Goal:** To promote statewide education on the health of riparian systems.
- **Riparian Management Goal:** To promote actions statewide that conserve, restore, and maintain healthy riparian systems.
- **Research and Demonstration Goal:** To promote research and demonstration projects that foster improved systems.

Meet the TRA Board

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Education and Activities

- Workshops
- Annual Meetings
- Listserve 142
- Website 2,621
- Facebook (287)

TRA New Website

- We have lots of information that we need to upload to the new website to make it accessible.
- Please help us by providing links, reports, research, and projects to put on the website
- Goals:
 - library with lots of riparian related information
 - Educational tools, workshops, and videos
- What else should the website be?
- Anyone interested in helping with the website?

www.texasriparian.org

Texas Riparian Listserv

- The Riparian Listserv was created to encourage the exchange of information on riparian issues among the citizens of Texas. You do not need to be a member of TRA to subscribe. Notices about recent riparian research, conferences, training, and activities are posted daily, along with discussions on riparian related information and issues. TRA member business is generally conducted through a membership list.

- **Subscribe**

To subscribe to the Riparian Listserv, go to

<http://nrt.tamu.edu/courses/texas-riparian/>

Board and Committees

- Board of Directors
- Advisory Council
- Committees
 - Membership Committee
 - Education Committee
 - Newsletter Editor/ Outreach Committee
 - Riparian Management Projects
 - Research and Demonstration
- We need more volunteers –
We need YOU to join us.

Financial Report – Anne Rogers, Treasurer

TRA Annual Meeting 02/11/2015



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Initial account balance as of 12/31/13 - \$8,667.78

Jan 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014 financial activity

| Debits | Payment made to: | Credits | |
|------------|--|---------|-------------|
| \$56.00 | Annual PO Box Rental - 2014 | \$60.00 | Memberships |
| \$32.49 | membership reimbursement to TCEQ | | |
| \$416.00 | Attorney for non-profit formation | | |
| \$5.00 | Agent name change w/ Secretary of State | | |
| \$1,478.70 | TRA annual meeting and social - Landry's San Antonio | | |
| \$15.13 | TRA booth snacks at SW Stream Restoration Conference - San Antonio | | |
| \$58.00 | Annual PO Box Rental - 2015 | | |
| \$2,061.32 | | \$60.00 | |

Account Balance as of February 11, 2015: **\$6,666.46**

Riparian Workshop Summary – Nikki Dictson, President

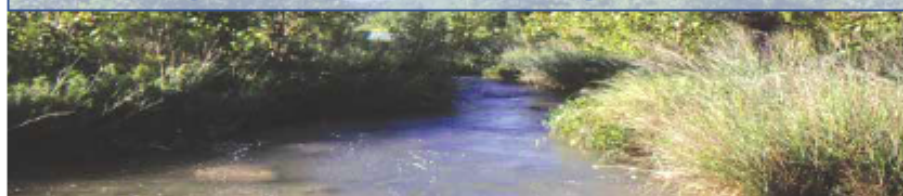
TWRI Riparian & Stream Ecosystem Education Grant

- Texas Water Resources Institute received a Clean Water Act Section 319 Nonpoint Source Grant from the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board and EPA
- Partnership with TPWD, TFS, USDA-NRCS, Nueces River Authority, and TRA
- Funding for 3 years
 - 25 workshops
 - 2 Agency workshops
 - 2 Annual Meetings

Collaborators

- Texas Water Resources Institute
- Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board
- Texas Riparian Association
- Texas A&M Forest Service
- Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
- USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
- Nueces River Authority
- Texas A&M AgriLife Research, Ecosystem Science and Management Department
- Texas Tech University Llano River Field Station

Texas Riparian & Stream Ecosystem Education

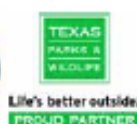


Upper Llano River Watershed Agenda

- 8:00 Meeting Registration
- 8:30 Workshop Introductions – Tom Arsuffi, Llano River Field Station Director
- 8:35 Program Overview, Watershed Management and Water Quality
 - Nikki Dictson, Texas Water Resources Institute
- 9:00 Riparian and Watershed Management Principles
 - Steve Nelle, Retired USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
- 9:45 Stream Processes and Hydrology
 - Gary Garrett, Program Director, Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept.
- 10:30 Break
- 10:45 Riparian Vegetation and Hindrances to Healthy Riparian Areas
 - Steve Nelle, Retired USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
- 11:30 Management Practices and Local Resources
 - Nikki Dictson, Texas Water Resources Institute
- 12:00 Lunch
- 12:15 Lunch time Presentation: Riparian Forestry BMPs
 - Lori Hazel, Texas A&M Forest Service
- 1:15 Watershed Conservation Program and Landowner Incentive Program
 - Joyce Moore, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
- 1:30 Trip to the River for Stream Walk (If large group split into 2 or more groups)
 - Lane's Balance Demonstration Activity
 - Ag. Nonpoint Source Incentive Programs: K. Wright & R. Castro, NRCS
 - Photo Monitoring of stream locations: Dictson, TWRI
- 4:00 Wrap up and Head for Home!

<http://texasriparian.org/> and

<https://www.facebook.com/TexasRiparianAssociation>



Workshops

- Lockhart – Plum Creek Watershed, June 2013
- Temple/Moody – Leon River Watershed, September 2013
- Seguin – Geronimo and Alligator Creek , September 2013
- Junction – Upper Llano River Watershed, October 2013
- College Station – Graduate Course, October 2013
- Junction Pre-conference Workshop – November 2013
- College Station – Carters Creek Watershed – Nov. 21, 2013
- Hallettsville – Lavaca River Basin – February 25, 2014
- Wharton – San Bernard River – March 18, 2014
- Weslaco – Arroyo Colorado River – April 24, 2014
- Mont Belvieu – Cedar Bayou Watershed – May 8, 2014
- Kerrville – Upper Guadalupe River Basin – February 25, 2014
- Hankamer – Double Bayou – September 24, 2014
- Corpus Christie Lower Nueces River/Petronila Creek/ Oso Creek – October 8, 2014
- Azle - Eagle Mountain Lake – October 14, 2014
- Stonewall - Pedernales River – December 5 2014

Upcoming Workshops

- La Marque – Dickinson Bayou – February 27, 2015
- Hamilton – Leon River – March 12, 2015
- Floresville - Upper San Antonio River – April 1, 2014
- Hickory Creek – Denton, May 21, 2014
- 2 Professional Riparian PFC workshops during June
 - 2 day trainings looking at the first and third weeks in June.
 - At least one will be in the Temple/Belton area

Conferences

- TRA Annual Meeting and co-coordinators of SW Stream Restoration Conference in San Antonio, May 2014
- TRA and Society of Ecological Restoration Texas Chapter Joint Meeting in Junction at the Texas Tech University, Llano River Field Station, November 1-2, 2013
- TRA Annual Meeting and co-coordinators of SW Stream Restoration Conference in San Antonio, May 2013
- TRA Annual Meeting October 26-27, 2012



Workshops typically have around 40 -50 attendees but have ranged from 30-80.



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Thank You!