

## Urban Water Federal Partnership Quarterly Meeting Minutes

February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016

San Antonio River Authority

### Summary

With a total of 13 partners and stakeholders in attendance, we were able to recommence quarterly meetings in order to share San Antonio River Basin individual project updates as well as provide EPA Region 6 the opportunity to provide us with regional and national updates.

### Urban Waters National Workshop (Arlington, VA) July 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>

- and Adele Cardenas, who attended previously, held Urban Waters Workshops outlined the benefits of attending the workshop
- Great opportunity to network with other water quality experts and gain insight into innovative projects going on nation wide
- Logistics were discussed (i.e. room and board, travel, representatives of San Antonio Basin)

### Urban Waters Public Participation Workshop

- Importance of public participation when discussing Urban Waters projects
- Discussed the importance of balancing community development and ecosystem
- Asking potential attendees what they would like to see or see discussed during the workshop
- Logistics were discussed (i.e. location, time, date, number of attendees, agenda, invitations)

### Location Updates

- Extending San Antonio Mission trails down to Brooks City Base
- Olmos Creek Project vegetation assessment close to completion
- Grand opening of Westside Creeks with possible media participation
- Menger Creek draining project has commenced
- Salado Linear walkway is set to extend into Ft. Hood and Parks is looking to attain additional funds for extension of various linear walkways
- Representative for SAWS was not present to provide update

### Other Talking Points

- Steve Graham discussed the importance of government lead urban waters projects to locally lead ones (i.e. citizen groups, NGO's)
- Discussed the idea of scheduling a regional meeting or webinar where all Urban Waters locations in EPA region 6 can meet and/or share ideas/updates
- Office of Research and Development (ORD) is looking to fund research assistants for water Quality Projects (RESES)
  - o Cincinnati water and waste water
  - o Best practices for decommissioned plants, similar to ones in Southside San Antonio

- How can UW Partnership enhance San Antonio Tomorrow 20/20 Comprehensive Plan ?
- Potential National Fish and Wildlife Environmental Education Workshop in Houston