

**Meeting Summary of the Arroyo Colorado Habitat Restoration Workgroup of the  
Arroyo Colorado Watershed Steering Committee  
Texas A&M University Kingsville – Citrus Center  
August 4, 2005**

**ATTENDING WORKGROUP COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Laura De La Garza – Arroyo Colorado Watershed Coordinator

Kay Jenkins – TPWD State Parks

Randy Blankinship – Coastal Fisheries

Olivia Gomez – TPWD Coastal Fisheries

Roger Miranda - TCEQ

Earlene Lambeth – TCEQ

Michael Weeks – TPWD Coastal Fisheries

Tom Heger – TPWD Inland Fisheries

Peggy Glass – Alan Plummer Associates

Mary Lou Campbell – Sierra Club

Tim Noack – Alan Plummer Associates

Steve Stecker – Cresco Consulting, Inc.

Kim Jones – Texas A&M Kingsville

James Matz – Valley Proud

Paul Bergh – C.S.A.C.

Chris Anzaldua – IBWC

Neil Haman – TWDB

Loretta Mokry – Alan Plummer & Associates

John Jacob – Texas Sea Grant

Rick Ledesne – Landowner

Ronnie Ramirez – TSSWCB

**CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS**

Kay Jenkins (TPWD) opened the sixth meeting of the Habitat Restoration Workgroup meeting held in Weslaco on August 4, 2005. The workgroup members in attendance introduced themselves. Copies of the April 14, 2005 meeting summary and of the draft outline for the habitat components of the Watershed Protection Plan were made available to attendees.

Kay Jenkins introduced Dr. Peggy Glass, Tim Noack and Loretta Mokry with Alan Plummer & Associates and Steve Stecker with Cresco Consulting Co. who are under contract with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to conduct the feasibility study to assist the Habitat Workgroup in developing the habitat components of the Watershed Protection Plan.

## **AGENDA ITEMS**

### Subcommittee Reports

Tom Heger, Olivia Gomez, and Randy Blankinship provided brief updates on the work of the Inland, Historical and Coastal Subcommittees. Tom reported on the Inland Subcommittee's field trip on May 23 and 24, 2005 to visit existing wetlands and drainage ditches within the Arroyo Colorado watershed. Meeting attendees agreed that a paddling trip on the Arroyo Colorado in the fall would be helpful in understanding the opportunities and constraints for habitat restoration along the Arroyo.

### Habitat Restoration Plan Development

Peggy Glass, Loretta Mokry and Tim Noack presented to the workgroup a brief synopsis of how they intend to conduct the feasibility study and their timeline for completing the study. They stated that at the next Habitat Workgroup meeting they would present many potential project designs and ideas and would request that the workgroup members narrow the choices down to ten options for them to focus on for the rest of the study.

Kay Jenkins asked the workgroup to review and comment on the draft outline that she prepared for the habitat component of the Arroyo Colorado Watershed Protection Plan. The outline contained ten major sections. The workgroup spent the remainder of the workgroup meeting time refining the outline.

## **CLOSURE**

Expectations for the next meeting are to have a presentation by Alan Plummer & Associates on potential project ideas for habitat improvement on the Arroyo Colorado and to further refine the habitat components. The next meeting is expected to be held in October 2005.