San Marcos River Task Force Charge

The objective of the San Marcos River Task Force is to bring together a broad spectrum of stakeholders to provide perspective to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and Commission regarding the issues associated with recreational river use on the San Marcos River from the bridge at County Road 101 to Scull Crossing. This 3.6 mile river segment flows through Hays, Caldwell, and Guadalupe Counties. Specifically, the task force is charged with studying and making recommendations concerning how to control illegal behavior, improve public safety, safeguard private property rights, and conserve environmental quality and the natural state in this segment of the San Marcos River.

Task Force Chairman: Texas Parks & Wildlife Commissioner Bill Jones

Task Force Staff Liaison: Melissa Parker (512.754.6844, extension 235; melissa.parker@tpwd.texas.gov)

Letters of Invitation were sent to the following potential Task Force Members on January 20th, 2016. Invitees were asked to respond within two weeks:

Ms. Virginia Condie, San Marcos River Landowner

Ms. Dianne Wassenich, San Marcos River Foundation

Mr. John Doner, San Marcos River Landowner

Mr. Bill West, General Manager, Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority

The Honorable Kyle Kutscher, Judge of the Guadalupe County Court

The Honorable Ben Schawe, Judge of the Caldwell County Court

The Honorable Bert Cobb, Judge of the Hays County Court

Sheriff Gary Cutler, Hays County Sheriff's Office

Sheriff Daniel Law, Caldwell County Sheriff's Office

Sheriff Arnold Zwicke, Guadalupe County Sheriff's Office

The Honorable Randy Bunker, Mayor of Martindale

Mr. Don Nelle, Owner, Don's Fish Camp

Mr. Rocco Moses, Owner, Texas State Tubes

Mr. Tom Goynes, Owner, San Marcos River Retreat

Dr. Andrew Sansom, Executive Director, The Meadows Center for Water and the Environment

Mr. Tom Spilman, Executive Vice President, Wholesale Beer Distributors

Mr. Mike Dussere, General Manager, Water Oriented Recreation District of Comal County

Mr. David Teel, President/CEO, Texas Travel Industry Association

Ms. Sherry Cook, Executive Director, Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission

Ms. Lauren Stotler, President of the Student Body, Texas State University

Mr. Joe Riddell, Attorney

Mr. Russell Husted, President, Texas Council of the International Federation of Flyfishers

Mr. David Yeates, Chief Executive Officer, Texas Wildlife Association

Legislative Offices Invited to Participate/Send a Delegate/Receive Notifications of Task Force Progress:

The Honorable Charles Perry, Texas Senate

The Honorable Judith Zaffirini, Texas Senate

The Honorable Brandon Creighton, Texas Senate

The Honorable Bob Hall, Texas Senate

The Honorable Juan "Chuy" Hinojosa, Texas Senate

The Honorable Lois W. Kolkhorst, Texas Senate

The Honorable Jose R. Rodriguez, Texas Senate

The Honorable Donna Campbell, M.D., Texas Senate

The Honorable Ryan Guillen, Texas House of Representatives

The Honorable Dawnna M. Dukes, Texas House of Representatives

The Honorable John Frullo, Texas House of Representatives

The Honorable Lyle Larson, Jr., Texas House of Representatives

The Honorable Marisa Marquez, Texas House of Representatives

The Honorable Andrew Murr, Texas House of Representatives

The Honorable John Kuempel, Texas House of Representatives

The Honorable Jason Isaac, Texas House of Representatives

The Honorable Wayne Smith, Texas House of Representatives

The Honorable John Cyrier, Texas House of Representatives