

**EARIP ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION SUBCOMMITTEE
ACTIVITY SUMMARY
August 13, 2009**

The EARIP Ecosystem Restoration Subcommittee met on July 29, 2009 at Landa Park for a tour of the Comal River. Chad Norris (TPWD), Melanie Howard (City of San Marcos), Nathan Pence (City of New Braunfels), and Cindy Loeffler (TPWD) attended the tour. Also in attendance were Patrick Connor (USFWS) and Micaela Walker (EARIP). On July 30, 2009 at New Braunfels City Hall the Ecosystem Restoration Subcommittee met for the regularly scheduled meeting. Voting members in attendance were Chad Norris (TPWD), Todd Votteler (GBRA), Ken Diehl (SAWS), Nathan Pence (City of New Braunfels), and Melanie Howard (City of San Marcos); Non-voting members in attendance were Evan Horning (USGS), Patrick Connor (USFWS), Mara Alexander (USFWS), and Catherine Phillips (USFWS). Micaela Walker (EARIP/IRNR), Dianne Wassenich (SMRF), Blair Brown (Raven Star Outdoor Ed), Woody Allen (citizen), and Cheryl Gilpin (citizen) also attended.

- Nathan Pence conducted a tour of Landa Park, Landa Lake, and the Comal River for the Subcommittee. Attending Subcommittee members familiarized themselves with the area and identified numerous possible restoration activities.
- At the July 30th meeting the Subcommittee established a timeline to complete the report that is to be submitted to the Steering Committee. The Subcommittee took an aggressive approach and has committed to finishing the report by the end of December 2009. The deadline given to the Subcommittee by the EARIP was March 2010, so it was acknowledged that there is some extra time should some tasks take longer than expected.
- The Subcommittee set Restoration Categories that closely mirror the categories being used by the San Marcos Restoration Group.
- The Subcommittee finalized the letter to be sent out to appropriate members of the science community soliciting potential restoration actions and set a deadline for submittals as September 14, 2009. Discussion also occurred as to the members of the science community that need to be personally engaged.
- The Subcommittee reviewed and discussed the identified restoration actions from the tour of the Comal system.

The next two meetings of the Ecosystem Restoration Subcommittee will be on 8/27/2009 and 9/29/2009, both at New Braunfels City Hall, Conference Room B, starting at 10am.