

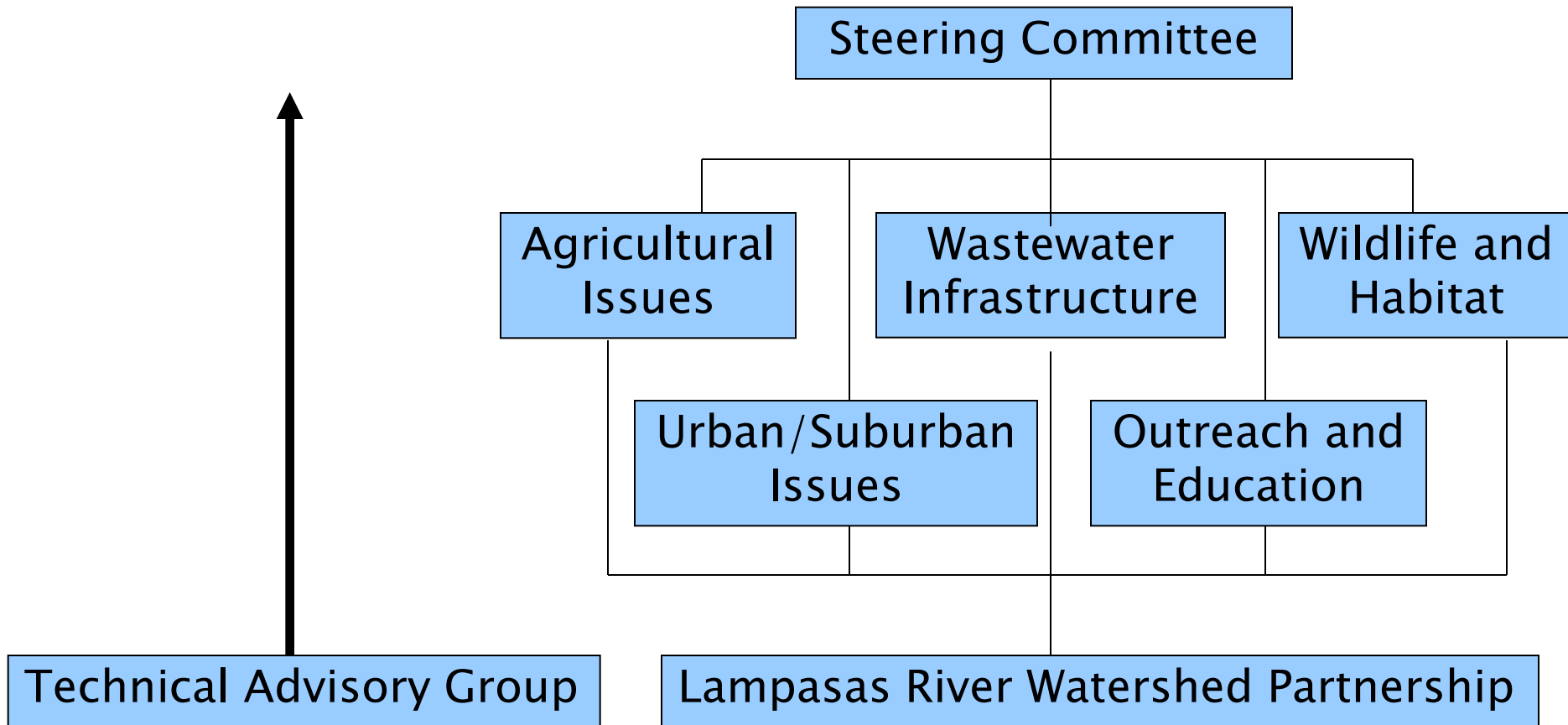
Lampasas River Watershed Partnership Roles and Ground Rules

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Goals of the Lampasas River Watershed Partnership

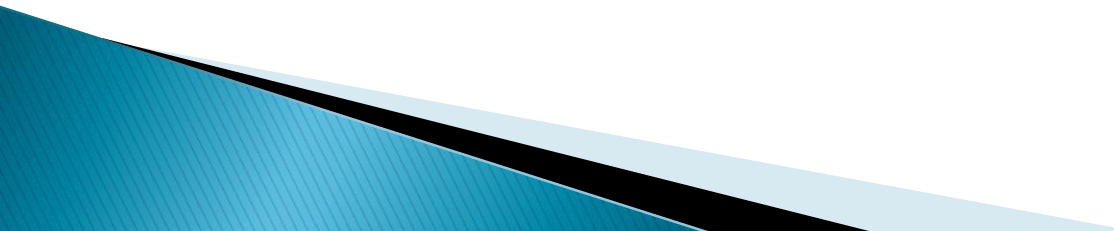
- ▶ Develop and implement a WPP to improve, protect, and meet water quality goals set by the LRWP and that supports statewide efforts to meet “swimmable and fishable” designated uses.
- ▶ Lampasas River Watershed Partnership will consider the following in the development and implementation of the WPP:
 - Economic feasibility, affordability and growth;
 - Unique environmental resources of the watershed;
 - Regional water planning efforts; and Regional cooperation.

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Lampasas River Watershed Partnership Roles

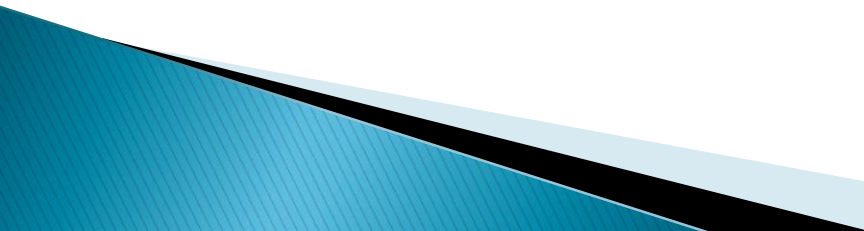
Time Frame

- ▶ Development of WPP will require at least a 12-month commitment with an October 2010 target date to complete the development of the WPP
 - ▶ The Lampasas River Watershed Partnership will function throughout the 12-month development period and will implement recommendations listed in the WPP
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Steering Committee

- ▶ Steering Committee is the decision making body for the Partnership
- ▶ Members include both individuals and representatives of organizations and agencies.
- ▶ Membership shall achieve geographic and topical representation
- ▶ Members will identify and present insights, suggestions, and concerns from a community, environmental, or public interest perspective
- ▶ Members are expected to work constructively and collaboratively with other members toward reaching consensus
- ▶ Committee members will be expected to assist with the following:
 - Identify the desired water quality conditions and measurable goals
 - Prioritization of programs and practices to achieve goals
 - Help develop a WPP document
 - Lead the effort to implement this plan at the local level
 - Communicate implications of the WPP to other affected parties in the watershed
- ▶ Members will be asked to sign the final WPP
- ▶ Steering Committee will not elect a chair, but remain a facilitated group
- ▶ Steering Committee has discretion to form standing and ad hoc work groups to carry out specific assignments from the Steering Committee

Steering Committee Membership Selection

- ▶ Steering Committee is composed of stakeholders from the Lampasas River watershed
 - ▶ Solicitation of members was conducted using three methods:
 - consultation with the Texas AgriLife Extension Service County Agents, area Soil and Water Conservation Districts and local and regional governments,
 - meetings with the various stakeholder interest groups and individuals, and
 - self-nomination or requests by the various stakeholder groups or individuals.
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Work Groups

- ▶ Topical work groups formed by the Steering Committee will carry out specific assignments from the Steering Committee
- ▶ Recommended standing Work Groups are:
 - Wastewater Infrastructure
 - Agricultural Issues
 - Habitat and Wildlife
 - Urban/ Suburban Issues
 - Outreach and Education
- ▶ Each work group will be composed of a minimum of 1 Steering Committee member and any other members of the Partnership with a vested interest in that topic
- ▶ There is no limit to the number of members on a Work Group
- ▶ Work Group members will discuss specific issues and assist in developing that portion of the WPP, including implementation recommendations
- ▶ Work Groups and individual Work Group members are not authorized to make decisions or speak for the Steering Committee

Technical Advisory Group

- ▶ Technical Advisory Group (TAG) consisting of state and federal agencies with water quality responsibilities will provide guidance to the Steering Committee and Work Groups.
- ▶ TAG will assist the Steering Committee and Work Groups in WPP development by answering questions related to the jurisdiction of each TAG member.
- ▶ TAG includes, but is not limited to, representatives from the following agencies:
 - Railroad Commission of Texas
 - Texas AgriLife Extension Service
 - Texas AgriLife Research
 - Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
 - Texas Department of Agriculture
 - Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
 - Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board
 - Texas Water Development Board
 - US Environmental Protection Agency
 - US Geological Survey
 - USDA Farm Service Agency
 - USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service

Watershed Coordinator

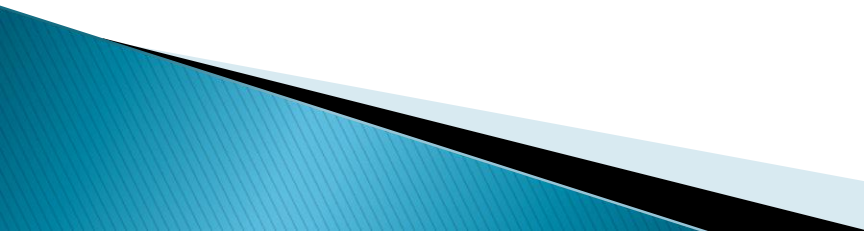
- ▶ Watershed Coordinator provides technical assistance to the stakeholders in development the Lampasas River WPP
- ▶ Watershed Coordinator will:
 - ensure the planning process culminates in a WPP for the Lampasas River,
 - work with the TSSWCB, Steering Committee, Work Groups and other partners to facilitate the development and implementation of the WPP
- ▶ Will work with Steering Committee and Work Groups:
 - to prepare meeting summaries
 - assist in the location and/or preparation of background materials and the distribution of documents developed by the Steering Committee
- ▶ conducts public outreach, moderates public workshops, and provides assistance to the Steering Committee members regarding Committee business between meetings
- ▶ Will draft text and prepare the WPP with the assistance of the Technical Coordinator so that it incorporates the Steering Committee recommendations and ensure that the Lampasas River WPP satisfies the 9 elements fundamental to a potentially successful WPP as described by the US Environmental Protection Agency

Technical Coordinator

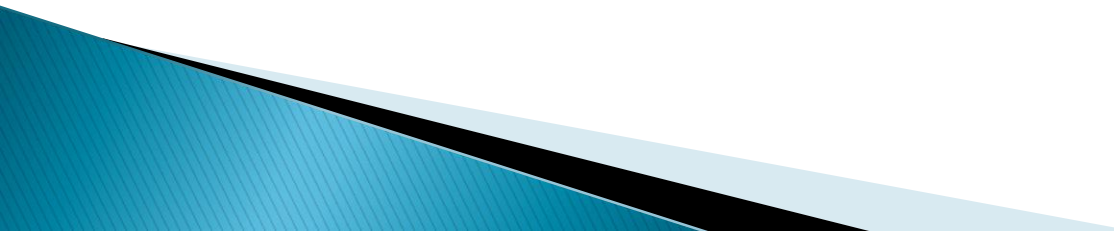
- ▶ Ensure all scientific/ technical aspects of the WPP process are carried out satisfactorily:
 - Develop load duration curves
 - Conduct a watershed inventory and geographic analysis of land use influencing bacteria migration and other nonpoint source pollution
 - Utilize the Spatially Explicit Load Enrichment Calculation Tool (SELECT) for analysis of the Lampasas River watershed
 - Develop, organize and present technical materials and analyses at Steering Committee and Work Group meetings
- ▶ Present this information to the Steering Committee and appropriate Work Groups
- ▶ Will collaborate with Watershed Coordinator, TSSWCB, Steering Committee and Work Groups and other partners to facilitate the development and implementation of the WPP

Lampasas River Watershed Partnership Ground Rules

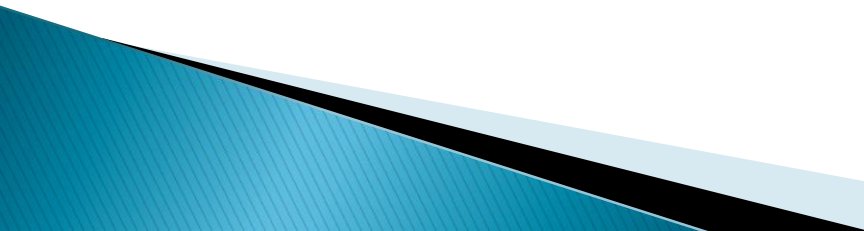
Replacement and Additions

- ▶ The Steering Committee may add new members if:
 - A member is unable to continue serving and a vacancy is created
 - Important stakeholder interests are identified that are not represented by the existing membership
 - ▶ New members must be approved by a majority of existing members
 - ▶ Steering Committee will, when practical, accept additional members
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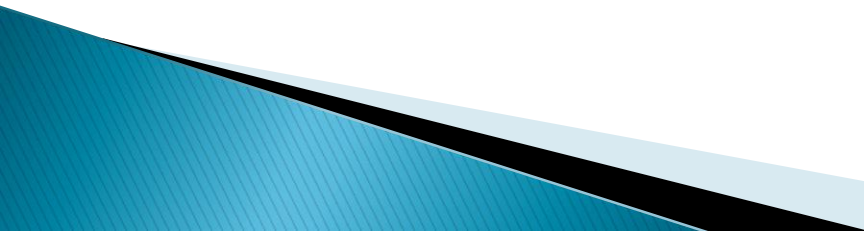
Absences

- ▶ All Steering Committee members agree to make a good faith effort to attend all Steering Committee meetings, however, the members recognize that situations may arise necessitating the absence of a member
 - ▶ Three absences in a row of which the facilitator was not informed of beforehand or without designation of an alternate constitute a resignation from the Steering Committee
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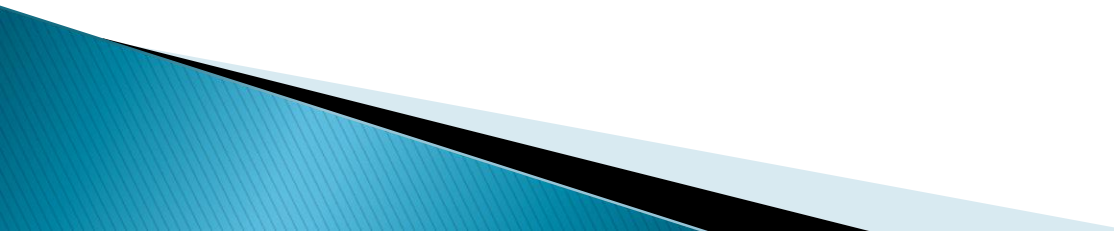
Alternates

- ▶ Members unable to attend a Steering Committee meeting (an absentee) may send an alternate
 - ▶ Absentee should provide advance notification to the facilitator of the desire to send an alternate
 - ▶ Alternates with prior notification from an absentee will serve as a proxy for that absent Steering Committee member and will have voting privileges
 - ▶ Alternates without advance notification will not be able to participate in Steering Committee votes
 - ▶ Absentees may also provide input via another Steering Committee member or send input via the facilitator
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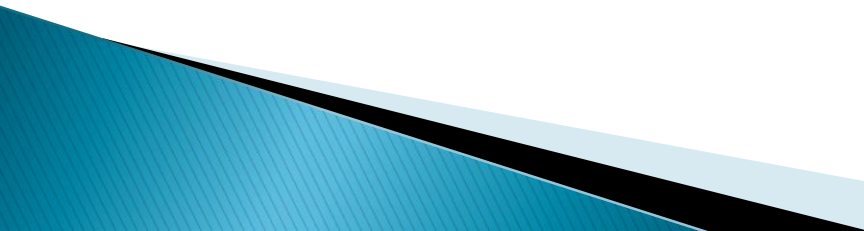
Decision-Making Process

- ▶ Steering Committee will strive for consensus when making decisions and recommendations
 - Consensus is defined as everyone being able to live with the decisions made
 - Consensus inherently requires compromise and negotiation
 - ▶ If consensus cannot be achieved, the Steering Committee will make decisions by a majority vote
 - ▶ Formal recommendations will be made by two-thirds majority vote
 - ▶ Steering Committee members may submit recommendations as individuals or on behalf of their affiliated organization
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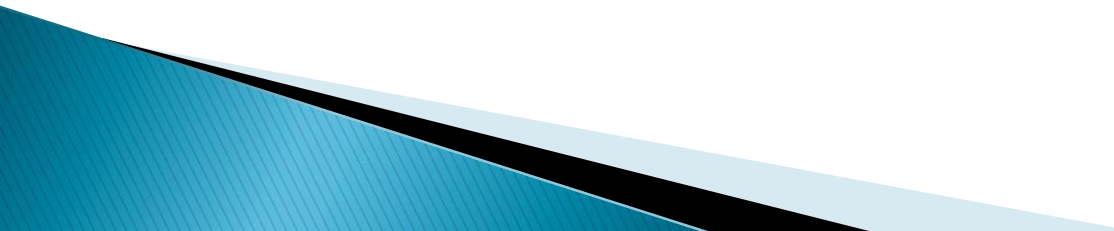
Quorum

- ▶ In order to conduct business, the Steering Committee will have a quorum
 - ▶ Quorum is defined as at least 51% of the Steering Committee (and/or alternates) present and a representative of either AgriLife or the TSSWCB present
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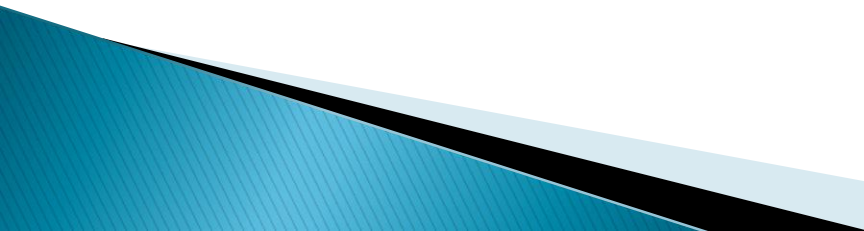
Meetings

- ▶ All meetings are open and all interested stakeholders are encouraged and welcomed to participate
 - ▶ Over the 12-month development period, regular meetings of either the Steering Committee or Work Groups will occur each month
 - ▶ Steering Committee may determine the need for additional meetings
 - ▶ Steering Committee and Work Group meetings will be scheduled to accomplish specific milestones in the planning process
 - ▶ Meetings will start and end on time
 - ▶ Meeting times will be set in an effort to accommodate the attendance of all Steering Committee members
 - ▶ AgriLife will notify members of the Partnership, Steering Committee, and Work Groups of respective meetings
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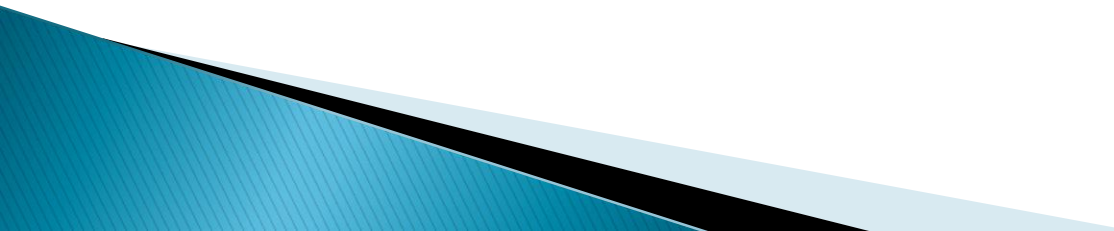
Open Discussion

- ▶ Participants may express their views candidly, but without personal attacks
 - ▶ Time is shared because all participants are of equal importance
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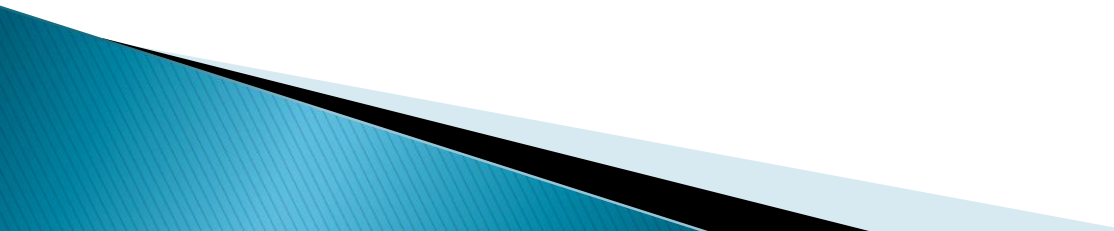
Agenda

- ▶ AgriLife and the TSSWCB, in consultation with Steering Committee members will develop the agenda
 - ▶ Anticipated topics are determined at the previous meeting and through correspondence
 - ▶ Draft agenda will be sent to the Steering Committee with notice of the meeting
 - ▶ Agendas will be posted on the project website
 - ▶ Agenda items may be added by members at the time that the draft agenda is provided
 - ▶ Watershed Coordinator will review agenda at start of each meeting and agenda will be amended if needed and the Steering Committee agrees
 - ▶ The Steering Committee will follow the approved agenda unless they agree to revise it
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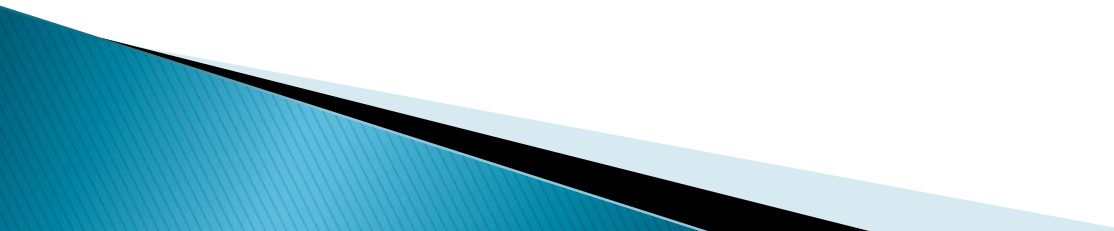
Meeting Summaries

- ▶ AgriLife will take notes during the meetings and may conduct audio recording (for the sole purpose of note taking)
 - ▶ Meeting summaries will be based on notes and/or the recording
 - ▶ AgriLife and the TSSWCB will draft meeting notes and distribute them to the Steering Committee for their review and approval.
 - ▶ All meeting summaries will be posted on the project website
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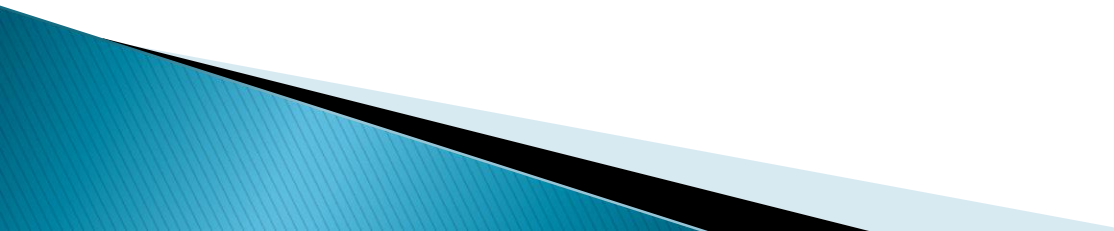
Distribution of Materials

- ▶ AgriLife and the TSSWCB will prepare and distribute the agenda and other needed items to the Partnership.
 - ▶ Distribution will occur via email and website, unless expressly asked to use U.S. Mail (i.e. member has no email access).
 - ▶ To encourage equal sharing of information, materials will be made available to all.
 - ▶ Those who wish to distribute materials to the Steering Committee or a Work Group may ask AgriLife or the TSSWCB to do so on their behalf.
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Speaking in the Name of the Committee

- ▶ Individuals do not speak for the Steering Committee as a whole unless authorized by the Committee to do so.
 - ▶ Members do not speak for AgriLife or the TSSWCB and neither AgriLife nor the TSSWCB speak for Steering Committee members.
 - ▶ If Committee spokespersons are needed, they will be selected by the Steering Committee.
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Development and Revision of Ground Rules

- ▶ Drafted by AgriLife and the TSSWCB and presented to the Steering Committee for their review, possible revision, and adoption
 - ▶ Once adopted, ground rules may be changed by two-thirds majority vote provided a quorum is present
 - ▶ Ground rules become effective once agreed upon and signed by all members of the Lampasas River Watershed Partnership Steering Committee
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Steering Committee Member Nominees – Upper Watershed

Member	Background	Location
Bettie Black	Rancher, Business Owner, Teacher	Star
Dickie Clary	Hamilton Co Commissioner, Farmer, Rancher	Hamilton
Jed Garren	Mills Co Commissioner, Farmer, Rancher	Goldthwaite
Chris Meis	Rancher, Southwest Hamilton Wildlife Management Association, Commercial landscape contractor	Evant
Rodney Parrish	Farmer, Rancher	Evant

Steering Committee Member Nominees – Middle Watershed

Member	Background	Location
Mickey Edwards	Rancher, Educator	Lampasas
Travis Herring	Rancher, Hill Country SWCD #534	Lometa
Ed Lilley	Landowner, Master Naturalist	Lampasas
Danny Stephens	OMI Wastewater Treatment Operator	Lampasas
Michael Stoldt	Lampasas City Manager	Lampasas
Henry Stoneham	Landowner	Lampasas

Steering Committee Member Nominees – Lower Watershed

Member	Background	Location
Jenna Barrett	Brazos River Authority	Lampasas River Watershed
Joan Kelley	Keep Killeen Beautiful, Lake Stillhouse Cleanwater Steering Committee	Killeen
Kristina Ramirez	City of Killeen Engineer – Drainage Dept, Certified Floodplain Manager	Killeen
Woody Ray	Veterinarian, Rancher	Killeen
Judy Parker	Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District, Landowner	Killeen
Bradley Ware	Rancher, Landowner	Ding Dong

Questions or Comments???

