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PUBLIC WORKSHOP PLANNED TO DISCUSS CONCESSIONS ON THE SAN ANTONIO RIVER MISSION REACH

SAN ANTONIO Later this summer, the first phase of the Mission Reach Ecosystem Restoration and Recreation Project will be opened to the public. In order to maximize Bexar County's investment in the \$241 million Mission Reach Project, the San Antonio River Authority (SARA) is creating a master plan for concessions to be offered along the Mission Reach when the project is complete. In order to gather public input on the concessions that are offered, SARA will be holding a public workshop on Thursday, June 24. All interested citizens are invited to attend this meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the SARA Board Room located at 100 E. Guenther Street in San Antonio.

"The Mission Reach project has been significantly enhanced with the recreational features added to the project through the Bexar County funding and visitor tax," said Suzanne Scott, General Manager of the San Antonio River Authority. "Our goal is for the concessions offered on the Mission Reach to compliment these recreational features."

So far, options such as kayak and canoe rentals, bike rentals and beverage stands have been discussed. However, SARA is interested in obtaining a broad range of ideas in order to create a complete and comprehensive plan for concessions on the Mission Reach. Input collected at this meeting will be used to create a master plan for concessions on the Mission Reach. The master plan will indicate what types of concessions will be offered and where they will be located.

The Mission Reach Ecosystem Restoration and Recreation Project is transforming an eight mile stretch of the San Antonio River into a quality riparian woodland ecosystem. The Mission Reach project is being primarily funded by Bexar County, with additional funding from the City of San Antonio, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and the San Antonio River Foundation. SARA is overseeing construction on the project and will oversee operations, maintenance, and concessions when the project is complete. For more information about this project please visit www.sanantonioriver.org.

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