
Pecos River Basin Assessment Program

April 2006 Stakeholder Meetings Summary



In April of 2006, the Pecos River Basin Assessment Program (PRBAP) and Pecos Valley Resource Conservation and Development hosted a series of stakeholder meetings in selected communities located in the Pecos River watershed in Texas. Press releases in local newspapers and direct mailings to landowners were used to invite stakeholders and the general public to attend any or all of the meetings. The purpose of the meetings was to solicit input regarding stakeholders' views on what the most important issues are for the Pecos River in Texas. The information gathered will be incorporated into a Watershed Protection Plan for the Texas section of the Pecos River, to be drafted as part of the PRBAP.

The meetings were held in Mentone, TX, Imperial, TX, Independence Creek Nature Preserve near Sheffield, TX, and Iraan, TX. Attendances were 7, 18, 17 and 31, respectively. All attendees were given an opportunity to voice specific issues of concern, which were then written down by the meeting facilitator. Attendees were then asked to rank the issues in order of importance based on the number values of 1 through 4, with 4 being of the highest priority. Meeting specific and total point values for all four meetings are listed in the following table. Overall, the three decidedly highest ranking issues of concern were Brush Control, Private Property Rights, and Water Quality.

Point totals as ranked by stakeholders for issues facing the Pecos River in Texas

	Mentone	Imperial	Sheffield	Iraan	Total	%
Brush Control	3	42	44	29	118	22.7
Private Property Rights	1	10	54	45	110	21.2
Water Quality (salinity)	27	23	15	26	91	17.5
Education	1	23		22	46	8.8
Water Quantity	8		26	8	42	8.1
Funding for projects		13		6	19	3.7
Loss of water rights to New Mexico	15				15	2.9
Water marketing to other areas of the state			11	3	14	2.7
Low population should not equal low priority	12				12	2.3
Let natural processes work			11		11	2.1
Standing dead saltcedar		10			10	1.9
Development - platted subdivisions			7		7	1.3
Government regulation		4		3	7	1.3
Revegetation		6			6	1.2
Recreation	3			2	5	1.0
Wildlife			3		3	0.6
Riparian management				3	3	0.6
Negative impacts of dams		1			1	0.2