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SAN ANTONIO RIVER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT CELEBRATES GRAND OPENING OF MISSION REACH PHASE 1 AND 2

- WHAT:** San Antonio River Improvements Project (SARIP) Mission Reach Ecosystem Restoration and Recreation Project Grand Opening of Phase 1 and 2.
- WHO:** Ken Salazar, Secretary of the Interior
Nelson Wolff, Bexar County Judge
Colonel Richard J. Muraski, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Sergio "Chico" Rodriguez, Bexar County Commissioner, Pct. 1
Jennifer Ramos, City Council, District 3
Gaylon Oehlke, Chairman of the San Antonio River Authority
Nick Hollis, Chairman of the San Antonio River Foundation
Lila Cockrell & Irby Hightower, Co-Chairs, River Oversight Committee
- WHEN:** Saturday, June 25, 2010
10:00 a.m. Ceremonial blessing given by local Native American groups
10:15 a.m. Mariachis to provide opening entertainment
10:30 a.m. Media availability for above listed speakers except Secretary Salazar
10:45 a.m. Opening Ceremony
11:45 a.m. Media availability for Secretary Salazar
12:00 p.m. Entertainment and educational activities along Phase 1 and 2
- WHERE:** Theo Ave. bridge over the San Antonio River
- PHOTO OP:** Grand Opening Ceremony will close with a "reconnection" of the San Antonio River to its native ecosystem, historical/cultural roots and to the community. Media will have a riser for elevated view of remarks and photo op. Riser area will contain a mult-box for media use.
- NOTES:** SARIP is a \$358.3 million investment by Bexar County, City of San Antonio, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, San Antonio River Authority, and San Antonio River Foundation and will work to ensure flood control, amenities, ecosystem restoration and recreational improvements to the San Antonio River. More information about the project and the grand opening festivities can be found at www.sanantonioriver.org.