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COMMUNITY IS INVITED TO ESCONDIDO CREEK PARKWAY GROUNDBREAKING HOLIDAY EVENT

Groundbreaking scheduled for December 20 in Kenedy

KENEDY, TX – The San Antonio River Authority has partnered with the City of Kenedy, the Kenedy 4B Corporation and the Kenedy Chamber of Commerce for the design and construction of the Escondido Creek Parkway in Karnes County. A groundbreaking holiday event will take place on Thursday, December 20, 2018 at 1:30 p.m. in Kenedy. Holiday treats will be provided by H-E-B.

“We invite the community to join us on Thursday to celebrate the groundbreaking of the Escondido Creek Parkway,” said Gaylon Oehlke, San Antonio River Authority Board Director for Karnes County and Chairman of the Oversight Committee. “The parkway will provide recreation opportunities and a gathering place for community members to enjoy being together near the creek. We are excited to celebrate this gift for the community and want to thank all of the entities and individuals who have donated to the parkway.”

The parkway will have hike and bike trails, a playground, a pavilion, a splash pad and more for community members of all ages to enjoy. The groundbreaking holiday celebration will take place at the project site, and parking will be available at the intersection of Craig Street and Main Street in downtown Kenedy. Shuttles will be provided from the parking lot to the event beginning at 1 p.m.

In the spirit of holiday giving, donations will be accepted for the Toys for Karnes County Tots program and the Karnes County Christian Thrift Center. Attendees are invited to bring toys and canned food to support these local charities this holiday season.

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The River Authority is committed to protecting and enhancing local creeks and rivers. The Escondido Creek Parkway will expand the River Authority's nature-based parks in its four-county jurisdiction and will offer opportunities for community members from throughout the watershed to enjoy Escondido Creek in addition to the other parks in Bexar, Wilson and Goliad counties.

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The San Antonio River Authority was created by the 45th Texas Legislature on May 5, 1937 and reorganized in 1961 to plan, manage and implement water-related programs and projects within the San Antonio River Basin. The State of Texas empowered the River Authority to preserve, protect and manage the resources and the ecology of the San Antonio River and its tributaries. To learn more about the River Authority, visit our website at www.sara-tx.org.