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SARA ANNOUNCES FIFTH ANNUAL ENVIRONMENTAL FILM FEST IN HONOR OF NATIONAL RIVERS MONTH

Free Festival to Feature 3rd Annual Watershed Wise Awards Video Ceremony in Addition to National and International Short Films

(SAN ANTONIO) – The San Antonio River Authority (SARA) announced today it will host the agency's 5th Annual Environmental Film Fest to help commemorate National Rivers Month in June. The festival will take place June 12 at Santikos Palladium from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. This is a free event; however, seating is limited on a first come, first serve basis.

SARA is partnering once again with the South Yuba River Citizens League Annual [Wild & Scenic® Film Festival](#) to feature national and international short films about topics such as nature, adventure, wildlife, environmental justice, and conservation. The festival will also feature the screening of SARA's 3rd Annual Watershed Wise Awards video ceremony. The video awards ceremony will recognize individuals and organizations from Bexar, Wilson, Karnes, and Goliad counties who have helped raise awareness of watershed issues relevant to SARA's vision and mission of "inspiring actions for healthy creeks and rivers" and to "protect and enhance our creeks and rivers through service, leadership and expertise" during 2017-2018. A list of the winners can be found on the [Watershed Wise](#) section of SARA's website.

"Our goal with the annual Environmental Film Fest is to help raise awareness of the beauty and recreational enjoyment that rivers provide as well as the threats and challenges they face. We believe the featured films will inspire actions locally to protect and preserve our local creeks and river resources, said SARA's General Manager Suzanne Scott. "The annual Watershed Wise Awards presented during the film festival allow us to bring a local focus to individuals and organizations that are doing amazing work to improve our watershed for future generations."

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In addition to the film screenings, the public will get a chance to visit informational tables from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. to learn about SARA, the Wild & Scenic Film Festival sponsors and the [San Antonio River Foundation](#). Attendees will also receive free popcorn and drinks while supplies last and can also enter a raffle to win prizes from the national sponsors of the Wild & Scenic Film Festival. For more information about the film fest and to view the full schedule of screenings, visit www.sara-tx.org.

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The San Antonio River Authority (SARA) 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 Watershed. The State of Texas empowered SARA to preserve, protect and manage the resources and the ecology of the San Antonio River and its tributaries. To learn more about the SARA, visit our website at www.sara-tx.org.