

# Llano River Watershed Alliance WATERSHED WEEK IN REVIEW

January 31, 2016



## The Hill Country has 27 new water quality monitors

Team of monitors can now help identify water quality problems in our rivers before they become significant

The Llano River Field Station hosted Texas Stream Team Training yesterday at their campus in Junction. The training is sponsored by Texas Stream Team at the Meadows Center for Water and the Environment at Texas State University.

The newly trained water quality monitors came from Junction, Mason, Llano, Fredericksburg, Kerrville, Comfort and Spring Branch as private individuals and members of Texas Master Naturalist, Llano EcoWeb, Hill Country Fly Fishers, Fredericksburg Fly Fishers, Cibolo Nature Center, Real Edwards Conservation & Reclamation District and Llano River Watershed Alliance.



## Alliance and City of Junction respond quickly to sewage spill



Ironically, a few days before the Texas Stream Team training at Texas Tech Junction, members of the Llano River Watershed Alliance hiking just downstream of the junction of the North and South Llano Rivers, observed pools of algae-covered water along the Llano River near the Interstate-10 Bridge.



Upon notifying the City, Junction Mayor Russell Hammonds and the City's Water and Wastewater Superintendent investigated the report and discovered that the sanitary sewer line coming from a local motel had become disconnected from the City Lift Station serving the motel.



Utilizing a Local Disaster Declaration and Order (see page 3), the City Water and Wastewater Superintendent was directed to terminate water and wastewater services to the motel property to prevent any further threat to public health and safety resulting from the spill.

At this time, we do not know of this situation's current status, but the Alliance greatly appreciates the City's prompt response to the matter.

**CITY OF JUNCTION, TEXAS**

**LOCAL DISASTER DECLARATION AND ORDER**

**WHEREAS**, the CITY OF JUNCTION as of January 22, 2016 has suffered, or there is imminent threat of suffering, widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property resulting from a sanitary sewer discharge from the lift station servicing the Days Inn (a/k/a Econo Lodge) (the "Property") located at 111 Martinez Street in the City Junction (the "City"), which discharge is flowing directly into and contaminating the South Llano River, and has formed standing pools in the vicinity of affected area; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor of the City of Junction has determined that extraordinary measures must be taken to alleviate the suffering of people and to protect or rehabilitate the Property,

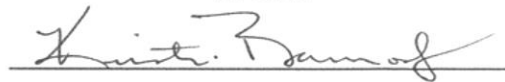
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE MAYOR CITY OF JUNCTION, TEXAS:**

1. That pursuant to Sec. 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code, and Article 1.07 of the City's Code of Ordinances, a local state of disaster is hereby declared for that area within the City which includes the Property premises and extending outwardly therefrom to encompass the area affected or that may be affected by the discharge, and including any access to and from the aforementioned.
2. The state of local disaster shall continue for a period of not more than seven (7) days from the date of this declaration unless continued or renewed by the City Council of the City of Junction.
3. Pursuant to Sec. 418.018(c) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the City Secretary.
4. Pursuant to §418.018(d) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster activates the City's emergency management plan under Article 1.07 of the City's Code of Ordinances.
5. That this proclamation shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.
6. That the City's Water and Wastewater Superintendent is directed and **ORDERED** to immediately terminate water and wastewater services to the subject Property to prevent any further threat to public health, safety and well-being that may result from this local disaster.

ORDERED this 28<sup>th</sup> of January, 2016.

  
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RUSSELL HAMMONDS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
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KRISTI BANNOWSKY, CITY SECRETARY