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FY 2011 Workplan 11-04

Quarter no. 5 From 10/1/12 Through 12/31/12

I. Abstract

This quarter, considerable progress was made in a number of areas. The SLWA website continues to be a tremendous resource for stakeholders in the watershed. For the quarter Oct-Dec 2012, there were 1162 visits and 588 unique visitors to the website. Additionally, four media mentions and the first newsletter served to communicate project activities to the public. Further, TTU-LRFS participated in 7 public meetings, including meetings with the SLWA Board, Real County Judge, Society of Environmental Journalists', and South Central Climate Science Center and at these meetings communicated project goals, activities and accomplishments to date. As a result of these activities, the number of Upper Llano River watershed stakeholders continued to grow and now consists of 437 individuals. The second public meeting and first Coordination Committee meeting were held this quarter resulting in the organization of the Coordination Committee, drafting of bylaws, and identification of watershed issues. The next Coordination Committee is planned for February 5, 2013.

On the science side, Revision 1 to the QAPP for Tasks 4 and 6 adding modeling was submitted to TSSWCB. Modeling will be initiated upon QAPP approval. The GIS inventory and landuse/land cover work has been essentially completed. The second quarterly sampling was conducted on December 5-6, 2012. And, the historical data review report has been drafted and under internal review.

Next quarter, routine sampling will continue, the second and possibly more Steering Committee meeting(s) will be held, and TTU-LRFS will continue work on curriculums.

II. Overall Progress and Results by Task

Task 1 Project Administration

Subtask 1.1 TWRI will prepare electronic quarterly progress reports (QPRs) for submission to the TSSWCB. QPRs shall document all activities performed within a quarter and shall be submitted by the 15th of January, April, July and October. QPRs shall be distributed to all project partners and posted on the project website.

The following actions have been completed during this reporting period:

- a. The fifth quarterly report was prepared and submitted on January 15, 2013.

35% Complete

Subtask 1.2 TWRI will perform accounting functions for project funds and will submit appropriate Reimbursement Forms to TSSWCB at least quarterly.

The following actions have been completed during this reporting period:

- a. As of the November 30, 2012 invoice, \$68,337 (10%) of federal project funds had been expended.
- b. As of January 4, 2013, Progress of Allocations to each Project Partner was as follows:
 - TWRI has expended 11% of their funds.
 - ESSM has expended <1% of their funds
 - SSL has expended 2% of their funds.
 - TTU has expended 14% of their funds.

10% Complete

Subtask 1.3 TWRI will host coordination meetings or conference calls, at least quarterly, with project partners to discuss project activities, project schedule, communication needs, deliverables, and other requirements. TWRI will develop lists of action items needed following each project coordination meeting and distribute to project personnel.

The following actions have been completed during this reporting period:

- a. The fourth quarterly project team meeting was held on October 9, 2012. Primary discussion items included Texas Tech billing issues, upcoming quarterly report development, sampling, newsletter development, stakeholder database, QAPPs, presentations to local organizations, FAQs, SLWA website, Texas Watershed Steward event, GIS inventory and LULC map, mapping of invasives and cutbanks this winter, incorporating watershed curricula into the outdoor school, upcoming workshops, the December stakeholder meeting and possible watershed tour.

35% Complete

Subtask 1.4 TWRI will work with project personnel from ESSM, TTU-WRC, TTU-LRFS, and SLWA to prepare the WPP incorporating input from stakeholders and findings of monitoring, modeling, and data analysis tasks.

The following actions have been completed during this reporting period:

- a. No activity to report this quarter.

0% Complete

Subtask 1.5 SLWA will continue to host and maintain a website (<http://southllano.org/>) to serve as a public clearinghouse for all project- and watershed-related information. All presentations, documents and results will be posted to this website. The website will serve as a means to disseminate information to stakeholders and the general public. TWRI and TTU-LRFS shall contribute content matter for the website as appropriate.

The following actions have been completed during this reporting period:

- a. The SLWA website continues to be a resource for stakeholders in the watershed on land and water stewardship, hydrologic and weather conditions, latest news, upcoming events, community participation, and related topics.

- b. Specific topics this quarter included:
- Return of the Drought
 - Feral hog control techniques webinar
 - Powerpoint presentations from stakeholder and coordination committee meetings
 - Announcements of SLWA Board, LCRA, GMA7, and Region J Meetings
 - TCEQ shelving of Watermaster program in Colorado and Brazos basins
 - TWA Market Based Conservation and Endangered Species Management webinar
 - Release of the Upper Llano WPP Newsletter
 - Announcement of December 11, 2012 WPP Coordination Committee Meeting
- c. For the quarter Oct-Dec 2012, there were 1162 visits and 588 unique visitors to the website. Website activity continued at a more consistent rate than in previous years, with less drop off in activity during the holidays. For 2012, daily average visits were about 13/day. Activity spikes for the quarter (25-35 visits/day) were associated with WPP meeting announcements and notice of availability of meeting presentations.

35% Complete

Subtask 1.6 The Director of TTU-LRFS will serve as the Upper Llano River Watershed Coordinator and be responsible for the general oversight and coordination of all project activities, reporting requirements, and educational activities, and serve as the primary conduit for interaction with landowners, citizens, and entities to facilitate the development of the WPP. The Watershed Coordinator shall successfully complete (or have already completed) the Texas Watershed Planning Short Course and participate in Texas Watershed Coordinator Roundtables.

The following actions have been completed during this reporting period:

- a. Dr. Tom Arsuffi, Director of the TTU-LRFS and Upper Llano River Watershed Coordinator, completed the Texas Watershed Planning Short Course on November 14-18, 2011.
- b. Project partner Tyson Broad of the South Llano Watershed Alliance completed the Texas Watershed Planning Short Course on September 24-28, 2012.

100% Complete

Task 2 Quality Assurance

Subtask 2.1 TWRI will develop a QAPP for water quality monitoring activities in Tasks 4 and 5 and a QAPP for watershed modeling activities in Task 6 consistent with the most recent versions of EPA Requirements for Quality Assurance project Plans (QA/R-5) and the TSSWCB Environmental Data Quality Management Plan.

The following actions have been completed during this reporting period:

- a. QAPP for Tasks 4 and 6 – GIS & Modeling
 - Revision 0 (covering only GIS inventory & LULC) approved on July 27, 2012
 - Revision 1 (adding modeling) submitted to TSSWCB on December 3, 2012
- b. QAPP for Task 5 - Water Quality Monitoring
 - Revision 0 approved on September 6, 2012.

80% Complete

Subtask 2.2 TWRI will implement the approved QAPPs. TWRI will submit revisions and necessary amendments to the QAPPs as needed.

The following actions have been completed during this reporting period:

- a. No activity to report this quarter.

0% Complete

Task 3 Public Participation and Stakeholder Coordination

Subtask 3.1 TTU-LRFS, with input from TWRI, SWLA, and Texas AgriLife Extension Service, will compile (Months 1-3) and maintain (Months 4-36) a database of watershed stakeholders and affected parties for use in engaging the public in the watershed planning process. The stakeholder group will be added to based upon previous efforts of SLWA. The database and stakeholder group will represent a diverse cross section of Upper Llano River landowners, citizens, local businesses, local and regional governmental entities and elected officials, state and federal agencies, and environmental and special interest groups.

The following actions have been completed during this reporting period:

- a. The TTU-LRFS continued work on the database of Upper Llano River watershed stakeholders providing the initial list to the TSSWCB in July 2012. The database currently consists of 437 landowners, citizens, local businesses, local and regional governmental entities and elected officials, state and federal agencies, and environmental and special interest groups.

35% Complete

Subtask 3.2 TTU-LRFS will facilitate public participation and stakeholder involvement in the watershed planning process, specifically project meetings and activities. TTU-LRFS will coordinate meetings, secure meeting locations, prepare and disseminate meeting notices and agendas. Meeting summaries will be prepared and posted to the project website. It is anticipated that at a minimum, quarterly public meetings will be sufficient; however, if more meetings are deemed necessary, they will be scheduled accordingly. Meeting frequency may be adjusted throughout the course of the project to accomplish project goals. TSSWCB will review and approve all meeting notices, agendas, and meeting summaries prior to public dissemination.

The following actions have been completed during this reporting period:

- a. The second public meeting was held on October 9, 2012. Input was provided by those in attendance to organize an initial 15 member Coordinating Committee. A meeting summary and presentations can be found at: <http://southllano.org/2012/10/upper-llano-watershed-protection-plan-2nd-stakeholder-meeting/>
- b. The first Coordination Committee meeting was held on December 11, 2012. At this meeting, the goal was to finalize the membership and organization of the Coordination Committee, initiate discussions on watershed issues, and make plans for the work of the committee in the coming year. The meeting agenda can be found at: <http://southllano.org/2012/12/upper-llano-wpp-coordination-committee-meeting-dec-11/>
- c. The next Coordination Committee meeting is planned for February 5, 2013.

35% Complete

Subtask 3.3 TTU-LRFS will attend and participate in other public meetings as appropriate in order to communicate project goals, activities and accomplishments to affected parties. Such meetings may include, but are not limited to, city councils, county commissioners' courts, Clean Rivers Program Basin Steering Committee and Coordinated Monitoring, local soil and water conservation districts (SWCDs), groundwater conservation districts and other appropriate meetings of critical watershed stakeholder groups.

The following actions have been completed during this reporting period:

- a. This quarter, TTU-LRFS met with/participated in the following meetings:
 - SLWA Board meetings on October 18, November 15, and December 20, 2012.
 - Real County Judge on November 9, 2012 to tour his ranch and discuss range best management practices.
- b. On October 26-27, TTU-LRFS gave a presentation titled "Texas Hill Country Stewardship" to the Texas Riparian Association discussing components of the WPP activities with this statewide group.
- c. **Llano River Field Station** director, Tom Arsuffi, was invited to participate as a panelist on the 40th Anniversary of the Clean Water Act at the **Society of Environmental Journalists' 22nd Annual Conference**, October 17-21, 2012, at the Overton Hotel and Conference Center in Lubbock, Texas. He discussed the role of watershed protection plans, ecosystem services and public engagement.
- d. **Llano River Field Station** director, Tom Arsuffi, was invited to participate as a lunchtime speaker on impacts of invasive species on water resources and watersheds at the **Society of Environmental Journalists' 22nd Annual Conference**, October 17-21, 2012, at the Overton Hotel and Conference Center in Lubbock, Texas.
- e. **Llano River Field Station** director, Tom Arsuffi as partner with Department of Interior's new South Central Climate Science Center (SC-CSC), participated in a science workshop on November 29-30, 2012 in Fort Worth, Texas. The meeting identified near- and longer-term, high-priority SC-CSC research topics in the areas of climate variability, ecosystems and human dimensions.

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Subtask 3.4 TTU-LRFS will facilitate communication with stakeholders in order to engage the public and affected entities in the watershed planning process. TTU-LRFS will utilize all appropriate communication mechanisms including direct mail, e-mail, the project website, and mass media (print, radio, television). TTU-LRFS will utilize the existing SLWA Google Group to facilitate direct discussion between stakeholders. TTU-LRFS will develop, publish, and distribute 5 semi-annual newsletters (1 in year 1 and 2 in years 2 and 3) that highlight Upper Llano River watershed activities; the newsletter shall be distributed as most appropriate to individual landowners and entities in the watershed. TSSWCB must approve all project-related content in any educational materials and publications prior to distribution.

The following actions have been completed during this reporting period:

- a. TTU-LRFS direct mailed and emailed invitations to watershed stakeholders prior to the December coordination committee meeting. The invitation was also posted to the SLWA webpage. This proved effective as indicated by the participation at the meeting.
- b. The SLWA Google Groups "South Llano River Project" group continues to be an effective tool for communicating with stakeholders. Those interested can sign-up for the group at the

SLWA website (<http://southllano.org/>). This quarter, the Google group transmitted a variety of info as described in subtask 1.5.

- c. Media mentions this quarter included:
- **Upper Llano Watershed Coordination Committee meeting set Dec. 11 in Junction**
 - <http://today.agrilife.org/2012/11/29/upper-llano-meetingdec-11/>
 - <http://eponline.com/articles/2012/11/30/upper-llano-watershed-coordination-committee-to-hold-meeting-in-december.aspx>
 - <http://twri.tamu.edu/publications/conservation-matters/2012/november/upper-llano/>
 - **Watershed meeting set Dec. 11**
 - http://www.gosanangelo.com/news/2012/dec/01/ag_briefs--sunday/
- d. The first semi-annual newsletter was completed and distributed in November 2012. Topics included an introduction to the WPP Project Team, overviews of the first and second stakeholder meetings, a description of the elements of a WPP, a comparison of the WPP to the Conservation Plan, discussion on how to become a steward, elephant ear eradication, and contact information for the project team. The newsletter can be found at: http://southllano.org/blog/wp-content/files/Upper_Llano_WPP_Newsletter1.pdf.

35% Complete

Subtask 3.5 TTU-LRFS will coordinate with SCSC to host a Texas Watershed Steward Program workshop focused on the Upper Llano River through TSSWCB project 11-05, Continued Statewide Delivery of the Texas Watershed Steward Program.

The following actions have been completed during this reporting period:

- a. A Texas Watershed Steward Program was held on August 30, 2012. Thirty-five local stakeholders participated in this exceptional training program.

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Task 4 GIS Inventory and Land Use/Land Cover Analysis

Subtask 4.1 TAMU-SSL will collaborate with project partners, local agencies and stakeholders to develop a comprehensive GIS inventory of the Upper Llano River watershed. This GIS inventory will include the most recent information available on land use, elevation, soils, stream networks, reservoirs, roads, public park lands, municipalities and satellite imagery or aerial photography. Locations of SWQM stations, USGS gages, public access points to the waterbodies, floodwater-retarding structures, wetlands, known OSSFs, TPDES permittees (including WWTFs, CAFOs and MS4s), and subdivisions will also be included. Sites permitted for land application of sewage sludge and septage should be included. Information from subtasks 5.4 and 5.5 should be included. The cumulative impact of TSSWCB-certified WQMPs on the management of agricultural and silvicultural lands should be documented. TAMU-SSL will provide watershed maps for stakeholder meetings as needed.

The following actions have been completed during this reporting period:

- a. With the exception of including data from the yet-to-be completed Subtasks 5.4 and 5.5, the compilation of GIS data for the watershed is complete.

90% Complete

Subtask 4.2 TAMU-SSL will perform a combination of satellite based image (2006-2010) classification schemes and where needed “heads-up digitizing” of the 2006-2010 NAIP aerial photos of the watershed using ESRI’s ArcGIS 9.x software. TAMU-SSL will identify individual LULC classes and delineate them in shapefile or ArcGIS grid format with a minimum mapping unit of 2 ac on screen. LULC classes will be comparable to NLCD. TAMU-SSL will verify LULC classification through field sampling and ground truthing information to an accuracy of 80% or greater. Ground control points used in the field sampling will be collected for at least ten locations per land use type using GPS units with an accuracy of 1-10 m.

The following actions have been completed during this reporting period:

- a. TAMU-SSL has classified the LULC in the watershed, ground truthed the data using ground control points, and provided it to the project team.

100% Complete

Subtask 4.3 TAMU-SSL will provide the GIS inventory and LULC update to the TTU-WRC for utilization in the watershed model. TAMU-SSL will also provide TTU-LRFS needed maps for the WPP.

The following actions have been completed during this reporting period:

- a. On October 10, SSL provided the GIS inventory and LULC update to the project team.

100% Complete

Task 5 Water Quality Monitoring

Subtask 5.1 TTU-LRFS will conduct routine ambient monitoring at 14 mainstem sites and tributaries quarterly, collecting field parameters, conventional parameters, and flow. The QAPP, as detailed in Task 2, will precisely identify sites. The sampling period extends over 30 months. The number of samples planned for collection through this subtask is 140. Currently, routine ambient monitoring is conducted quarterly at 2 stations by LCRA and TCEQ (16701 and 17425) through the Clean Rivers Program. Sampling will be coordinated with these entities to prevent duplication of efforts and ensure comparability. Flow data will be collected by gage, electric, mechanical or Doppler, and flow severity will be noted. Field parameters measured will include pH, temperature, conductivity, and dissolved oxygen. Conventional parameters measured will include total suspended solids, turbidity, sulfate, chloride, nitrate nitrogen, ammonia nitrogen, total kjeldahl nitrogen, chlorophyll a, pheophytin, total hardness, total phosphorus and E. coli (enumerated using USEPA Method 1603). The Edwards Aquifer Research & Data Center at Texas State University, a NELAC accredited laboratory, will conduct sample analysis, provide all containers and chain of custody.

The following actions have been completed during this reporting period:

- a. The second quarterly sampling was conducted on December 5-6, 2012. Field parameters, conventional parameters, and flow were measured. Field parameters were measured using the Hydrolab DS5X, and flow using an Acoustic Doppler current meter. Conventional parameters were delivered to Edwards Aquifer Research and Data Center and are awaiting analysis.
- b. After QA/QC checks, data will be prepared for upload into TCEQ SWQMIS database.

10% Complete

Subtask 5.2 TTU-LRFS will conduct biological monitoring (fish, macroinvertebrate, and habitat assessment) at 14 locations twice a year for 2 years to assess the cumulative impact of pollutant loading on stream health and biological communities of stream health. Biotic conditions and assessments for main stem and lower portions of the watersheds are just beginning as part of the Guadalupe Bass Restoration Project for the South Llano River with TPWD in conjunction with TTU-LRFS and Texas State University.

The following actions have been completed during this reporting period:

- a. The first semi-annual biological sampling was conducted on September 20, 2012.
- b. The second semi-annual biological sampling is planned for March 2013.

25% Complete

Subtask 5.3 TTU-LRFS will conduct spring sampling at 6 sites including 700 Springs, Big Paint and Tanner Springs. TTU-LRFS will work with Kimble County Groundwater Conservation District to identify other priority springs. Quarterly field, conventional, and flow parameters will be collected. Water quality parameters to be measured are defined in Subtask 5.1. The QAPP, as detailed in Task 2, will precisely identify sites. The sampling period extends over 30 months. The number of samples planned for collection through this subtask is 60. The Edwards Aquifer Research & Data Center, a NELAC Accredited Laboratory, will conduct sample analysis and provide all containers and chain of custody.

The following actions have been completed during this reporting period:

- a. The second quarterly spring sampling was conducted on December 5-6, 2012.
- b. After QA/QC checks, data will be prepared for upload into TCEQ SWQMIS database.

10% Complete

Subtask 5.4 TTU-LRFS will conduct surveys and map distribution and abundance of invasive emergent and aquatic plants from the headwaters (Llano Springs, 700 Springs, South Llano River and North Llano River) to Junction. TTU-LRFS and ESSM will work with the TPWD Aquatic Habitat Enhancement Program Director to determine BMPs for controlling or eradicating invasive species and develop an invasive species management plan for incorporation into the WPP.

The following actions have been completed during this reporting period:

- a. TTU-LRFS in conjunction with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Watershed and Aquatic Habitat Enhancement Programs, invasive elephant ears (*Colocasia esculenta*) have been mapped on the South Llano River and herbicide treated (Aquaneat, Clearcast) during summer and fall of 2012 (June 20-21; August 7-8 and September 13).
- b. Follow up surveys to determine effectiveness of treatments will be conducted in May 2013 on the South Llano River.
- c. A survey of elephant ears on the North Llano River will be conducted in May 2013 and a treatment plan developed based on survey results.

0% Complete

Subtask 5.5 TTU-LRFS will conduct surveys and map the distribution, abundance, and severity of cut and eroding banks on the South and North Llano Rivers.

The following actions have been completed during this reporting period:

- a. Surveys and maps of the distribution, abundance, and severity of cut and eroding banks on the South and North Llano Rivers will be conducted in April 2013.

0% Complete

Subtask 5.6 TTU-LRFS will conduct a historical data review for the waterbody, to be included in the WPP, in order to assess and characterize trends and variability in water quality. Historical data collection activities will concentrate on 1) ambient water quality data (including groundwater); 2) stream flow and water level data; 3) precipitation records; and 4) biological data. U.S. Geological Survey, National Weather Service, TPWD, Texas Water Development Board, GCDs, LCRA, TCEQ, EPA and others will be queried for data related to the study area.

The following actions have been completed during this reporting period:

- a. TTU-LRFS continues work on the historical data review for the upper Llano River. Robin Cypher, TCEQ Surface Water Quality Monitoring Program, provided a comprehensive sampling history report for the Llano River. A draft report is completed and under internal review.

75% Complete

Subtask 5.7 Through TSSWCB project 05-02 FY05 Statewide NPS Pollution Management Project, USGS will install and operate one new real-time streamflow gage at an appropriate location on the South Llano River as near the outlet of the assessment unit as is practical. Through this project, and contingent upon TSSWCB project 05-02, TTU-LRFS will work with USGS to provide operation and maintenance for this new real-time streamflow gage. Continuous sampling extends over 36 months. This gaging station will complement the existing gages maintained by the USGS. The USGS maintains real-time gages at 08150000 Llano River near Junction and 08148500 North Llano River near Junction and collects periodic data at gages 08149500 Seven Hundred Springs near Telegraph and 08149400 South Llano River near Telegraph. TTU-LRFS will work with USGS to ensure continued operation of these other USGS gages throughout the duration of the project.

The following actions have been completed during this reporting period:

- a. The USGS stream gage was activated on May 16, 2012 on the South Llano River at Flatrock Crossing near the Texas Tech Campus. The SLWA website includes a link to this gage: http://waterdata.usgs.gov/tx/nwis/uv/?site_no=08149900&PARAMeter_cd=00065,00060

35% Complete

Subtask 5.8 TTU-LRFS will transfer monitoring data from activities in Subtask 5.1-5.3 and 5.7 to TSSWCB for inclusion in the TCEQ SWQMIS at least quarterly. Data will be transferred in the correct format using the TCEQ file structure, along with a completed Data Summary, as described in the most recent version of TCEQ Surface Water Quality Monitoring Data Management Reference Guide. TWRI will submit Station Location Requests to TCEQ, as needed, to obtain TCEQ station numbers for new monitoring sites. TWRI will input monitoring regime, as detailed in the QAPP, into the TCEQ CMS. Data Correction Request Forms will be submitted to TSSWCB whenever errors are discovered in data already

reported. All monitoring data files, Data Summary, and Data Correction Request Forms will also be provided to LCRA. TTU-LRFS will post monitoring data from activities in Task 5 to the project website in a timely manner.

The following actions have been completed during this reporting period:

- a. As QA/QC checks are completed, data will be prepared for upload into TCEQ SWQMIS database.

0% Complete

Subtask 5.9 TTU-LRFS, with assistance by TWRI, will incorporate the watershed assessment findings in the WPP developed through Task 8.

The following actions have been completed during this reporting period:

- a. No activity to report this quarter.

0% Complete

Task 6 Modeling and Data Analysis

Subtask 6.1 TTU-WRC, with cooperation from project partners, will evaluate models, such as SWAT and EDYS, to simulate flow and water quality at appropriate subwatershed scales and identify BMPs and targeted locations to enhance the quality of runoff and recharge. TTU-WRC will recommend the use of a suitable candidate model. Once the most suitable model is selected by TTU-WRC, TWRI, and TSSWCB, TTU-WRC will assist TWRI in developing a modeling QAPP (Task 2). TTU-WRC will collect and evaluate relevant hydrologic data for the Upper Llano River watershed, including rainfall, stream flow, and groundwater conditions, as well as recent land use and vegetation distributions generated through Tasks 4-5.

The following actions have been completed during this reporting period:

- a. The EDYS (Ecological Dynamics Simulation) model has been selected for use in the project.

5% Complete

Subtask 6.2 TTU-LRFS will employ EPA's Causal Analysis/Diagnosis Decision Information System (CADDIS) to conduct a causal evaluation of the benthic macroinvertebrate data. CADDIS, an online application, provides a pragmatic guide for determining the causes of detrimental changes and undesirable biological conditions observed in aquatic systems. CADDIS supports defensible causal analyses of the mechanisms, symptoms, and stressor-response relationships for various stressors in order to draw appropriate conclusions.

The following actions have been completed during this reporting period:

- a. No activity to report this quarter.

0% Complete

Subtask 6.3 TTU-WRC, with cooperation from project partners, will summarize modeling findings to inform the stakeholders about the physical behavior of their watershed resulting from various implementation scenarios and work with project partners to incorporate this into the WPP.

The following actions have been completed during this reporting period:

- a. No activity to report this quarter.

0% Complete

Task 7 Public Outreach and Education

Subtask 7.1 ESSM, in conjunction with the TTU-LRFS, TTU-WRC, and SLWA will provide watershed training workshops for landowners on riparian protection, land stewardship, grazing management, invasive species, brush control, conservation, wildlife and habitat plans and water resource issues. Two workshops per year are planned to provide adequate coverage of the broad range of elements associated with water and watersheds and to allow a broad coverage of stakeholder groups. Pre- and post-participant surveys will be administered at selected events to evaluate (1) changes in producer knowledge and awareness and (2) expected adoption of BMPs.

The following actions have been completed during this reporting period:

- a. This quarter, no workshops were held in the watershed. However, notices of several pertinent webinars were provided to watershed stakeholders including a feral hog control webinar and a market based conservation webinar.
- a. The project team continues to work on arranging delivery of the Texas Well Owner Network Program and Lone Star Healthy Streams Program in the watershed.

35% Complete

Subtask 7.2 TTU-LRFS will develop and offer a K-12 TEKS based water and watershed curriculum unit.

The following actions have been completed during this reporting period:

- a. TTU-LRFS is currently actively rewriting the established curriculums: Aquatic Biology Units have been completely reworked, The Understanding Watersheds unit is complete pending the approval at the next TTU-LRFS curriculum meeting and the Soils/Pedology unit revision is almost complete.

50% Complete

Subtask 7.3 TTU-LRFS will organize a Texas Water Symposium in partnership with Texas Public Radio, Schreiner University, Hill Country Alliance, SLWA, and TWRI on EPA's Healthy Watersheds Initiative with this project as a case study for Texas.

The following actions have been completed during this reporting period:

- a. TTU-LRFS hosted a Texas Water Symposium on Healthy Watersheds and Upper Llano WPP efforts on March 22, 2011. The Symposium was held at TTU- LRFS in front of a live audience and taped for broadcast during Texas Public Radio's Newsmaker Hour. The TWS included panelists from TPWD, TSSWCB, Hill Country Alliance, TTU-LRFS, and TWRI.

100% Complete

Task 8 Watershed Protection Plan Development

Subtask 8.1 TTU-LRFS, in collaboration with project partners, will develop a WPP for the Upper Llano River watershed that is consistent with and satisfies the expectations of the nine elements fundamental to watershed-based plans as described in EPA's 2004 Nonpoint Source Program and Grants Guidelines for States and Territories [68 Fed. Reg. 60653-60674 (October 23, 2003)] and incorporates the elements of EPA's Healthy Watersheds Framework as described in the technical guidance document Identifying and Protecting Healthy Watersheds (EPA 2011). The WPP shall be founded on decisions made by stakeholders through the watershed planning process (Task 3) and incorporate findings from project Tasks 4-7. TTU-LRFS will facilitate public review and stakeholder approval of the WPP.

The following actions have been completed during this reporting period:

- a. No activity to report this quarter.

0% Complete

Subtask 8.2 TTU-LRFS will develop an "executive summary" style document, based on the WPP, which will serve as a public outreach tool to garner support for the implementation of the WPP and achieve long term sustainability.

The following actions have been completed during this reporting period:

- a. No activity to report this quarter.

0% Complete

Subtask 8.3 After EPA has completed a satisfactory nine element consistency review of the WPP, TWRI will publish, print, and distribute the WPP and "executive summary" document to stakeholders.

The following actions have been completed during this reporting period:

- a. No activity to report this quarter.

0% Complete

III. Related Issues/Current Problems and Favorable or Unusual Developments

- N/A

IV. Projected Work for Next Quarter

- First and 2nd quarterly sampling data will be uploaded into TCEQ SWQMIS database
- Third quarterly routine sampling will be completed.
- The second semi-annual biological sampling is planned
- Initiation of modeling following approval of Modeling QAPP.
- February 5 (tentative): Host Second Coordination Committee Meeting