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# Watershed Week in Review

Llano River Watershed Alliance

## Save the Date!

The Llano River Watershed Alliance Fall Outing will take place on Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm. Meet at South Llano River State Park for an informative paddle down to Flat Rock Crossing in Junction.

Researchers on the trip will provide information on the latest efforts to preserve and restore the South Llano, highlighting riverbank and riparian rehabilitation efforts, invasive species removal, and Guadalupe Bass restoration.

Participants will be responsible for providing their own equipment and shuttle.

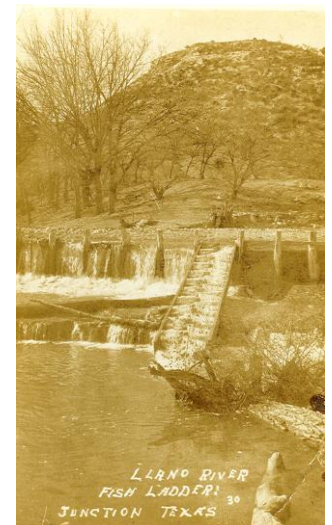
Stay tuned for more info...

## Four Mile Dam



This woman is standing below 4-mile dam that used to be located on the South Llano River. At right is a fish ladder that was also located at the dam.

The relics of the dam are still visible and will be one of the points of interest for our Fall Outing on September 27<sup>th</sup> (left).



## When will we see wet from El Niño?

Climatologists predict the current super-strong El Niño will bring another rain-drenched fall, winter and early spring to Texas.

Ok, that's fine, but when? Many farmers needing moisture now are wondering when they can expect the promised moisture to arrive, according to weekly reports by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service county agents.

"It depends upon where you're at, really," said Dr. John Nielsen-Gammon, state climatologist and Regents Professor of Atmospheric Sciences at Texas A&M University, College Station. "The effects seem to come sooner in the northern part of the state than in the southern part of the state."

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## Mason Wind Turbine Conflict

From Dallas Morning News

MASON — They first started appearing in West Texas, where the wind howls through oil rigs. Then it was the Panhandle, and small towns along I-20, like Sweetwater, where cattle farms have given way to giant, white spinning blades.

Now the wind turbines are getting closer. Too close, in the minds of many of the 4,000-some people who live in and around Mason, in the northern reaches of the Texas Hill Country.

An Italian-owned energy company, Enel Green Power North America, has leased thousands of acres of land atop a ridge that looms above Mason's rocky outcroppings mixed with cactus and live oak. So far, it's all preliminary, a company spokeswoman says. No details to report. But locals, and more important local politicians, are not waiting idly.

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## Upcoming Events

### Three-part Educational Lunch Experience in Kimble County



The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service office in Kimble County will offer a three-part Educational Lunch Experience from noon to 1 p.m. Sept. 22-24 in the Kimble County Courthouse in Junction.

“Participants can choose to attend one or all of the presentations,” said Sam Silvers, AgriLife Extension agent in Kimble County. “These programs allow those with busy schedules to come in during their lunch hour and gain a great educational experience while enjoying a catered meal.”

Registration is \$10 per day and includes lunch. For more information and to RSVP by Sept. 18 for an accurate meal count, call the AgriLife Extension office in Kimble County at 325-446-2620.

[Details...](#)

### A Vision for the Hill Country Sept 24<sup>th</sup> - Fredericksburg

#### **Hill Country Alliance’s Annual Leadership Summit** Speakers include:

*State Representative Andy Murr*

*Com Mims - Nueces River Authority*

*Dr. Robert Mace – Texas Water Development Board*

*Roel Lopez – Texas A&M Institute Renewable Natural Resources*

*Bob Yaro – Visiting Professor, University of Texas*

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