

Texas Instream Flow Program
Lower San Antonio River Orientation Meetings
Karnes City, TX, July 22, 2008
Goliad, TX, July 23, 2008

Small Group Break-out Session Responses:

- Input from each breakout group is summarized below, grouped according to topic (topics were generated by agency staff after grouping responses with similar ideas).
- Duplicate and similar ideas have been summarized and recorded only once.

Question posed: What do you value about the Lower San Antonio River?

Maintenance of the natural environment in and along the river

Natural beauty and aesthetics
Wildlife and riparian habitat supported along the river
Health of tributaries
Regeneration of the land
Floodplain connectivity
No impoundments/ dams/ development
Living in harmony with the natural flow of things
Natural ability of the river
Freshwater inflows to bay and estuaries

Features of water flow

Water quality
Water quantity/ availability/ abundance
Constant flow
Maintaining springs
Flow levels – hydrology
Channel stability

Recreation

Bird and wildlife viewing
Hunting and fishing
Swimming
Canoeing
Outdoor education

Resource for humans

Water source for livestock/ irrigation/ drinking water
Economic growth and development including tourism
Drainage
Impact on land value
Tax deduction for floodplain
Historical value/aspects of river and tributaries
How it connects us

Concerns Identified by Small Group Participants

Although not tasked specifically to do so, some participants also identified concerns related to the river. These are recorded below for your information:

- Dumping, trash/debris on banks of river
- Future water quality may be adversely impacted by reuse
- Adverse affects of log jams
- Health risk of eating fish from the river or swimming in the river
- Maintaining rights of private property owners
- Limited public access to the river
- Floodplain development