



Coastal Bend Bays & Estuaries Program, Inc.

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CBBEP'S ANNUAL MEETING

PROGRESS REPORTS ON THE COASTAL BEND BAYS PLAN

WHO: The Coastal Bend Bays & Estuaries Program (CBBEP)

WHAT: The Coastal Bend Bays & Estuaries Program will hold its **2002 Annual Meeting** on Thursday, **April 11th** from **9:00 a.m.** to **5:00 p.m.** at the **Solomon Ortiz International Center**. The CBBEP was established in 1994 with the goal of developing and implementing a plan to protect and restore the bays and estuaries of the Texas Coastal Bend. The estuary system of the Coastal Bend is one of 28 estuaries of "National Significance" nominated by the State Governor and approved by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The meeting will focus on what the Program has done in the past, evaluate where it is now, and give some insight of where it will be in the future.

There will be a number of presentations such as the *Rookery Island Management Plan for the Coastal Bend*, *Restoration & Erosion Protection of Rookery Island Habitat in Nueces Bay*, *Shamrock Island/Mustang Island Conservation and Restoration*, and *Living On The Edge*, *CBBEP Road To Awareness*, just to name a few, that will shed some light on some very productive and beneficial projects that continue to improve the quality of life in the Coastal Bend. *Please see enclosed agenda.*

Special guests from the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and local dignitaries will be attending the CBBEP's Annual Meeting.

WHEN: Thursday, April 11, 2002
8:30 a.m. – 4:30

WHERE: Solomon Ortiz International Center
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