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## PESCADITO

ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE CENTER

The Pescadito Environmental Resource Center (PERC) will be a state-of-the-art facility, providing a much needed resource to the growing city of Laredo. The permit granted to PERC will be classified as Municipal Solid Waste Type I facility, which is the same classification currently held by the City of Laredo landfill.

### THE TOP 10 FACTS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT PERC

- 1 PERC will be a state-of-the-art-facility that has the potential to serve as a national model for waste management.
- 2 PERC will be permitted to accept ordinary household municipal waste, construction debris, brush, and other materials that are **non-hazardous** waste products. PERC will also accept and process recyclable materials that may then be sent for reuse.
- 3 The proposal has undergone over six years of thorough review and scrutiny by **Webb County, South Texas Development Council, US Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Texas Parks and Wildlife, Texas Historical Commission, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality** and various other state and federal geologists and engineers. All organizations have strict regulations and oversight protecting your health and safety.
- 4 PERC's future site is located in a remote area of Webb County many miles from Laredo and the Rio Grande and its comprehensive drainage system will be designed to divert storm water along either side of the project, turning PERC into an island-like location.
- 5 PERC will be a fully-integrated facility that will serve as an educational resource for Webb County and the surrounding region and will continue working with the local environmental community to create innovative solutions to preserve regional wildlife.
- 6 PERC is an investment in Webb County's future with an estimated annual payroll of up to \$1.2 million and an estimated yearly gross revenue between \$32 and \$64 million.
- 7 A thorough investigation of the site proved the soil is comprised mostly of clays and claystones that prevent the vertical migration of water.
- 8 All waste that will be transported over land by truck or rail to PERC will follow strict disposal regulations and guidelines for disposal as mandated by TCEQ.
- 9 PERC's primary focus will be on servicing the waste management needs of Webb and surrounding counties.
- 10 **FEMA** has also reviewed the plan and approved the proposal that **REMOVES** the site from the **100-year floodplain**.

For more information about PERC,  
please visit: [www.PescaditoERC.com](http://www.PescaditoERC.com)



# WEBB COUNTY, TEXAS

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## COMMISSIONERS COURT

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**COMMISSIONERS COURT MEETING**  
WEBB COUNTY COURTHOUSE  
1000 HOUSTON STREET, 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR  
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040  
April 11, 2011  
9:00 a.m.

MARGIE RAMIREZ-IBARRA  
COUNTY CLERK  
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WEBB COUNTY, TEXAS

### CALL TO ORDER BY THE HONORABLE DANNY VALDEZ, WEBB COUNTY JUDGE

1. Roll Call by Honorable Margie Ramirez-Ibarra, Webb County Clerk
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approval of Minutes for March 28, 2011
4. Approval of Bills, Payroll, and Monthly Report
5. Communications
6. Public Comment - This section provides the public the opportunity to address the Commissioners Court on any items on the Agenda. Members of the public wishing to participate must complete a Witness Card specifying which agenda item they wish to comment on. Each public member will be allowed a total of Three (3) minutes within which to make any/all public comments.

**Honorable Jaime A. Canales, Webb County Commissioner Pct. 4**

15. Discussion and possible action to approve a donation of \$200.00 to Bruni Elementary for an event being held during the "Week of the Young Child" on April 11- April 14, 2011. **[Account #605-020-48801]**
16. Sstatus report by the Road and Bridge Department regarding recent clean up efforts on Webb County property located near Colombia Bridge off Mines Road area.

**Commissioners Court**

17. Presentation by Rancho Viejo Waste Mangament LLC, regarding Pescadito Environmental Resource Center. **[Requested by Danny Valdez, Webb County Judge and Rosaura "Wawi" Tijerina, Commissioner Pct. 2]**
18. Discussion and possible action to accept the rankings of the Court from the list of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) proposals submitted for consideration which will provide EMS coverage for the unincorporated areas of the county; and to authorize the County Attorney's office and staff to enter into negotiations with the top ranked provider; and any other matters incident thereto. **[Executive Session may be requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)]**
19. Status report by the County Attorney's office regarding CAA documents and Attorney General opinion request as previously approved by Commissioners Court; with discussion and possible action; and any other matters incident thereto.

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MEDIA BREAK

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**DANNY VALDEZ**  
WEBB COUNTY JUDGE

April 13, 2011

Pescadito Environmental Resource Center  
Attn: Carlos Y. Benavides

Re: Letter of Support, Pescadito Environmental Resource Center

Dear Mr. Benavides:

This letter is in support of the future development of the Pescadito Environmental Resource Center, a proposed state-of-the-art solid waste management facility in Webb County, Texas. The continued population growth and economic development of Webb County requires infrastructure to meet its future needs, including proper management of solid waste. While Webb County needs an environmentally secure landfill, we recognize that landfill disposal alone is not the answer for the future. A landfill should be employed only for those wastes that cannot be recycled or put to some beneficial re-use.

We find that the Pescadito Environmental Resource Center offers Webb County a long term solid waste management facility that will include comprehensive recycling in a location that is both environmentally well-suited and compatible with surrounding land use. Because the facility is proposed to be served by rail, it can serve a broad region without causing impacts to Webb County traffic or its residential communities. Furthermore, the facility will provide significant direct economic impacts, including long-term employment, payroll and taxes. The County of Webb supports the benefits of this proposed project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Danny Valdez".

Danny Valdez  
Webb County Judge

xc: Webb County Commissioner's Court

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PUBLIC EDUCATION

## Jim Hogg axes 5 teachers

By NICK GERRIGIO  
LAREDO MORNING TIMES

Five Jim Hogg County Independent School District employees, including the superintendent's wife, will be laid off at the end of this school year.

A majority of the district's board of trustees made the decision after discussing a reduction in force in closed session for about two hours late Monday.

Affected employees include three prekindergarten teachers, the high school band director, Joe A. Soliz, and an elementary school educator, Christina Lopez, who is the wife of Pedro P. Lopez, the district's superintendent.

Soliz and Christina Lopez are both "retire-rehires," meaning they were retired and later rehired by the district. After reconvening in open session Monday, Elna Ramirez, vice president of the Jim Hogg County ISD Board of Trustees, made the motion to terminate their contracts at the end of this school year.

"For the record, this does not have the recommendation of the superintendent," Pedro Lopez said during the special called meeting.

A divided board then voted 4-1 to approve the motion.

Ramirez said she recommended that the district lay off Christina Lopez and Soliz because every "retire-rehire" should be terminated at the end of the school year.

"They are welcome to reapply at the beginning of next school year," she said.

Under state regulations, a school district must give preference to a classroom teacher who is not a retiree when filling critically-needed positions.

Lopez immediately left after Monday's meeting ended, and he could not be reached for comment Tuesday.

As for the prekindergarten teachers, they were part of the reduction in force because lawmakers are slated to cut the state's funding of the pre-kindergarten grant.

With the five layoffs and the 20 employees who took up the district's layoff offer, Jim Hogg ISD should be able to offset the \$993,900 in state funding that the district is projected to lose next school year.

In 2012-13, it's expected to lose more than \$1 million in state funding.

Jim Hogg County ISD trustees had scheduled a special called meeting last week to

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TODAY'S FORECAST



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MEXICO VIOLENCE

# Zetas get the blame

Authorities: Group responsible for 116 bodies in pits

By L. EDUARDO CASTILLO  
LAREDO MORNING TIMES

MEXICO CITY -- Mexican investigators have found a total of 116 bodies in pits near the U.S. border, 26 more than previously reported, Attorney General Marisela Morales said Tuesday.

Morales said a total of 17 suspects tied to the brutal Zetas drug gang have been detained in relation to the killings in Tamaulipas, some of whom have reportedly confessed to abducting passengers from buses and killing them.

“Organized crime, in its desperation, resorts to committing atrocities that we can't and shouldn't tolerate as a government and as a society.”

INTERIOR SECRETARY FRANCISCO BLAKE MORA

President Felipe Calderon said a 19-year-old man who is among the detained confessed to killing more than 200 people.

Calderon gave no other details. Interior Secretary Francisco Blake Mora pledged to stop up the presence of troops and fed-

eral police in the area where the killings occurred and not leave the area until the killers and drug gang members there have been caught.

"Organized crime, in its desperation, resorts to committing atrocities that we can't and shouldn't tolerate as a government and as a society," Blake said.

The graves were found earlier this month in the township of San Fernando, the same area of Tamaulipas where investigators found the bodies of 72 mi-

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# CITY SCORES AN ACE



Mayor Raul Salinas greets renowned golf course architect Robert Jones II at the Laredo International Airport on Tuesday afternoon. Jones is the architect for the Max A. Mandel Municipal Golf Course that is set to open in November.

COMMISSIONERS

## Webb eyes ranch as landfill site

By ANDREW KREIGHBAUM  
LAREDO MORNING TIMES

Webb County could have a new landfill to alleviate pressure on Laredo's municipal landfill on Highway 90.

The commissioner's court indicated they will draft a letter of support for a new 1,000-acre landfill to be constructed at Yugo Ranch 19 miles east of Laredo.

The owners of the ranch told the court (Escalante Environmental Resource Center) will meet a demand for landfill space in the region and create a boost for the economy.

The project is attractive to commissioners because it is removed from the city and any surrounding subdivisions—and thus avoids any controversy over where

neighborhood the landfill would be placed in.

Located within a 12,000-acre ranch, the landfill is designed to recover gases for beneficial uses and recycle electronic waste on site.

Carlos Benavides, the owner of Yugo ranch, said the landfill could provide between 22 and 30 jobs and generate and pull in \$2 to \$6 million in estimated gross revenues.

"It will create permanent jobs on the facility as well as a multiplying factor of what this means to the community," he said.

The project could take 1 million tons of waste in its first year and 2 million per year after that. The facility could eventually hold

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COUNCIL DISTRICT VII

## Early voting begins for special election

By ANDREW KREIGHBAUM  
LAREDO MORNING TIMES

Early voting begins today for the city council District VII special election.

The election will decide the successor to City Councilmember Jose Valdez, who in January completed a second-term he left several years before to run for mayor.

Six candidates will be listed on the ballot. Jorge Vera is a former president of Leand Tito & Alstruet and former president of the Laredo Builders Association. Hector Lee Patten is a counselor in the court of 40th District Judge Oscar Hale. Roberto Estrada is general manager of Guerra Communications. Jose Luis Maldonado is a youth baseball manager

EARLY VOTING SITES

- City Hall Administration Building, 1100 Washington St.
  - Faran Elementary School, 2533 Chicago St.
  - Finley Elementary School, 2001 Lowry Rd.
- Open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday except Friday, April 22.

Vera, Estrada and Calderon runs a water transport business. Mario Garcia Juarez has not responded to repeated interview requests or filed a campaign finance report.

Vera, Estrada and Calderon participated in a candidate forum on public access television last week, in which Vera said the city and local law enforce-

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#### CONSUELO MAGAÑA



Consuelo Magaña, 63, passed away on Sunday, April 10, 2011 in San Antonio.

Visitation and a Vigil of the Deceased was held on Tuesday, April 12, 2011, in the Hernandez-Lopez and Sons Northside Chapels, 300 Boston St. at San Bernardo Ave.

Funeral services will be on Wednesday, April 13, 2011, departing from



the funeral home chapel. Holy Mass will be celebrated at 8:30 a.m. at San Luis Rey Catholic Church. Committal services and interment will follow in the Calvary Catholic Cemetery.

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vote on the reduction in force. But they postponed the meeting when, shortly before it was slated to start, there was a confrontation outside the central office building.

Mario Gonzalez, husband of the district's chief financial officer, Ofelia Gonzalez, had approached two board members, threatening to take legal action if they did not renew his wife's employment contract.

In fact, her contract had already been renewed in February.

Outside the central office building, the husband and Ramirez, one of the

board members, then got into an argument, and residents from across the street called law enforcement. While Ramirez spoke with the police, she had a seizure and was taken by ambulance for medical assistance.

The school board then postponed the meeting after a 30-minute recess.

There was no law enforcement presence at the board meeting last week. But two law enforcement officers were present at Monday's rescheduled meeting.

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### TRASH

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Yago Ranch must still apply for a landfill permit from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, a process that could take months, or years.

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"There are all kinds of requirements involved as far as the suitability of the land, the monitoring they have to do to show that it will be handled in a proper way," she said. "It's very, very complicated."

After an administrative review of the application and additional reviews of data on the landfill's potential impact on the environment, TCEQ requires a public meeting where neighbors can have questions or concerns answered.

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ment should be doing more to guard against "spillover violence" from Mexican drug cartels.

Estrada said the city needs better emergency planning for disasters such as last July's heavy flooding.

Patino has argued in interviews the city needs an addiction detox center and a renewed focus on creating jobs locally.

Early voting runs until April 26. Election Day is April 30.

Voters can request a bal-

lot by mail from the city secretary's office. Mail in ballots must be received by the city secretary no later than April 22.

*(Andrew Krueghbaum may be reached at 728-2538 or akueghbaum@latimes.com)*

## Continuing Education for Physicians and Nurses 14<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CANCER UPDATE

Wednesday, April 20, 2011  
6:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

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#### Program Agenda

- 6:00 p.m. Welcoming & Dinner
- 6:10 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Management of Lung Metastasis  
J. Mark Smith, Jr., MD
- 7:00 p.m. - 7:50 p.m. Effective Strategies for Tobacco Cessation (Ethics Credit)  
Lisa A. Killworth, MD, PhD
- 8:00 p.m. - 8:50 p.m. Management of Liver Metastasis  
Juan Palma-Verges, MD
- 8:50 p.m. - 9:15 p.m. Open Panel Discussion
- 9:15 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Program Evaluation

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## Laredo Morning Times (TX)

April 13, 2011

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