

**AUGUST
20-22**

HYATT REGENCY
HILL COUNTRY
SAN ANTONIO, TX

TEXAS ALLIANCE OF GROUNDWATER DISTRICTS

TEXAS GROUNDWATER SUMMIT

DRAFT AGENDA

Day I – Tuesday, August 20

9:30am – 11:30am TAGD Annual Board Meeting

1:00pm – 3:45pm General Sessions

Welcome Address

Leah Martinsson, Executive Director, Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts

County Commissioners & Judges Panel

Moderator: The Honorable Jan Roe, Former Robertson County Judge and Current Board President, Brazos Valley GCD

Tim Brown, Former Bell County Commissioner
Will Conley, Former Hays County Commissioner
The Honorable Joe Shuster, Pecos County Judge

Finding Meaning in the Numbers: Groundwater Data Panel

Moderator: Glen Low, Founder, The Earth Genome

Erin Atkinson, Vice President, GIS / Technology Practice Leader, Halff & Associates
Robert Mace, Interim Executive Director & Chief Water Policy Officer, Meadows Center for Water and the Environment
Suzanne Pierce, Research Scientist, Dynamic Decision Support Systems, Data Management & Collections Group, Texas Advanced Computing Center
Mike Turco, General Manager, Harris-Galveston Subsidence District

3:45pm – 4:15pm Coffee Break

4:15pm – 5:00pm General Session

Water Valuation & Water Markets Panel

Moderator: Carlos Rubinstein, Principal, RSAH2O

Gabe Collins, Baker Botts Fellow in Energy & Environmental Regulatory Affairs
Baker Institute for Public Policy, Rice University
Sharlene Leurig, Chief Executive Officer, Texas Water Trade
Harry Seely, Principal, WestWater Research

5:00pm – 6:30pm Welcome Reception

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Day 2 – Wednesday, August 21

8:30am – 10:15am **General Sessions**

Welcome Address

Dirk Aaron, President, Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts

Finding Common Ground: Stakeholders Panel

Moderator: Jason Coleman, General Manager, High Plains Water District

Maurice Hall, Associate VP, Ecosystems – Water, Environmental Defense Fund

Allison Strube, Water Utilities Director, City of San Angelo

Ben Weinheimer, Vice President, Texas Cattle Feeders Association

Additional panelists TBA

Legislative Debrief Panel

Moderator: Leah Martinsson, Executive Director, Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts

Ty Embrey, Attorney, Lloyd Gosselink Attorneys at Law

Greg Ellis, Attorney, GM Ellis Law Firm, PC

Brian Sledge, Managing Partner, SledgeLaw Group, PLLC

10:15am – 10:45am **Coffee Break**

10:45am – 12:00pm **General Session**

Keynote Address

Legislator Panel

Moderator: Leah Martinsson, Executive Director, Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts

Representative Tracy King, District 80, Texas House of Representatives

Representative Lyle Larson, District 122, Texas House of Representatives

Representative Pancho Nevárez, District 74, Texas House of Representatives

Senator Charles Perry, District 28, Texas State Senate

12:00pm – 1:30pm **Luncheon**

1:30pm – 3:00pm **Breakout Sessions**

Track I: Stretching the Resource: Innovative Projects

Prospects for Managed Aquifer Recharge from Stormwater for Harris County and Beyond

Gretchen Miller, Associate Professor, Zachry Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, Texas A&M University

Calculating Recoverability in ASR Projects

Steven Young, PHD, PE, PG, CGWP, Principal Geoscientist, INTERA

Additional presentation TBA

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Track 2: Data: Sometimes You Got It, Sometimes You Don't
Case Study: Technological and Web-Based Solutions to Data Collection, Analysis, and Application in the Houston-Galveston Region

Jason Ramage, Hydrologist, Texas Water Science Center, US Geological Survey

Estimating Exempt Use

Natalie Ballew, Manager, Groundwater Technical Assistance, TWDB

Quantifying Potential Changes in Recharge from Changes in Weather Patterns

Nick Martin, Principal Scientist, Southwest Research Institute

Track 3: Workshop: Board & Staff Training

Hydrogeology 101

Mike Keester, Project Manager and Hydrogeologist, LRE Water, LLC

Chapter 36 Essentials

F. Keith Good, Shareholder, Lemon Law Firm

Board Governance

Steve Kosub, Senior Water Resources Counsel, San Antonio Water System

Effective Education Programs

Greg Wukasch, External Relations Manager, San Antonio Water System

3:00pm – 3:30pm

Coffee Break

3:30pm – 5:00pm

Breakout Sessions

Track 1: Conserve, Preserve, & Protect: Groundwater Contamination Reporting Groundwater Contamination. Who's on first?

Presenter TBA

Regulatory Framework Surrounding Groundwater Contamination from Texas Coal Ash Deposits

Mary Whittle, Partner, Guerro and Whittle, PLLC

Risk Assessment of Oil and Gas Activities on Groundwater Resources

Ron Green, Ph.D., P.G., Institute Scientist, Earth Science Section, Space Science and Engineering Division, Southwest Research Institute

Track 2: Drilling Down: Water Wells

Tracing the Source of Groundwater Through Well Profiling

Noah Heller, President, BESST Inc.

Innovation Software for Permit, Inspections and Production Reporting

Paul Wickman, Director of Applied Technology, RESPEC

A Lower Trinity PWS Case Study

William Gamblin, Associate Principal, Environmental/Water Resources Manager, Braun Intertec

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8:00pm – 10:00pm Desserts & Drinks Networking Event

Day 3 – Thursday, August 22

8:30am – 10:30am General Sessions

Brackish Groundwater Panel

Steve Walden, Principal, Steve Walden Consulting

Neil Blandford, Senior Vice President and Principal Hydrogeologist, Daniel B. Stephens and Associates

Additional panelists TBA

Where Do You Draw the Line? Surface Water/Groundwater Interaction

Moderator: John Dupnik, Deputy Executive Administrator, Water Science & Conservation, TWDB

Joe Yelderman, PhD, Professor, Department of Geosciences, Baylor University

James Beach, Senior Supervising Hydrogeologist and Area Manager, WSP

James Kowis, Principal Owner, James Kowis Consulting

Additional panelist TBA

10:30am – 11:00am Coffee Break

11:00am – 12:00pm General Session

Case Law Panel

Moderator: Mike Gershon, Partner, Lloyd Gosselink Attorneys at Law

Natasha Martin, Attorney, Graves Dougherty Hearon and Moody

Drew Miller, Partner, Kemp Smith

Additional Panelists TBA

Keynote speakers to be announced