

## **GCD Staff & Board Member Training 2017 Draft Agenda**

**Objective: to provide GCD staff and Board members with a comprehensive review of groundwater science, policy and management.**

**9-10:30 AM**

### **Morning General Sessions**

- **Introduction to Groundwater Today**  
TAGD overview of the most pressing issues within the Texas groundwater world
- **Chapter 36 Fundamentals**  
Historical overview of GCD's guiding statute, Chapter 36 of the Texas Water Code, and discussion on where we are now
- **Groundwater Legislation Overview**  
Overview of significant groundwater legislation in the past, and summary of most recent legislative session

**10:30-11:30 PM**

### **Morning Break Outs**

#### **Board Member Break Out**

- **Board Meeting Etiquette**  
Review Robert's Rules, the importance of good minutes, board meeting recordings, and going into executive session.
- **Legal Terminology 101**  
Become familiar with the terms and phrases used to talk about case law

#### **Staff Break Out**

- **Administrative Duties & Responsibilities**  
Learn about what Chapter 36 requires you to do in GCD administration
- **Importance of Good Data**  
Review good database and record keeping practices

**11:30-12:30 PM**

### **Lunch**

Keynote—Myth Busting: how to address common misconceptions about GCDs

**12:30-2 PM**

### **Afternoon General Session**

- **Case Law**  
Review of the most important case law, past and present, shaping groundwater management
- **Groundwater Science 101**  
Familiarize yourself with basic concepts and principles in understanding groundwater from a scientific perspective

**2:15-3 PM**

### **Afternoon Break Outs**

#### **Board Member Break Out**

- **GMA 101**

What is a DFC, why is important, and how are we measuring it? Review a GCDs statutory requirement to adopt a DFC.

**Staff Training Break Out**

- **Water Well Level Training**  
Learn about good water level measurement practices and how it can help you in DFC tracking

**3-4:30 PM**

**Technical Training Closing Session**

- **Importance of Good PR & Public Outreach**  
Understand the importance of good public relations, and learn tactics on how to build educational programs and community dialogue
- **Region specific issue**  
Hear a presentation on a project or issue specific to your region