

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