

**GCD Staff & Board Member Training**  
**Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts**  
Texas A&M AgriLife Research & Extension Center, Amarillo TX  
November 8, 2017

**Agenda**

- 9-10:30 AM**            **Morning General Sessions**
- 9-9:05 AM**            **Welcome**  
Sarah Schlessinger, Executive Director, TAGD
- 9:05-9:45 AM**        **Groundwater Science 101**  
**Ken Rainwater, Professor, Department of Civil, Environmental, and Construction Engineering, Texas Tech University**  
Familiarize yourself with basic groundwater science concepts, learn about the local hydrogeology, and hear about ongoing research.
- 9:45-10:30 AM**      **Chapter 36 Fundamentals**  
F. Keith Goode, Attorney and Shareholder, Lemon Law Firm  
Review GCD's guiding statute, Chapter 36 of the Texas Water Code.
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- 10:30-11:30 AM**     **Morning Break Outs**
- 10:30-11AM**         **Board Member Break Out**
- 10:30-11AM**         **Board Meeting Etiquette**  
Angelique Weaver, Attorney, Mayfield Law Firm LLC  
Review best practices for GCD Board meetings.
- 11-11:30 AM**        **Legal Terminology 101**  
**Victoria Messer Whitehead, Director of Government Affairs, High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1**  
Become familiar with the terms and phrases used to talk about case law.
- 10:30-11AM**         **Staff Break Out**
- 10:30-11AM**         **Management Plans**  
**Robert Bradley, Geoscientist, Texas Water Development Board**  
Learn about good practices for your GCD management plan.
- 11-11:30 AM**        **Water Well Level Training**  
**Gary Burke, Hydrologic Technician, United States Geological Survey**  
Learn about good water level measurement practices.
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- 11:30-12:30 PM**    **Lunch**
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**12:30–3 PM**

**Afternoon General Sessions**

**12:30-1:15 PM**

**Groundwater Legislation Overview**

**Robert “Robby” Cook III, Legislative Consultant, Gateway Partners**

Learn about how Chapter 36 has evolved and the specific pieces of legislation that have informed it.

**1:15-2 PM**

**Groundwater Case Law**

**Emily Rogers, Attorney, Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta LLP**

Review of the most important case law, past and present, shaping groundwater management

**2–2:15 PM**

**Afternoon Break**

**2:15–3 PM**

**GMA 101**

**Robert Bradley, Geoscientist, Texas Water Development Board**

What is a DFC, why is important, and how are we measuring it? Review a GCDs statutory requirement to engage in joint groundwater planning.

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**3–4:30 PM**

**Technical Training Closing Sessions**

**3–3:45 PM**

**Importance of Good PR & Public Outreach**

**Sarah Schlessinger, Executive Director, TAGD & Beth Hood, Program Manager, TAGD**

Understand the importance of good public relations, and learn tactics on how to build educational programs and community dialogue.

**3:45–4:30 PM**

**CRMWA & Groundwater Use**

**Kent Satterwhite, General Manager, Canadian River Municipal Water Authority**

Learn about how the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority manages its conjunctive use during episodes of rain and drought.

**The objective of the TAGD Leadership Training is to provide GCD staff and Board members with a comprehensive review of groundwater science, policy, and management.**