

TAGD GCD Staff & Board Member Training

Bee County Expo Center, Beeville, TX

November 1, 2017

Draft Agenda

- 9-10:30 AM** **Morning General Sessions**
- 9:00 AM** **Welcome**
Sarah Schlessinger, Executive Director, TAGD
- 9:00-9:45 AM** **Chapter 36 Fundamentals**
Bill Dugat, Attorney, Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta LLC
Review GCD's guiding statute, Chapter 36 of the Texas Water Code.
- 9:45-10:30 AM** **Importance of Good PR & Public Outreach**
Laura Raun, Founder & President, Laura Raun Public Relations & Beth Hood, Program Manager, TAGD
Understand the importance of good public relations, and learn tactics on how to build educational programs and community dialogue.
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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**
Grady Jolley, Attorney, Branscomb PC
Review best practices for GCD Board meetings.
- 11-11:30 AM** **Legal Terminology 101**
Susana Canseco, Attorney, Branscomb PC
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**
Chris Braun, Groundwater Specialist, United States Geological Survey
Learn about good water level measurement practices.
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- 11:30-12:30 PM** **Lunch**
Keynote—Groundwater Today
Sarah Schlessinger, Executive Director
An overview of current groundwater policy issues in Texas.
- 12:30-3 PM** **Afternoon General Sessions**

- 12:30-1:15 PM** **Groundwater Case Law**
Susana Canseco, Attorney, Branscomb PC
Review of the most important case law, past and present, shaping groundwater management
- 1:15-2 PM** **Groundwater Science 101**
Marcus Gary, Hydrogeology Supervisor, Edwards Aquifer Authority
Familiarize yourself with basic groundwater science concepts, learn about the local hydrogeology, and hear about ongoing research.
- 2:15-3 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** **Groundwater Legislation Overview**
Greg Ellis, Attorney, GM Ellis Law Firm PC
Learn about how Chapter 36 has evolved and the specific pieces of legislation that have informed it.
- 3:45-4:30 PM** **Region specific issue: Brackish Groundwater**
Steve Young, Principal Geoscientist, Intera
Presentation on a local study of brackish groundwater.

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