

GCD Staff & Board Member Training Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts

Large Community Hall, Fort Stockton, TX
November 6, 2017

Agenda

- 9-10:30 AM** **Morning General Sessions**
- 9-9:30 AM** **Chapter 36 Fundamentals**
Sarah Schlessinger, Executive Director, TAGD
Review GCD's guiding statute, Chapter 36 of the Texas Water Code.
- 9:30-10:30 AM** **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.
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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**
Greg Ellis, Attorney, GM Ellis Law Firm PC
Review best practices for GCD Board meetings.
- 11-11:30 AM** **Legal Terminology 101**
Troupe Brewer, Attorney, Lloyd Gosselink Attorneys at Law
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**
Raymond Straub, President, Straub Corporation
Learn about good water level measurement practices.
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- 11:30-12:30 PM** **Lunch**
- Lunch Keynote "West Texas Aquifers: How When and Why Were They Created?" - Allan Standen of Allan R. Standen LLC**
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- 12:30–3 PM** **Afternoon General Sessions**
- 12:30-1:15 PM** **Injection Well Disputes**
J.D. Head, Managing Partner, Fritz, Byrne, Head & Gilstrap PLLC
Learn about how to protest oil and gas injection well permit applications.
- 1:15-2 PM** **Groundwater Science 101**
Kevin Urbanczyk Professor Department of Earth and Physical Sciences and Director of the Rio Grande Research Center, Sul Ross State University
Familiarize yourself with basic groundwater science concepts, learn about the local hydrogeology, and hear about ongoing research.
- 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** **Groundwater Case Law**
Troupe Brewer, Attorney, Lloyd Gosselink Attorneys at Law
Review of the most important case law, past and present, shaping groundwater management

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.