

**AUGUST
28-30**

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HYATT REGENCY
HILL COUNTRY
SAN ANTONIO, TX

TEXAS ALLIANCE OF GROUNDWATER DISTRICTS
TEXAS GROUNDWATER SUMMIT

AGENDA

Day I – Tuesday, August 28

9:30am – 11:30am TAGD ANNUAL BOARD MEETING

1:00pm – 3:00pm OPENING GENERAL SESSIONS

WELCOME ADDRESS

Sarah Rountree Schlessinger, Executive Director, Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts

Political Boundaries & Aquifers

Gabriel Eckstein, Director, Program in Natural Resources Systems and Director, International Water Law Project, Texas A&M University School of Law

Robert Mace, Associate Director and Chief Water Policy Officer, The Meadows Center for Water and the Environment

Stacey Steinbach, Assistant General Manager, Texas Water Conservation Association

Water Availability

Van Kelley, PG, Sr. Vice President; Principal Hydrogeologist, INTERA

Justin C. Thompson, Doctoral Student, Jackson School of Geosciences, University of Texas at Austin

Additional speakers TBA

3:00pm – 3:30pm COFFEE BREAK WITH EXHIBITS

3:30pm – 5:00pm GENERAL SESSIONS CON'T

Optimizing the Edwards Aquifer: the next 20 years and beyond

Roland Ruiz, General Manager, Edwards Aquifer Authority

Groundwater Management in Denmark

Jacob Vind, Counsel General and Head of the Danish Water Technology Alliance in the US, Royal Danish Consulate General

5:00pm – 6:30pm WELCOME RECEPTION

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Day 2 – Wednesday, August 29

8:30am – 10:00am **GENERAL SESSIONS CON'T**

Groundwater Management Toolbox

Vanessa Escobar, Senior Regulatory Compliance Coordinator, Barton Springs Edwards Aquifer Conservation District

Greg Sengelmann, General Manager, Gonzales County Underground Water Conservation District
Gary Westbrook, General Manager, Post Oak Savannah Groundwater Conservation District

Legislator Panel

Senator José Rodríguez, District 29, Texas Senate

Representative Paul Workman, District 47, Texas House of Representatives

Additional speakers TBA

10:00am – 10:30am **COFFEE BREAK WITH EXHIBITS**

10:30am – 12:00pm **GENERAL SESSIONS CON'T**

Groundwater Transactions

Kristen Fancher, Attorney, Fancher Legal, PLLC

Jason Hill, Attorney, JT Hill & Co.

Kodi Sawin, Principal, Sawin Group

12:00pm – 1:30pm **LUNCHEON**

Water Grows Initiative

TAGD Awards

1:30pm – 3:00pm **BREAKOUT SESSIONS**

Board Governance Training

Steve Kosub, Senior Water Resources Counsel, San Antonio Water System

Personnel and Employment Policies for GCDs

Jennifer Smith, Attorney, SledgeLaw Group PLLC

FAQs on the Public Information Act & Open Meetings Act

Kristen Fancher, Attorney, Fancher Legal, PLLC

Track 2: Groundwater Data & Technology

Texas Water Data Initiative

Sam Hermitte, Assistant Deputy Executive Administrator, Water Science & Conservation, Texas Water Development Board

GCD Databases

Erin Atkinson, Vice President, Half Associates

Enabling Your Groundwater Data through Dynamic Web Applications & Visualization Tools

Daniel Pearson, Data and Spatial Studies Chief, US Geological Survey

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Track 3: Know Your Aquifer

Aquifer Modeling 101

Wade Oliver, PG, Senior Hydrogeologist, INTERA

Using Remote-Sensed Data to Improve Recharge Estimates

Ron Green, Ph.D., P.G., Institute Scientist, Earth Science Section, Space Science and Engineering Division, Southwest Research Institute

Single District Groundwater Quality Studies

Paul Kirby, Project Geologist, Daniel B. Stephens & Associates, Inc.

3:00pm – 3:30pm

COFFEE BREAK WITH EXHIBITS

3:30pm – 5:00pm

BREAKOUT SESSIONS CON'T

Track 1: Workshop: Board & Staff Training

Board Governance Training

Steve Kosub, Senior Water Resources Counsel, San Antonio Water System

Personnel and Employment Policies for GCDs

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FAQs on the Public Information Act & Open Meetings Act

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Track 2: All the Wells & Whistles

TDLR Rules Training

Adam Foster, Hydrologist, WWD/PI Program, Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation

Transducers & Telemetry

Raymond Straub, President, Straub Corporation

Water Well Drillers FAQs

Speakers TBA

Track 3: Emerging Groundwater Management Trends

Managed Recharge - Beyond the ASR Well

Stephanie Moore, Senior Hydrologist, Daniel B. Stephens & Associates, Inc.

Aquifer Subsidence Vulnerability

Mike Keester, Project Manager and Hydrogeologist, LRE Water, LLC

How and Why GCDs Might Support the Oil and Gas Wastewater Recycling Efforts

Adam Friedman, Associate, McElroy, Sullivan, Miller & Weber, LLP

5:00pm – 6:00pm

HAPPY HOUR

8:00pm – 10:00pm

DRINKS & DESSERTS NETWORKING EVENT

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Day 3 – Thursday, August 30

8:30am – 10:00am CLOSING GENERAL SESSIONS

Conservation & Stewardship in Texas Groundwater

Roel R. Lopez, Ph.D., Director, Texas A&M Natural Resources Institute
Bob McCan, Chairman, Texas Agricultural Land Trust
Vanessa Puig-Williams, Attorney, Puig-Williams Law
Additional Speakers TBA

Case Law

Jim D. Bradbury, Attorney, Partner, James D. Bradbury PLLC
Greg Ellis, Attorney, GM Ellis Law Firm, PC
Stacey Reese, Attorney, Stacey Reese Law PLLC
Celina Romero, Partner, Duggins Wren Mann & Romero, LLP

10:00am – 10:30am COFFEE BREAK WITH EXHIBITS

10:30am – 12:00pm CLOSING GENERAL SESSIONS CON'T

GCD Innovation & Inspiration: Stories from the field

North Plains Master Irrigator Program

Kirk Welch, Assistant General Manager-Outreach, North Plains Groundwater Conservation District

Horizontal: An Innovative Supply Well

Jason Coleman, Manager, High Plains Water District

Visualizing Your Aquifer using Geophysical Characterizations at Multiple Scales

Scott Ikard, Hydrologist, Texas Water Science Center, US Geological Survey

Layne Marlow, Field Technician, South Plains Groundwater Conservation District

Mitchell Sodek, General Manager, Central Texas Groundwater Conservation District

Greg Stanton, Associate Director for Science, Groundwater and Geophysics, Texas Water Science Center, US Geological Survey