AGENDA

Day 1 – Tuesday, August 20

9:30am – 11:30am  TAGD Annual Board Meeting

1:00pm – 3:15pm  General Sessions

Live stream  Welcome Address
Leah Martinsson, Executive Director, Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts

Live stream  County Commissioners & Judges Panel
Moderator: The Honorable Jan Roe, Former Robertson County Judge and Current Board President, Brazos Valley GCD
Tim Brown, Former Bell County Commissioner
Will Conley, Former Hays County Commissioner
The Honorable Joe Shuster, Pecos County Judge

Live stream  The Earth Genome
Glen Low, Founder, The Earth Genome

Live stream  Finding Meaning in the Numbers: Groundwater Data Panel
Moderator: Glen Low, Founder, The Earth Genome
Erin Atkinson, Vice President, GIS / Technology Practice Leader, Halff Associates, Inc.
Robert Mace, Interim Executive Director & Chief Water Policy Officer, Meadows Center for Water and the Environment
Suzanne Pierce, Research Scientist, Dynamic Decision Support Systems, Data Management & Collections Group, Texas Advanced Computing Center
Mike Turco, General Manager, Harris-Galveston Subsidence District

3:15pm – 3:45pm  Coffee Break

3:45pm – 4:40pm  General Session
Live stream  Water Valuation & Water Markets Panel
Moderator: Carlos Rubinstein, Principal, RSAH2O
Gabe Collins, Baker Botts Fellow in Energy & Environmental Regulatory Affairs
Baker Institute for Public Policy, Rice University
Sharlene Leurig, Chief Executive Officer, Texas Water Trade
Harry Seely, Principal, WestWater Research

4:40pm – 5:00pm  Keynote Address
Live stream  Kathleen Jackson, Director, Texas Water Development Board
5:00pm – 6:30pm  Welcome Reception

Day 2 – Wednesday, August 21

8:30am – 10:15am  General Sessions
Live stream
Welcome Address
Dirk Aaron, President, Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts

Live stream  Adapting to a Changing Landscape: Stakeholders Panel
Moderator: Jason Coleman, General Manager, High Plains Water District
Maurice Hall, Associate VP, Ecosystems – Water, Environmental Defense Fund
Allison Strube, Water Utilities Director, City of San Angelo
Ben Weinheimer, Vice President, Texas Cattle Feeders Association
Karen Work, Water Management Supervisor, ConocoPhillips

Live stream  Legislative Debrief Panel
Moderator: Leah Martinsson, Executive Director, Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts
Ty Embrey, Partner, Lloyd Gosselink Attorneys at Law
Greg Ellis, Attorney, GM Ellis Law Firm, PC
Brian Sledge, Managing Partner, SledgeLaw Group, PLLC

10:15am – 10:45am  Coffee Break

10:45am – 11:00am  Keynote Address
Live stream
John Sharp, Chancellor of the Texas A&M University System

11:00am – 12:00pm  General Session
Live stream  Legislator Panel
Moderator: Leah Martinsson, Executive Director, Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts
Representative Tracy King, District 80, Texas House of Representatives
Representative Lyle Larson, District 122, Texas House of Representatives
Representative Poncho Nevárez, District 74, Texas House of Representatives
Senator Charles Perry, District 28, Texas State Senate

12:00pm – 1:30pm  Luncheon

1:30pm – 3:00pm  Breakout Sessions
Live stream  Track 1: Stretching the Resource: Innovative Projects
Prospects for Managed Aquifer Recharge from Stormwater for Harris County and Beyond
Gretchen Miller, Associate Professor, Zachry Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, Texas A&M University
Creative Solutions to Meeting the City of Wolfforth’s Water Demands
Darrel Newsom, City Manager, City of Wolfforth

Calculating Recoverability in ASR Projects
Steven Young, Ph.D., PE, PG, CGWP, Principal Geoscientist, INTERA

Track 2: Data: Sometimes You Got It, Sometimes You Don’t
Case Study: Technological and Web-Based Solutions to Data Collection, Analysis, and Application in the Houston-Galveston Region
Jason Ramage, Hydrologist, Texas Water Science Center, US Geological Survey

Estimating Use from Exempt Wells
Natalie Ballew, Manager, Groundwater Technical Assistance, TWDB

Quantifying Potential Changes in Recharge from Changes in Weather Patterns
Nick Martin, Principal Scientist, Southwest Research Institute

Track 3: Workshop: Board & Staff Training

Hydrogeology 101
Mike Keester, Project Manager and Hydrogeologist, LRE Water, LLC

Chapter 36 Essentials
F. Keith Good, Shareholder, Lemon Law Firm

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

Effective Education Programs
Greg Wukasch, External Relations Manager, San Antonio Water System

3:00pm – 3:30pm  Coffee Break

3:30pm – 5:00pm  Breakout Sessions

Track 1: Conserve, Preserve, & Protect: Groundwater Contamination Reporting Groundwater Contamination. Who’s on first?
Cary Betz, Manager, Permit Support, Compliance, and Groundwater Section, TCEQ

Regulatory Framework Groundwater Contamination from Coal Ash Deposits
Kimberly Mireles, Vice President of Environmental Services, Luminant

Risk Assessment of Oil and Gas Activities on Groundwater Resources
Ron Green, Ph.D., P.G., Institute Scientist, Earth Science Section, Space Science and Engineering Division, Southwest Research Institute

Track 2: Drilling Down: Water Wells
Tracing the Source of Groundwater Through Well Profiling
Noah Heller, President, BESST Inc.

Innovation Software for Permit, Inspections and Production Reporting
Paul Wickman, Director of Applied Technology, RESPEC

A Lower Trinity PWS Case Study
William Gamblin, Associate Principal, Environmental/Water Resources Manager, Braun Intertec
Track 3: Workshop: Board & Staff Training (Repeat)
Presentations same as those in the 1:30-3:00 PM track

5:00pm – 6:00pm  Reception
8:00pm – 10:00pm Desserts & Drinks Networking Event

Day 3 – Thursday, August 22

8:30am – 10:30am General Sessions
Live stream Brackish Groundwater Panel
Moderator: Zach Holland, General Manager, Bluebonnet GCD

Neil Blandford, Senior Vice President and Principal Hydrogeologist, Daniel B. Stephens and Associates
Steve Walden, Principal, Steve Walden Consulting
Hope Wells, Water Resources Council, San Antonio Water Systems

Live stream Where Do You Draw the Line? Surface Water/Groundwater Interaction
Moderator: John Dupnik, Deputy Executive Administrator, Water Science & Conservation, TWDB

James Beach, Senior Supervising Hydrogeologist and Area Manager, WSP
James Kowis, Principal Owner, James Kowis Consulting
Dave Mauk, General Manager, Bandera County River Authority & Groundwater District
Joe Yelderman, PhD, Professor, Department of Geosciences, Baylor University

10:30am – 11:00am  Coffee Break

11:00am – 12:00pm General Session
Live stream Case Law Panel
Moderator: Mike Gershon, Partner, Lloyd Gosselink Attorneys at Law

Natasha Martin, Attorney, Graves Dougherty Hearon and Moody
Edmond McCarthy, Partner, McCarthy & McCarthy, LLP
Drew Miller, Partner, Kemp Smith