



2020 VIRTUAL TEXAS GROUNDWATER SUMMIT

Interactive Webinar Event • September 1-3

Draft Agenda

Tuesday, September 1

10:00am-12:00pm

Welcome

Leah Martinsson, Executive Director, Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts

Groundwater Sustainability & Stewardship

Trey Mixon, Natural Resources Manager, Nestle Waters North America

Innovative GCD Management Strategies Panel

Moderator: Drew Satterwhite, General Manager, North Texas GCD/Red River GCD

Troupe Brewer, Principal, Lloyd Gosselink Rochelle & Townsend PC

Ty Edwards, General Manager, Middle Pecos GCD

Mike Keester, Project Manager/Hydrogeologist, LRE Water

Keynote Address *to be announced*

12:00pm-1:00pm

Lunch Break

1:00pm-2:30pm

Produced Water as Water Supply Panel

Moderator: Adam Friedman, Partner, McElroy Sullivan Miller & Weber LLP

Brian Bohm, Environmental Sustainability Advisor, Apache Corporation

Bridget Scanlon, Senior Research Scientist, Bureau of Economic Geology

Trey Gerfers, Board Chairman, Presidio County UWCD

Keynote Address *to be announced*

2:30-2:45pm

Afternoon Break

2:45-4:15pm

GAMs, the Next Generation Panel

Moderator: Wade Oliver, Senior Hydrogeologist, Intera

Natalie Ballew, Groundwater Technical Assistance Manager, Texas Water Development Board

Andy Donnelly, Senior Hydrogeologist, Daniel B. Stephens & Associates

John Ellis, Supervisory Hydrologist, United States Geological Survey

Session *to be announced*

4:30-5:30

Trivia Event

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Wednesday, September 2

9:00am-10:15am	<p>Welcome Zach Holland, President, Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts</p> <p>Legislative Update Sarah Kirkle, Director of Policy & Legislative Affairs, Texas Water Conservation Association</p> <p>Transparency Under COVID and Related Issues Jennifer Smith, Attorney, SledgeLaw Group</p>
10:15-10:30am	Morning Break
10:30-12:00	<p>Legislator Panel <i>to be announced</i></p> <p>Session <i>to be announced</i></p>
12:00-1:00	Lunch Break
1:00-2:30pm	<p><u>Breakout Track A – Board & Staff Training</u></p> <p>Well Drilling Basics William Gamblin, Groundwater Resources Supervising Engineer, WSP</p> <p>Underground Disposal Wells and Water Quality Considerations for GCDs Matthew Uliana, Principal Hydrogeologist, Intera</p> <p><u>Breakout Track B – Looking to the Future of Irrigated Agriculture</u></p> <p>Advances in Agricultural Conservation & the North Plains Water Conservation Center Nicholas Kenny, Agricultural Consultant, North Plains GCD</p> <p>A Path Forward for Sustainable Crop Production on the Texas High Plains Ronnie Hopper, Board Member, High Plains Water District</p> <p>Diversifying the Water Portfolio for Agriculture in the Rio Grande Basin Allen Berthold, Senior Research Scientist, Texas Water Resources Institute</p>
2:30-2:45pm	Afternoon Break
2:45-4:15pm	<p><u>Breakout Track A – Board & Staff Training</u></p> <p>The Why and How of Water Communications Janet Rummel, Public Relations & Communications Officer, North Texas Municipal Water District</p> <p>Building Effective Education Programs Melissa Mullins, Environmental Education Specialist, Baylor University</p>
2:45-4:15pm	<p><u>Breakout Track B – Water That’s Worth its Salt: Brackish Groundwater</u></p> <p>From the GCD Perspective: BGPZ Rules under HB 722 Mary Sahs, Principal, Mary K. Sahs PC</p> <p>High Plains Dockum Study Jason Coleman, General Manager, High Plains Water District</p> <p><i>Session to be announced</i></p>
4:15pm-5:15pm	Networking Event TBD

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Thursday, September 3

9:00-10:30am

Welcome

The Past, Present, and Future of Comanche Springs

Robert Mace, Executive Director, Meadows Center for Water & the Environment

Lessons Learned: Accountability and the Petition for Review Process Panel

Moderator: Bill Dugat, Partner, Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta LLP

Tom Koeneke, Board Vice President, Starr County GCD

Kelly Mills, Water Availability Division Assistant Director, Texas Commission on
Environmental Quality

Lynn Smith, General Manager, Mesquite GCD

10:30-10:45am

Morning Break

10:45am-12:15pm

Keynote Address *to be announced*

Current Legal Issues Panel

Moderator: Greg Ellis, Attorney, GM Ellis Law Firm PC

Stacey Reese, Attorney, Stacey Reese Law PLLC

Deborah Trejo, Partner, Kemp Smith Law