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**

**Welcome**
Zach Holland, President, Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts

**Legislative Update**
Sarah Kirkle, Director of Policy & Legislative Affairs, Texas Water Conservation Association

**Transparency Under COVID and Related Issues**
Jennifer Smith, Attorney, SledgeLaw Group

**10:15-10:30am**

**Morning Break**

**10:30-12:00**

**Legislator Panel to be announced**

**12:00-1:00**

**Lunch Break**

**1:00-2:30pm**

**Breakout Track A – Board & Staff Training**

- **Well Drilling Basics**
  William Gamblin, Groundwater Resources Supervising Engineer, WSP

- **Underground Disposal Wells and Water Quality Considerations for GCDs**
  Matthew Uliana, Principal Hydrogeologist, InterA

**Breakout Track B – Looking to the Future of Irrigated Agriculture**

- **Advances in Agricultural Conservation & the North Plains Water Conservation Center**
  Nicholas Kenny, Agricultural Consultant, North Plains GCD

- **A Path Forward for Sustainable Crop Production on the Texas High Plains**
  Ronnie Hopper, Board Member, High Plains Water District

- **Diversifying the Water Portfolio for Agriculture in the Rio Grande Basin**
  Allen Berthold, Senior Research Scientist, Texas Water Resources Institute

**2:30-2:45pm**

**Afternoon Break**

**2:45-4:15pm**

**Breakout Track A – Board & Staff Training**

- **The Why and How of Water Communications**
  Janet Rummel, Public Relations & Communications Officer, North Texas Municipal Water District

- **Building Effective Education Programs**
  Melissa Mullins, Environmental Education Specialist, Baylor University

**Breakout Track B – Water That’s Worth its Salt: Brackish Groundwater**

- **From the GCD Perspective: BGPZ Rules under HB 722**
  Mary Sahs, Principal, Mary K. Sahs PC

- **High Plains Dockum Study**
  Jason Coleman, General Manager, High Plains Water District
  Session to be announced

**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