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## <u>Texas Groundwater Summit to Explore Groundwater Issues</u> Contact: Julia Stanford, julia@texasgroundwater.org or 512-596-3101

The Texas Groundwater Summit will take place from August 20-22 at the Hyatt Hill Country Resort in San Antonio. Hosted annually by the Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts since 2012, the Summit will draw over 400 attendees representing groundwater industry leaders, community stakeholders, agency representatives, and government officials. Anyone with an interest in groundwater is invited to register at <a href="https://www.texasgroundwater.org/summit">www.texasgroundwater.org/summit</a>.

On the heels of last year's unprecedented one-billion-dollar investment in water infrastructure backed by the Texas Legislature and 78% of general election voters, water is finally having its moment. As demand grows every day and Texans look to new supplies, the groundwater world continues to adapt and plan for the future. Groundwater managers and stakeholders from across the state will gather at the Texas Groundwater Summit in San Antonio to dissect hot-button issues, share success stories, and learn about cutting-edge studies over three days at the state's premier groundwater event.

Texas Groundwater Summit attendees also enjoy the opportunity to network and collaborate with other groundwater professionals at several signature events. Conference registration includes evening receptions on Tuesday and Wednesday, as well as a Desserts & Drinks Networking Event on Wednesday night, where the community gathers for ice cream sundaes, beverages, and some friendly competition in outdoor games. A luncheon on Wednesday and coffee breaks throughout the conference provide a chance to debrief the educational sessions and hear others' perspectives.

Regular registration is open through August 2, with late and on-site registration rates available after that. Discounts apply for Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts members, non-profit organizations, and government agencies. A limited number of exhibit tables and sponsorships are still available. Visit <a href="https://www.texasgroundwater.org/summit">www.texasgroundwater.org/summit</a> for more information.

The Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts supports Texas groundwater conservation districts and their efforts to conserve, preserve, and protect groundwater. TAGD provides educational and technical assistance to member districts and the public, serves as a resource on groundwater issues with state officials, assists members in keeping current with state law, and is a central point of contact for information on groundwater issues and practices. Visit TAGD online at <a href="https://www.texasgroundwater.org">www.texasgroundwater.org</a>.



Photo 1: At the 2022 Texas Groundwater Summit, legislators discussed groundwater policy and the upcoming legislative session. L to R: Senator Sarah Eckhardt, Representative Tracy O. King, Senator Charles Perry, Representative Kyle Kacal, and former TAGD Executive Director Leah Martinsson. Final arrangements are being made for a similar panel this year, legislators to be announced soon.



Photo 2: Robert Mace (Meadows Center for Water & the Environment) and Roel Lopez (Texas A&M Natural Resources Institute) explore land and water use trends at the 2021 Texas Groundwater Summit.