

**AUGUST
29-31
2017**

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TEXAS ALLIANCE OF GROUNDWATER DISTRICTS TEXAS GROUNDWATER SUMMIT

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**12.5 Total Available Continuing
Legal Education (CLE) Credits**

Day I – Tuesday, August 29

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

12:00pm – 5:00pm REGISTRATION OPEN

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

Welcome Address and Opening Remarks

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

1 CLE Hour

100 Year Anniversary of the 1917 Conservation Amendment

Moderator: Ken Kramer, Water Resources Chair and Legislative Advisor, Sierra Club – Lone Star Chapter
Carole Baker, President/CEO, Texas Water Foundation
Karen Guz, Conservation Director, San Antonio Water System
Carlos Rubinstein, Principal, RSAH2O, LLC
Andy Sansom, Executive Director, The Meadows Center for Water and the Environment
Thales Smith, University of Texas School of Law

1 CLE Hour

The Value of Groundwater: Market Valuation & Assessment

Moderator: Peter Lake, Director, Texas Water Development Board
Amy Hardberger, Esq., Associate Dean, St. Mary's University School of Law
Charles R. Porter Jr., Ph.D., College of Education, St. Edward's University
David W. Yoskowitz, Ph.D., Associate Director & HRI Endowed Chair for Socio-Economics, Harte Research Institute, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi

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

3:30pm – 5:00pm OPENING GENERAL SESSION CON'T

.75 CLE Hours

Groundwater Users – Correlative Rights, Existing Use, & Curtailments

Charles Bowers, Ag Producer and Board Member, Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District
David Coleman, Director of Water Services, City of College Station
Lara Zent, Executive Director and General Counsel, Texas Rural Water Association

.75 CLE Hours

Planning Ahead: Current Groundwater Projects for Tomorrow's Needs

David Collingsworth, Regional Manager, Brazos River Authority
John Seifert, Project Manager, LBG-Guyton Associates
Additional Panelists to be Announced

5:00pm – 6:30pm WELCOME RECEPTION

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Day 2 – Wednesday, August 30

7:00am – 5:00pm **REGISTRATION OPEN**

8:30am – 10:00am **OPENING GENERAL SESSION**

Welcome & Opening Remarks

Joe B Cooper, President, Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts

.5 CLE Hours

Keynote Address

Keynote Speaker to be Announced

1 CLE Hour

Legislator Panel

Legislators to be Announced

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

10:30am – 12:00pm **GENERAL SESSION CONT'D**

.5 CLE Hours

Keynote Address

Honorable Nathan L. Hecht, Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Texas

1 CLE Hour

Legislative Debrief

Moderator: Sarah Schlessinger, Executive Director, Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts

Greg Ellis, Attorney, GM Ellis Law Firm PC

Ty Embrey, Attorney, Lloyd Gosselink Attorneys at Law

Monique Norman, Attorney

Brian Sledge, Attorney, SledgeLaw PLLC

Hope Wells, Corporate Counsel, San Antonio Water System

12:00pm – 1:30pm **LUNCHEON**

Keynote Address

Leyon Greene, Groundwater Technical Assistance, TexMesonet, Texas Water Development Board

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1:30pm – 3:00pm

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

1.5 CLE Hours

Groundwater Research & Science

Water Level Monitoring Networks and Analysis of Data for Assessing DFCs

Jevon Harding, Hydrogeologist, INTERA

Use of Coupled Surface Water/Groundwater Models in Managing Water Resources

Ronald Green, Ph.D., P.G., Institute Scientist, Southwest Research Institute

Influence of Urban Pumping on Groundwater Quality

Peter Knappett, Assistant Professor, Department of Geology & Geophysics, Texas A&M University

1.5 CLE Hours

Getting Deep: Water Wells

Look Before You Drill

Doug Laymon, Geophysical Services Manager, Collier Consulting, Inc.

Protecting Your Groundwater Assets

Dan Haddock, Principal Engineer, INTERA

Educating the Well Owner

Drew Gholson, Water Resources Program Specialist, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension

3:00pm – 3:30pm

AFTERNOON BREAK WITH EXHIBITS

3:30pm – 5:00pm

BREAKOUT SESSIONS CON'T

1.5 CLE Hours

Groundwater Databases & Data Collection

Web-Based Information Management Benefits for GCDs

Michael Keester, P.G., Project Manager and Hydrogeologist, LRE Water, LLC

Dave Colvin, P.G., Project Manager, LRE Water, LLC

How Technology Can Help GCDs Fulfill Missions

Wade Oliver, Senior Hydrogeologist, INTERA

1.5 CLE Hours

GCD Board Member Training

The Intricacies of Chapter 36

Bill Dugat, Attorney, Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta

Application of Oil & Gas Principles to Groundwater Law

Shauna Fitzsimmons, Attorney, SledgeLaw PLLC

Russ Johnson, Attorney, McGinnis Lochridge

Board Member Responsibility & Liability

Drew Miller, Attorney, Kemp Smith LLP

5:00pm – 6:00pm

NETWORKING RECEPTION

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Day 3 – Thursday, August 31

8:30am – 10:00am

CLOSING GENERAL SESSION

Welcome Address & Introductions

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

.25 CLE Hours

The Impact of DFC Monitoring & Implementation on Planning

James Beach, Senior Vice President, LBG-Guyton Associates

.5 CLE Hours

DFC Tracking Panel

Moderator: James Beach, Senior Vice President, LBG-Guyton Associates

Dirk Aaron, General Manager, Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District

Greg Sengelmann, General Manager, Gonzales County Underground Water Conservation District

Steve Walthour, General Manager, North Plains Groundwater Conservation District

.75 CLE Hours

Case Law Update

Moderator: Susanna Canseco, Attorney, Branscomb PC

Troupe Brewer, Attorney, Lloyd Gosselink Attorneys at Law

Kristen Fancher, Attorney, Law Offices of Kristen Fancher, PLLC

Vanessa Puig Williams, Attorney, Puig Williams Law

Emily Rogers, Attorney, Bickerstaff Health Delgado Acosta LLP

10:00am – 10:30am

MORNING BREAK WITH EXHIBITS

10:30am – 12:00pm

CLOSING GENERAL SESSION CON'T

Advanced Groundwater Technology Panel

.25 CLE Hours

Texas A&M ASR Initiative

Dr. Gretchen Miller, Water Management and Hydrological Science Program Faculty, Texas A&M University

.25 CLE Hours

Brackish Desal – Beyond the Bad Water Line

Stephen Hoff, GIS Analyst, Bexar County Information Technology

1 CLE Hour

3-D Modeling & Management: Pros & Cons

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

Gabe Collins, Baker Botts Fellow in Energy & Environmental Regulatory Affairs, James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy, Rice University

Bill Mullican, Principal, Mullican & Associates

Michelle Sutherland, Independent Researcher, Michelle A. Sutherland LLC

Nathan Toll, Hydrogeologist, Southwest Research Institute

Michael Turco, General Manager/CEO, Harris-Galveston Subsidence District

12:00pm – 4:00pm

FIELD TRIP: Edwards Aquifer Research and Data Center & Spring Lake Boat Tour*

*Additional fees apply, please sign-up via online registration or email groundwater@iemshows.com