

2016 TEXAS HILL COUNTRY WATER SUMMIT

"To raise awareness on the water resources of the Texas Hill Country and to discuss short-term and long-term critical challenges."



Thursday, December 08, 2016, New Braunfels Civic Center

8:00 am to 8:30 am

Registration & Coffee

8:30 am to 8:40 am

Welcome and Introductory Remarks,

Todd Votteler, Chairman, Guadalupe Basin Coalition

Morning Key Note Speakers

Current Water Conditions and the Outlook for 2017

8:40 am to 9:10 am

The Outlook for 2017, John Nielsen-Gammon, State Climatologist, Texas A&M University

9:10 am to 9:40 am

Current Water Conditions, Robert Mace, Deputy Executive Administrator, Texas Water Development Board

2015 Floods, How Bad Were They and

What Have We Done to Prepare for the Next Flood?

9:40 am to 10:00 am

NWS West Gulf River Forecast Center, Gregory Waller, Service Coordination Hydrologist, National Weather Service, West Gulf River Forecast Center

10:00 am to 10:20 am

USGS and the 2015 Floods, Doug Schnoebelen, Chief, U.S. Geological Survey

10:20 am to 10:40 am

FEMA and the 2015 Floods, Elizabeth Savage, Regional Program Management Lead supporting Federal Emergency Management Agency

10:40 am to 11:00 am

Break

The Latest on Water in the Hill Country and Texas

11:00 am to 11:40 am

Regional Water Supplies, Kevin Patteson, General Manager/CEO, Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority, and Robert Puente, CEO, San Antonio Water System

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| 12:00 am to 12:30 am | BBQ Lunch with Music by Jerry James |
| | Lunch Key Note Speaker |
| 12:30 pm to 1:00 pm | The 2017 State Water Plan for Texas , Bech Bruun, Chairman, Texas Water Development Board |
| 1:00 pm to 1:20 pm | TCEQ Update , Richard Hyde, Executive Director, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality |
| 1:20 pm to 1:40 pm | Texas Corps Programs and Missions , Colonel Calvin Hudson II, District Commander, Fort Worth District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers |
| 1:40 pm to 2:00 pm | Texas Water Conservation Gains , Karen Guz, Director of Conservation, Director of Conservation, San Antonio Water SystemSan Antonio Water System |
| 2:00 pm to 2:20 pm | The GBRA and TAP White Paper , Jim Blackburn, Attorney, The Aransas Project, Todd Votteler, Executive Manager, Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority |
| 2:20 pm to 2:30 pm | Break |
| | The Election and What to Expect from the New President, 115th Congress and 85th Texas Legislature |
| 2:30 pm to 3:00 pm | The Election, What Happened and What Does it Mean? James Henson, Director, Texas Politics Project, The University of Texas at Austin |
| 3:00 pm to 3:20 pm | Groundwater and the 85th Texas Legislature , Sarah Schlessinger, Executive Director, Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts |
| 3:20 pm to 3:50 pm | Afternoon Key Note Speaker What does the election mean for Federal Water Issues? Tom Jensen, Partner, Holland & Hart, Washington, DC. |
| 3:50 pm to 4 pm | Wrap Up Todd Votteler, Chairman, Guadalupe Basin Coalition |

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