



# 2020 VIRTUAL TEXAS GROUNDWATER SUMMIT

Interactive Webinar Event • September 1-3

## 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**

Sid Miller, Commissioner, Texas Department of Agriculture

**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**

Brooke Paup, Director, Texas Water Development Board

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

**Afternoon Break**

**2:45-4:00pm**

**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

**4:15-5:15**

**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

Representative Cody Harris, District 8, Texas House of Representatives  
 Representative Eddie Lucio III, District 38, Texas House of Representatives  
 Representative Andrew Murr, District 53, Texas House of Representatives

### Keynote Address

Representative Lyle Larson, District 122, Chairman of House Natural Resources Committee

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 Engineer, North Plains GCD

#### A Path Forward for Sustainable Crop Production on the Texas High Plains

Ronnie Hopper, Director, 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, NTMWD

#### Building Effective Education Programs

Melissa Mullins, Environmental Education Specialist, Baylor University

2:45-4:00pm

### 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

#### TWDB Update on Brackish Groundwater Production Zones

Erika Mancha, Manager of Innovative Water Technologies, Texas Water Development Board

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### Happy Hour

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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**

Dr. Larry Schooler, Senior Fellow, National Civic League

## **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