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Friday, March 7th, 2003

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Registration Form **Seating is Limited, Please RSVP Early**

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- I will attend the conference. My check for \$35 is included.
- I cannot attend the conference, but would like my name added to your mailing list.

Mail Registration and payment to Environmental Defense, 44 East Ave., Suite 304 Austin, Texas 78701, 512.478.5161. **Please RSVP by Feb. 28th.**

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8:30 to 9:00 a.m. Registration and Coffee

9:00 to 9:15 a.m. Welcome and Opening Remarks

Laura Brock, Water Analyst, Environmental Defense

9:15 to 10:00 a.m. Groundwater/Surface water: the underlying connections

John Ashworth, Associate, LBJ Guyton and Associates

10:00 to 10:30 a.m. Break

10:30 to 12:00 a.m. Exploring Approaches to Groundwater Marketing

Moderator: Myron Hess, Legal Counsel, National Wildlife Federation

- * Lynn Sherman, President, Water Texas
- * C.E. Williams, General Manager, Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District
- * Mark MacLeod, Director, State Energy Programs, Environmental Defense
- * Ned Meister, Director for Commodity and Regulatory Activities, Texas Farm Bureau

12:00 to 1:00 p.m. Lunch (Box Lunch provided)

1:00 to 1:30 p.m. Legislative Update on Water Issues

Hon. Robert Puente, State Representative, San Antonio

1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Roundtable on Groundwater District Powers: Enough, Not Enough, Just Right?

Moderator: Mary E. Kelly, Senior Attorney, Environmental Defense

- * Doug Cavazos, President, Hill Country Alliance of Groundwater Districts
- * Ken Kramer, Director, Lone Star Chapter of the Sierra Club
- * Steve Musick, Leader, Groundwater Planning Assessment Team, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
- * Mary K. Sahs, General Counsel for several Groundwater Conservation Districts, Sahs and Associates, P.C.

3:30 p.m. Wrap-up and Adjourn

Directions to the

LADY BIRD JOHNSON WILDFLOWER CENTER

4801 La Crosse Avenue, Austin, Texas 78739

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This is 3rd in a series of annual statewide water conferences. This year we will explore some of the complexities surrounding the management of groundwater in Texas. Given that groundwater withdrawals currently meet over half our water demands, groundwater availability is integral to the future of Texas. Many rural communities rely upon aquifers to support their economies and livelihoods. In addition, groundwater contributes to our surface water supplies and natural resources, supporting spring flows and augmenting rivers and streams.

The agenda has been designed to provide a variety of perspectives on Texas groundwater management and it will include a current legislative update.

Additional information about this and previous conferences is posted at www.texaswatermatters.org.

RSVP by sending Registration Form and a check for \$35 to Environmental Defense, 44 East Ave., Suite 304, Austin, Texas, 78701. Registration Fee covers box lunch and conference materials.

For additional information, contact Laura Brock at 512.478.5161 or via email at lbrock@environmentaldefense.org. See also www.texaswatermatters.org.
