

Texas Water: What's In Store?

Friday, April 23rd, 2004

- 8:00 to 8:30 Registration and Coffee
- 8:30 to 8:45 **Welcome Remarks** - Kathleen Hartnett White, Chairman, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
- 8:45 to 10:30 **From Policy to Planning**
Senate Select Committee and Subcommittee on Water Policy - Hon. Frank Madla, Jr., State Senator, San Antonio
Study Commission on Water for Environmental Flows – Hon. Robert R. Puente, Co-Chair, State Representative, San Antonio
Conservation Implementation Task Force - Carole Baker, Member, Director of Intergovernmental Relations, The Subsidence District
Responders – Evelyn Bonavita, Chair, Region L, League of Women Voters of Texas
John Bartos, Member, Region H
Caroline Runge, Member, Region F, Manager, Menard County UWD
Moderator – Melinda Taylor, Program Manager, Environmental Defense
- 10:30 to 11:00 Break
- 11:00 to 12:00 **Special Topics on Water Conservation**
Reservoir or Conservation? A Region C Perspective – Mary Vogelsson, Member, Region C, League of Woman Voters of Texas.
Funding Conservation Efforts Through the Farm Bill – Doug Sharer, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service
High Plains Agriculture– Dr. Nolan Clark, Member, Region A, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service
Moderator – Ken Kramer, Director, Lone Star Chapter of the Sierra Club
- 12:00 to 1:00 Lunch
- 1:00 to 2:30 **Groundwater Management and the Planning Process**
Susan Combs, Commissioner, Texas Department of Agriculture
Regional Planning and Large-scale Marketing Proposals
Far West Texas – Region E – Janet Adams, Member, General Manager, Jeff Davis County UWCD, Brewster County GCD and Presidio County UWCD
Brazos – Region G – Horace Grace, Member, President, Clearwater UWCD
Lower Colorado – Region K – Ron Fieseler, General Manager, Blanco-Pedernales GCD
Moderator – Laura Brock, Water Analyst, Environmental Defense
- 2:30 to 3:30 **Planning for our Natural Resources**
Joseph Fitzsimons, Chairman, Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission
The Role of Planning Groups in Meeting Environmental Flow Needs
Mike Booth, Attorney, Booth, Ahrens & Werkenthin, P.C.
Myron Hess, Legal Counsel, National Wildlife Federation
Moderator – Mary Kelly, Senior Attorney, Environmental Defense
- 3:30 Wrap-up and Adjourn
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