

Texas Springs: Protection, Restoration and Stewardship
Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center
Friday, March 30, 2007

8:00 Registration and Coffee

8:40 Welcome Remarks

9:00 – 9:30 Cross-section of Texas Springs

Frank Heitmuller, Geographer, USGS Texas Water Science Center

9:30 - 10:30 Lessons from the Florida Springs Initiative

Doug Shaw, The Nature Conservancy, Member, Florida Springs Task Force

10:30 – 11:00 Mid-morning Break

11:00 – 12:00 Groundwater Management and Springflow Protection

State's role

Ted Angle, Geologist, Groundwater Resources Division, Texas Water Development Board

Groundwater Conservation District's role

Caroline Runge, Manager, Menard County Underground Water District

12:00 Lunch

1:00 - 2:00 Landowner Successes – Linda Campbell, Program Director, Private Lands and Public Hunting, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

Building relationships for protection: Jacob's Well

David Baker, Executive Director, Wimberley Valley Watershed Association

Spring preservation and restoration efforts: Tom Green County

Ryland Howard, Co-Owner, Head of the River Ranch; Sr. Vice President, Financial Management Group, Frost National Bank

Taking stewardship to the next level, finding value in springs: Kendall County

Bob Petersen, Kendall County Landowner

2:00 – 2:30 Tools and Financial Resources available to Landowners

Doug Sharer, State Program Manager, Natural Resource Conservation Service

2:30 – 3:00 Case Study: Springs of the Edwards Aquifer

Geary Schindel, Chief Technical Officer, Edwards Aquifer Authority

3:00 Wrap-up