



TexasWater SYMPOSIUM



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Water, essential for life, is our most precious and valuable natural resource. But water supply is limited and under increasing pressure from a growing population. How will we protect this resource and plan for a sustainable future? There is a great need for a water-literate public; decisions being made today have far reaching and long lasting effects for our children and future generations.

The 2011-2012 Texas Water Symposium Series will provide perspectives from policy makers, scientists, water resource experts and regional leaders. Join us as we explore the complex issues and challenges in providing water for Texans in this century. Each session is free and open to the public. The hour-long program begins at 7:00 pm, followed by discussion time with Q&A. The events are recorded and aired on Texas Public Radio one week later.

1 Oct. 20, 2011

Texas Tech University in Junction

The Drought: Who, What, Where, Why and When

Moderator: Tom Arsuffi, TTU Llano River Field Center.

Panelists: John Nielson Gammon, Texas State Climatologist; Bruce McCarl, Texas A&M; John Baccus, TTU; and Todd Votteler, GBRA

2 March 22, 2012

Texas Tech University, Junction

Healthy Watersheds: Where all is connected and how best to manage our precious natural water storage and filtration systems

Moderator: Tim Birdsong, Chief of Freshwater Habitat Conservation, TPWD

Panelists: Gary Garrett, TPWD; Aaron Wendt, Texas State Soil and Watershed Conservation Board; Kevin Wagner, Texas Water Resources Institute; Christy Muse, Hill Country Alliance; Tom Arsuffi, TTU, Llano River Field Station

3 April 12, 2012

Schreiner University, Cailloux Campus Activity Center, Kerrville

Hydraulic Fracturing (Fracking) and the Energy/Water nexus: A look at every aspect and every question surrounding this timely issue

Moderator: TBD

Panelists: Cyrus Reed, Sierra Club; Ken Rainwater, TTU Water Resources Center, others invited to be announced shortly

4 May 17, 2012

Trinity University, Stieren Theater, San Antonio

Groundwater for Texans: A discussion of the recent ruling of the highly publicized "Day" case, how it affects all stakeholders and our complex water policy framework in Texas

Moderator: Evan Smith, Texas Tribune (invited)

Panelists: Andy Sansom, TSU River Systems Institute; Greg Ellis, Groundwater Attorney, Joseph Fitzsimmons (invited)