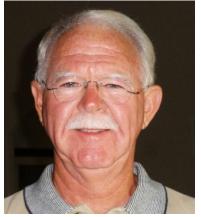
Topic: Area groundwater resources – RNC's Second Tuesday Brown Bag Lunch & Learn, September 11

Retired geologist and anthropologist Steve Stoutamire will speak at the Second Tuesday Brown Bag Lunch and Learn, set for Tuesday, Sept. 11, at Riverside Nature Center.

His talk will center on ground water resources in our area. The presentation includes PowerPoint slides with discussion, highlighting the subsurface geology of the aquifers which supply fresh water to Kerr County. The focus of the talk is to allow people to better understand what is happening with water below ground so as to better manage water use above ground.

Discussion and illustrations of how the aquifers recharge, how



groundwater then moves to surface outlets such as springs and wells will be included along with some climate data and trends. Water conservation and the potential future of a way of life in the Hill Country given the aquifer complexities and warming, drying climate trends will conclude the presentation.

Having 32 years of experience as a petroleum geologist, Stoutamire holds a bachelor's degree in anthropology from Florida State University and a master's degree in geology from Texas Tech University. He maintains a number of professional affiliations, and he is the past president of the Hill Country Archeological Association.

Stoutamire's brown-bag luncheon presentation begins at 11:30 a.m. Participants are encouraged to bring their lunch and plenty of questions. Cost is \$3 for members, \$6 for nonmember, and free to those who join RNC at the meeting. Reservations not required.

"Steve Stoutamire is always popular with our audiences," said executive director Mary Muse. "Be sure to arrive in plenty of time to get a seat."

Water and its conservation will also be one of the topics at the upcoming Down by the Riverside festival and plant sale, set for 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 27. Jim Stanley and Andy Pesez will speak on rainwater collection, and then will lead a tour of the property to show how the RNC system works.

Riverside Nature Center—Texas' largest arboretum of native trees—is located at the northwest corner of the Francisco Lemos St. Bridge, where the Guadalupe meets Town Creek. Call 257-4837, or visit <u>www.riversidenaturecenter.org</u> for information about the center and its programs and events.