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Celebrate & Support WVWA to Keep the Water Clean, Clear and Flowing

Eliza Gilkyson, great food and fun at the Salt Lick Pavilion September 26

Wimberley, Texas (August 30, 2010) -- Wimberley Valley Watershed Association (WVWA) is hosting its annual Hill Country Water Celebration featuring award-winning singer-songwriter Eliza Gilkyson to celebrate the beautiful springs, creeks, rivers and lakes of the Texas Hill Country.

"This year, we celebrate the water and the community that has come together to protect and preserve this valuable resource that is the life blood of the Hill Country," says David Baker, WVWA's executive director.

Recently, Hays County and the Nature Conservancy approved the purchase of 50 acres of land adjacent to Jacob's Well. This historic acquisition will establish the first county owned nature preserve and save this area from high density development that was slated to be built on a very sensitive aquifer recharge area.

"Wimberley Valley Watershed Association's two decades of work to do research, water monitoring, education and land acquisition to protect this watershed is reason for a great community celebration. Participation in this celebration helps us to continue our mission of conservation and stewardship of the aquifer and the natural environment."

The Hill Country Water Celebration will include an evening of great music with Eliza Gilkyson. The themes of Gilkyson's lyrics often reflect her love of the Hill Country and her concern about environmental issues. She is not afraid to speak out about the need to conserve water in the Hill Country. "Conservation of underground water is everyone's business these

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days. All residents of the Hill Country need to rally together to promote the responsible use of our limited water resources," Gilkyson says. "This event will be one of those rallying points as well as a time to celebrate the successes we've had so far."

The Wimberley Valley Watershed Association is dedicated to protecting the water quality and quantity of the aquifer by promoting sustainable watershed management through community education, conservation, and land protection. The Association has purchased land surrounding Jacob's Well to restore and protect the flow of Cypress Creek. The land acquisition brings together dozens of parcels of land previously in private ownership into the Jacob's Well Natural Area. The preserve serves as a site for education, scientific research and land protection. Programs focus on protecting aquifer recharge, spring flow, and the clean water flowing in the Cypress Creek and lower Blanco River.

Join us Sunday, September 26 for wonderful music, benefit auction and great food at the beautiful Salt Lick Pavilion in Driftwood, Texas and show your support for clean water and land conservation.

Tickets for the event are \$65 and include dinner and the concert. Dinner will be served at 6:00 pm, followed by the concert at 7:30 pm. Please purchase your tickets by September 20, 2010. Tickets may be purchased online at www.hillcountrywatercelebration.com or at the Wimberley Visitors' Center. Reserved seating may be purchased for a table of eight by calling 512-722-3457.