

TEXAS WATER RESOURCES AS A COMMODITY

Regional Water Forum

SAT, NOV 6, 2010

9:00 am – 3:30 pm

Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority Annex, 905 Nolan, Seguin, Texas

As last summer's drought made clear, Texas has limited water resources. We who live in Central Texas are all too familiar with the competing interests of agriculture, industry, population growth and endangered species for that limited water supply. Who makes the decisions about where the water goes, and how much can be pumped? Who is planning for future needs? Is water in Texas a resource or a commodity?

These questions are part of a study by the League of Women Voters of Texas, **"Texas Water Resources as a Commodity."** Representatives of six local Leagues in our region have planned a day-long event to focus on the current uses of water in our watershed, and the planning that is taking place to assure sufficient water for all of us to share. The Guadalupe Blanco River Authority is co-sponsoring this event at their headquarters in Seguin, which is centrally located between Kerrville and Victoria, the two ends of our watershed.

Experts will describe the state water plan, the Region L water plan, information from the Headwaters region in Kerr County, current state regulations that govern the sale and transfer of water rights by river authorities, and the permitting of water transfers by groundwater districts. Individuals from Kerrville, Wimberley Valley, San Marcos, Comal Area, San Antonio, Victoria, and areas in between, will have the opportunity to talk to each other in small groups about how regional water practices impact us in our hometowns.

This forum is designed for everyone, starting with basic information and building on that knowledge as the day progresses. The public is invited to attend.

RSVP to Kathy Hunt at (361)573-1317 or kathyhunt@suddenlink.net.

Box lunch will be provided. (Indicate your choice of turkey or vegetarian sandwich).

Cost: \$10 (includes lunch, refreshments, and handouts). Pay on Nov. 6.

Deadline to RSVP: October 22, 2010.