



Land Water People

November 16-18, 2009
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Highlight Speakers

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Director of Sustainable Waters Program
The Nature Conservancy

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Executive Director
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As part of its annual conference series and its Initiative for Watershed Excellence program, the River Systems Institute will host Land, Water, People 2009 on November 16-18, 2009 at the San Marcos Convention Center. In a program of plenaries, panel discussions, and workshops, we will explore the potential to more effectively manage and protect water resources, on both a local and regional scale, through applications to these important interfaces within watershed and community dynamics:

- Natural Systems Interface: examining the dynamics within four ecological interface zones; land to water, riparian zone, coastal, and groundwater/surface water, and define the role of their ecosystem functions within watershed dynamics.
- Natural and Human Systems Interface: identifying the implications of human interactions on the four natural interfaces and defining the benefits of their functions to social and economic systems.
- People to People Interface: identifying the tools and approaches that promote and support collaboration between institutions and between communities using examples from leading programs throughout the region.

The event program culminates with a panel of representatives from various major water resources management programs in EPA Region 6 and key decision makers in state-wide water related issues, emphasizing the processes by which these programs integrate with each and challenges they face in achieving preferred levels of integration.

Additional activities include:

- Exhibits by leading governmental, academic, non-profit, and private consultants in the field of water resource management and technologies
- Student poster contest
- Evening reception
- CEU courses

Don't miss this opportunity to network and collaborate on these important watershed topics! Conference details and registration are available on-line at <http://www.rivers.txstate.edu/projects/conferences/Land-Water-People-09.html> For further information, contact Annette Paulin, conference coordinator at 512-754-9179 or e-mail conference09@grandecom.net



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Monday, November 16, 2009		Morning Plenary
8:00-8:30	Registration and Breakfast	
8:30-8:45	Welcome <p>Andrew Sansom Executive Director River Systems Institute</p>	
8:45-9:25	Keynote: <p>Brian Richter Director of Sustainable Waters Program The Nature Conservancy</p>	
9:30-10:45	Plenary: Making the Connection - Ecosystem Interfaces <p><i>Land and Water</i> Kirby Brown Texas Wildlife Association</p> <p><i>Through the Riparian Zone</i> Kevin Anderson Board President Texas Riparian Association</p>	
10:45-11:00	Break	
11:00-12:15	Making the Connection: Ecosystem Interfaces <p><i>The Ground to Surface Water Journey</i> Robert Mace Deputy Executive Administrator for Water Science and Conservation Texas Water Development Board</p> <p><i>Coastal Connections</i> Larry McKinney Director Harte Research Institute</p>	
12:15-1:15	Lunch	

Monday, November 16, 2009			Afternoon Concurrent Sessions	
1:15-2:45	Concurrent Sessions: Setting the stage for ecological interface			
	<div>Session A</div> <div>Big Picture Watersheds: <i>Current state of Watershed Management</i></div> <div>Barney Austin Intera, Inc.</div> <div>Steve Bednarz National Resource Conservation Service</div> <div>Gary Garrett Texas Parks and Wildlife Department</div> <div>TBD Texas Commission on Environmental Quality</div>	<div>Session B</div> <div>Through the Riparian Zone: <i>Ecological Functions</i></div> <div>Georgianne Moore Department of Rangeland Ecology & Management Texas A & M University</div> <div>Steve Nelle Natural Resources Conservation Service USDA</div> <div>Bayani Cardenas Geological Sciences University of Texas at Austin</div>	<div>Session C</div> <div>The Ground to Surface Water Journey: <i>Making the Connection</i></div> <div>George Ozuna US Geological Survey</div> <div>David Dunn HDR, Inc.</div> <div>Mark Wentzel Texas Water Development Board</div>	<div>Session D</div> <div>Coastal Connections: <i>Ecological Processes and Functions</i></div> <div>Ruben Solis Texas Water Development Board</div> <div>Paul Montagna Harte Research Institute Texas A&M University</div> <div>Eddie Fisher Texas General Land Office</div>
2:45-3:00	Break			
3:00-4:30	Concurrent Sessions: Challenges facing interface ecosystems and their management			
	<div>Session A</div> <div>Big Picture Watersheds: <i>Challenges to Effective Management</i></div> <div>Tom Riley Arkansas Water Resources Center</div> <div>David Hunter City of Denton</div> <div>Ed Fite Oklahoma Water Resources Board</div>	<div>Session B</div> <div>Through the Riparian Zone: <i>Assessing Ecological and Riparian Program Needs</i></div> <div>Kevin Wagner Texas Water Resources Institute</div> <div>Melissa Parker Texas Parks and Wildlife Department</div> <div>Mateo Scoggins Department of Watershed Protection and Development Review City of Austin</div>	<div>Session C</div> <div>The Ground to Surface Water Journey: <i>Challenges to Effective Management</i></div> <div>Bill Hutchison Texas Water Development Board</div> <div>Laura Marbury</div> <div>Amy Hardberger Environmental Defense Fund</div>	<div>Session D</div> <div>Coastal Connections <i>Climate Change and Drought Impacts to Estuaries</i></div> <div>George Ward Center for Research in Water Resources University of Texas</div> <div>Jim Gibeaut Texas A&M University</div> <div>Cindy Loeffler Texas Parks and Wildlife Department</div>
4:30-5:30	Plenary: Ecological to Socio-Economic Interfaces Kevin Shanley, SWA Consultants			

Tuesday, November 17, 2009	
8:00-8:30	Registration and Breakfast
8:30-10:00	<p>Plenary: Making the Connection: Socio-economic interfaces</p> <p><i>Cultural, Historic, and Recreational Value of Ecological Interfaces</i></p> <p><i>Ecological Functions the Provide Human Protection</i></p> <p><i>Direct Economic Benefits from Resource Use</i> David Yoskowitz Harte Research Institute Texas A&M University</p>
10:00-10:15	Break
10:15-12:30	<p>Plenary: The Collaborative Toolbox</p> <p><i>Economic Valuation of Ecological Services</i> Damien Adams Department of Agricultural Economics Oklahoma State Universtiy</p> <p><i>Capacity Building for Effective Management</i> TBD</p> <p><i>Long-Term Planning Using the Green-PrintingProcess</i> Sean Moran - Capitol Area Council of Governments Lori Olsen - Trust for Public Land Sally Campbell – Envision Central Texas</p> <p><i>Science for Policy Making</i> TBD</p>
12:30-1:30	<p>Lunch - Speaker:</p> <p>Carter Smith Executive Director Texas Parks and Wildlife Department</p>

Tuesday, November 17, 2009				Afternoon Concurrent Sessions
1:30-3:00	Concurrent Sessions: The Collaborative Toolbox			
	Session A Big Picture Watersheds: <i>Cross-Institutional Collaboration and Planning</i> John Jacob Texas A&M University Janae Reneaud Guadalupe River Trust Shawn Grindstaff Foth Infrastructure and Environment	Session B Through the Riparian Zone: <i>Protection Tools</i> Jennifer Lorenz Legacy Land Trust Rachael Ranft The Nature Conservancy Matt Hollon Watershed Protection & Development Review Dept. City of Austin	Session C The Ground to Surface Water Journey: <i>Modeling, Economics, and Decision Making</i> Patrick Tara Intera, Inc. Suzanne Pierce Texas Water Development Board Bruce Darling Texas Water Development Board	Session D Coastal Connections <i>Water Planning for Coastal Systems</i> Dan Hardin Texas Water Development Board David Yoskowicz Harte Research Institute Texas A&M University TBD Legislative Member
3:00-3:15	Break			
3:15-4:45	Concurrent Sessions: Collaborative Approaches			
	Session A Big Picture Watersheds: <i>Challenges and Opportunities</i> Nikki Dictson Texas A&M AgriLife Jason Pinchback Texas Stream Team Matt Hollon Watershed Protection & Development Review Dept. City of Austin Clint Wolfe NTCWQ	Session B Through the Riparian Zone: <i>Success Stories in Restoration and Education</i> Sky Lewey Nueces River Authority Mike Gonzales San Antonio River Authority Parc Smith American Youthworks	Session C The Ground to Surface Water Journey: <i>Challenges, Opportunities and Successful Examples</i> Brian Smith Barton Springs Edwards Aquifer Conservation District Robert Gulley Texas A&M University Linda McCall Texas Water Development Board Suzanne Schwartz University of Texas	Session D Coastal Connections <i>Solutions for Estuary Resource Management</i> Jamie Schubert Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Warren Pulich River Systems Institute Robin Reicher Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
4:45-5:30	Plenary: Large-scale Collaborative Projects: Examples and Lessons Learned			

Wednesday, November 18, 2009				
8:00-8:30	Registration and Breakfast			
8:30-9:45	Opening Plenary: Collaboration through large-scale planning			
	<p><i>The Oklahoma State Water Plan</i> Will Focht, Director Oklahoma Water Resources Research Institute</p> <p><i>The Texas State Water Plan</i> Bill Millican (to be confirmed) Deputy Executive Administrator Office of Planning Texas Water Development Board</p>			
9:45-10:00	Break			
10:00-12:00	Concurrent Sessions: Collaborative Workshops			
	Session A Big Picture Watersheds: Transboundary Projects <i>Facilitated by:</i> Eric Mendelman, River Systems Institute <i>Panel:</i> David Eaton, University of Texas at Austin Walter Rast, River Systems Institute Bill Harris, Texas Water Resources Institute Mike Smolen, Oklahoma State University	Session B Through the Riparian Zone: <i>Riparian Workshop - Collaborative Problem-Solving At Work: Building Constituencies for Riparian Protection Policies and Actions in Rural, Developing and Urban Areas</i>	Session C TBD	Session D TBD
12:00-1:00	Lunch -			
1:00-3:00	Concurrent Sessions: The Collaborative Toolbox			
	Session A Big Picture Watersheds: Academic Roundtable <i>Facilitated by:</i> Ron Kaiser, Texas A&M University Bill Harris, Texas Water Resources Institute Walter Rast, Texas State University	Session B Through the Riparian Zone: <i>Riparian Workshop - Collaborative Problem-Solving At Work (cont.)</i>	Session C TBD	Session D TBD
3:00-3:15	Break			
3:15-5:00	Plenary Panel Discussion: Integration of State and Federal Programs – Challenges & Opportunities			

Registration

Registration includes event attendance, conference-related materials, and food for each day of registration; an early evening reception is included on November 16.

General registration ends October 24. Late Registration fees are applied from October 25-November 9, 2009.

After November 9, advance registration will no longer be available; on-site registration will be available.

	November 16	November 17	November 18	Full Event
General Registration (May 30-October 24, 2009)	\$110	\$85	\$85	\$255
Late Registration (October 25-November 9, 2009)	\$120	\$95	\$95	\$285
On-site Registration (November 16-18, 2009)	\$125	\$100	\$100	\$300
Non-profit, Academic , and Government Registration	\$100	\$75	\$75	\$225
Student Registration	\$40	\$40	\$40	\$100
Exhibit Space (download form)				
Professional				\$300
Non-profit, Academic				\$150

TO REGISTER

By Credit Card: Use our on-line registration system at http://uweb.txstate.edu/gao/river_systems/

By Check: Complete the registration form and submit with your payment to:

River Systems Institute
601 University Drive
San Marcos, TX 78666
Re: LWP09 Conference

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Prior to September 1, 2009, full refunds, minus a \$25 processing fee, are provided. Upon September 1, 2009, refunds are provided as follows:

September 1-September 30, 2009	50%
October 1- November 9, 2009	25%
After November 9, 2009	No refund provided

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Circle all that apply	Single Day Registration			Full Event	Total
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Student Registration	\$40	\$40	\$40	\$100	
Exhibit Space					
Professional				\$300	
Non-profit, Academic				\$150	
Grand Total					

<p>Complete form and submit with check to:</p> <p>River Systems Institute Texas State University – San Marcos 601 University Drive San Marcos, TX 78666 RE: Land Water People conference</p> <p><i>Make checks out to "RSI - Texas State University"</i></p>	<p>A confirmation letter and receipt will be sent via e-mail so be sure to include your e-mail address above!</p> <p>Thank you for your participation!</p> <p>For further information contact: Annette Paulin 512-754-9179 conference09@grandecom.net</p>	
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