



Neighbor to Neighbor

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The Mission of the Hill Country Alliance is to bring together an ever-expanding alliance of groups throughout a multi-county region of Central Texas with the long-term objective of preserving open spaces, water supply, water quality and the unique character of the Texas Hill Country.

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Hill Country News

Wind-generated electricity will require wide swaths of land

The vast wind farms of West Texas promise to put a dent in the demand for coal-fired electric plants. But delivering that green energy to where it's needed most — the state's biggest cities — will leave scars on some of the most coveted land. Read full SA Express article [here](#).

Preservation Texas Names Herff Farm in Boerne to its Seventh Annual List of Texas' Most Endangered Historic Places

Herff Farm, a historic farmstead in the German-settled Texas Hill Country in Kendall County, is one of seven sites that Preservation Texas, Inc. has named to its seventh annual list of Texas' Most Endangered Historic Places. Read full media release [here](#).

LCRA Open House: Community Values and High Voltage Transmission Lines

Citizens of the Hill Country have strong community values. The LCRA and the Public Utility Commission (PUC) take notice when the public stands up and takes pride in its community values. [Read more...](#)

Texas Rancher An Unlikely Environmentalist

J David Bamberger "has become a champion of land stewardship and habitat restoration... and it's rubbing off on his fellow ranchers". NPR featured a wonderful story about Bamberger Ranch last week. Just in case you missed it... read it [here](#).

Registration opens for Land Conservation Conference

Don't miss early bird savings – register today for the 2010 Statewide Land Conservation Conference hosted by the Texas Land Trust Council and underwritten by Land/Water/Sky. Held April 28-30 this is a great opportunity to share and learn with the conservation and land trust community. [Details and Registration](#)

Dahlstrom Ranch Preserved for Future Generations

A rare collaboration to preserve and restore a threatened Texas ranch makes conservation history. Find out more from the Hill Country Conservancy [here](#).

Hays County calls for Rainwater Revival Volunteers

Calling all rainwater enthusiasts...join us February 23rd at 6:30 to participate in the planning of the Hays County Rainwater Revival. Learn more [here](#).

Must Read for Hill Country Landowners

Jim Stanley's The Hill Country Landowner's Guide, available from TAMU Press, is a practical guide to for all Hill Country landowners and everyone interested in Hill Country preservation. A Texas master naturalist specializing in native plants and land management, Jim served three terms as president of the Hill Country chapter of Texas Master Naturalists. He is also an active member of the Native Plant Society of Texas and the Riverside Nature Center in Kerrville, Texas. [More](#)

Garner State Park to Add 177 Acres in Land Purchase

One of Texas' most beloved outdoor recreation destinations — Garner State Park near Concan — will be adding a 177-acre tract that includes the iconic bluff known as Old Baldy as the result of a land deal struck with a willing, conservation-minded landowner. Read full TPWD media release [here](#).

PLTA opposes discharge into Lake Travis

The latest Protect Lake Travis Association newsletter follows Lake Travis issues such as a proposed discharge permit in Burnet, why it is being protested and the LCRA Water resource planning process. [Read more](#)

Bandera settles with business refusing water

A two-year standoff is ending between the city and a businesswoman who refused to take municipal water because she'd installed a rainwater catchment system on her new building. Read full SA Express article [here](#).

Upcoming Events

February 9 in Kerrville - Management and Conservation of Native Texas Fish - Hosted by Riverside Nature Center, presented by Dr. Gary Garrett, Director of the Watershed Policy and Management Program of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department - [Details](#)

February 13 in Cedar Creek - Saving from a Rainy Day - Learn how to harvest rainwater for indoor and outdoor use - Free event hosted by LCRA, McKinney Roughs Nature Park 9:00am to noon - [Details](#)

February 14-16 in San Antonio - New Ways of Looking at Water - The science, politics, law, history, poetry, music, art, spirituality, architecture, fashion, use, misuse, past, present, future, here, there and everywhere of water. - [Details](#)

February 15 in Junction - LCRA Transmission Line Open House - LCRA hosts the first of seven open houses scheduled throughout the Hill Country - [Details](#)

February 16 in Menard - LCRA Transmission Line Open House - LCRA hosts the second of seven open houses scheduled throughout the Hill Country - [Details](#)

February 17 in Mason - LCRA Transmission Line Open House - LCRA hosts the third of seven open houses scheduled throughout the Hill Country - [Details](#)

February 18 in Fredericksburg - LCRA Transmission Line Open House - LCRA hosts the fourth of seven open houses scheduled throughout the Hill Country - [Details](#)

February 22 in Eldorado - LCRA Transmission Line Open House - LCRA hosts the fifth of seven open houses scheduled throughout the Hill Country - [Details](#)

February 22 in Kerrville - The Hill Country Chapter of Texas Master Naturalists presents, "Hummingbirds of Texas" - Presented by Mark Klym of Texas Parks and Wildlife - [Details](#)

February 23 in Kerrville - LCRA Transmission Line Open House - LCRA hosts the sixth of seven open houses scheduled throughout the Hill Country - [Details](#)

February 23 in El Campo - Public discussion of LCRA's Water Supply Resource Plan - Let LCRA know your ideas for managing the water in the Highland Lakes. Meetings will be held in Austin, Burnet and El Campo, you can also provide input in writing or take an online survey. - [Details](#)

February 24 in Sonora - LCRA Transmission Line Open House - LCRA hosts the last of seven open houses scheduled throughout the Hill Country - [Details](#)

February 25 in Burnet - Public discussion of LCRA's Water Supply Resource Plan - Let LCRA know your ideas for managing the water in the Highland Lakes. Meetings will be held in Austin, Burnet and El Campo, you can also provide input in writing or take an online survey. - [Details](#)

February 26-27 in Fredericksburg - 7th Farm and Range Forum - "Sustaining the Hill Country - Now and for Future Generations" - [Details](#)

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