



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

Clear View Alliance exhibits Model of Monstrous Lattice Tower at LCRA Open Houses

To illustrate the impact that lattice towers will have on the Hill Country viewscape, Clear View Alliance members (CVA) worked all last week to build a surprise for those who attend the Lower Colorado River Valley Authority (LCRA) Open Houses on transmission line routes in the coming weeks. Read full CVA article [here](#).

Water Symposium Essay Contest – Inform your schools!

Schreiner University and the Water Symposium project announce a student essay contest for elementary, middle and high school students. “Kids, Water and Science: Perspectives from our Future”. [Learn more...](#)

2010 HCA Calendar close out sale!

We have a few boxes of calendars left and would love to find them good homes. They are terrific for distributing at community events, festivals, schools and neighborhoods. [Contact HCA](#) to find out about ordering some for yourself your organization or your business.

Gillespie County residents heat up over transmission lines

A new website has been launched offering a “plea for common sense” in the Hill Country and information about LCRA plans. The site encourages landowners to sign a petition urging specific action. Click [here](#).

Cow Creek GCW plans to challenge GMA ruling

In an effort to protect Boerne’s surface water sources, the Cow Creek Groundwater Conservation District board approved a resolution Monday challenging the Texas Water Development Board’s recent decision that the desired future conditions adopted by the executive committee of Groundwater Management Area 9 are unreasonable. Read full Boerne Star article [here](#).

Shock Treatment - Negotiating Transmission Line Easements

The Trans-Texas Corridor threatened to take massive amounts of land for transportation purposes before the project was scrapped. Now, with wind turbines sprouting up across Texas, the need for transmission lines sets the stage for more condemnation of private land. Read more [here](#).

Farm & Range Forum Tackles Sustaining the Texas Hill Country and Honors David Langford with Keystone Award

On February 26th and 27th, 2010, the Bexar Audubon Society, Green Spaces Alliance of South Texas, the Hill Country Alliance, the Texas Wildlife Association, and the US Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service will host the 7th Farm & Range Forum, “Sustaining the Hill Country — Now and for Future Generations.” - Read more [here](#) (almost sold out).

Upcoming Events

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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