



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 Photo Contest in Full Swing

Creeks are flowing and wildflowers are blooming, this is one of the most spectacular seasons for hill country photography. The HCA photo contest runs through the end of May. Winners will appear in our 2011 calendar. Please help spread the word, [click here](#) for complete details.

Hill Country News

CAMPO extends public input process

Long range transportation planning is underway in Central Texas. This is your time to read the plans, consider how they affect you, and provide your own comments to elected officials who are determining transportation improvement priorities through 2035. CAMPO will receive input through May 14. A public hearing has been scheduled for May 10th. [Learn more...](#)

GMA 9

The GMA 9 “desired future conditions” process continues. Ron Fieseler recently released a status report for the GMA 9 process as of April 2010, [click here](#) to read. [Texas Water Matters](#) is always an excellent resource on groundwater and surface water planning.

Hays Trinity GCD featured on KDRP Saturday April 17th

During the drought Groundwater Management in the Texas Hill Country was a topic of conversation everywhere you turn. We have to keep that conversation alive while creeks are flowing; managing groundwater for our growing region remains a challenge. Learn about the history and intentions of the Hays Trinity Groundwater Conservation District with Jack Hollon on “Cedar Lady” this Saturday morning at 9:00 am on 99.9 FM, or <http://www.kdrplive.org>.

Experts agree good land management means more water

San Antonio Express News reminds us, “The quality and quantity of the water that flows into the Edwards Aquifer and thus out of taps in San Antonio is dependent on the type of land that catches the rainfall.” Link to the full story here as well as additional resources and comments from J. David Bamberger [here](#).

Rainwater Revival

The Rainwater Revival is coming to Dripping Springs on 10-9-10. A brainstorm of the Hays County Water Conservation Working Group, The Rainwater Revival will be a fun, festive, educational event to spread the good word on rainwater harvesting and water conservation, the importance of which grows with our ever increasing population. [Click here](#) to check out the event website for volunteer and sponsorship opportunities.

Lake Travis water quality news

If water quality in Lake Travis is important to you, please keep up with the Protect Lake Travis Association newsletter. This issue covers the TCEQ’s movement to lower water quality standards to the lowest level allowed by the EPA. [Read more](#)

Free Texas Watershed Steward training set April 29 in Junction

A free Texas Watershed Steward training program will be held from 8 a.m.- 4 p.m. April 29 at the at the Llano River Field Station. The Program is designed to help residents improve and protect their water resources by involving them in local watershed protection and management activities.” Learn about watershed systems, water quality regulation and monitoring, methods to improve water quality, and community-driven watershed protection and management. [Learn more...](#)

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to hold meetings on environmental impact of new transmission lines

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will hold five scoping meetings to gather public comment as it prepares a draft environmental impact statement that relates to potential impacts to endangered species habitat that may occur in connection with construction and operation of new transmission lines the LCRA Transmission Services Corporation plans to build in parts of West and Central Texas. Read full media release [here](#).

Watershed planning and protection meeting April, 26th in Kerrville

Join Ryan Bass, the City of Boerne’s Watershed Planning Coordinator for the Upper Cibolo Creek Watershed as he discusses the watershed planning process in the state of Texas. [Details...](#)

Upcoming Events

April

April 15 in Junction - Multi-county Hill Country Wildlife Management Field Day - Hosted by Texas AgriLife Extension Service [Details](#)

April 17 in Kerrville - Earth Day Celebration - Sponsored by Riverside Nature Center and the Kerrville Chapter of the Native Plant Society of Texas - [Details](#)

April 19 in San Marcos - The Edwards Aquifer Recovery Implementation Program & the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service public meeting regarding the effects of certain actions on federally protected species associated with the Edwards Aquifer - [Details](#)

April 19 in San Angelo - CREZ project Environmental Impact public meeting - [Details](#)

April 21 in Comfort - CREZ project Environmental Impact public meeting - [Details](#)

April 22 in Junction - CREZ project Environmental Impact public meeting - [Details](#)

April 24 in San Marcos - Aquarena Earth Day Celebration - Aquarena Center's 4th annual Earth Day Celebration - [Details](#)

April 24 in New Braunfels - 4th Annual New Braunfels Earth Day Celebration - [Details](#)

April 26 in Lampasas - CREZ project Environmental Impact public meeting - [Details](#)

April 26 in San Antonio - The Edwards Aquifer Recovery Implementation Program & the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service public meeting regarding the effects of certain actions on federally protected species associated with the Edwards Aquifer - [Details](#)

April 26 in Kerrville - Hill Country Texas Master Naturalist meeting on Aquifer Planning and Protection - Speaker Ryan Bass, Watershed Planning Coordinator for the Upper Cibolo Creek Watershed - [Details](#)

April 27 in Fredericksburg - CREZ project Environmental Impact public meeting - [Details](#)

April 28 in Corpus Christi - The Edwards Aquifer Recovery Implementation Program & the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service public meeting regarding the effects of certain actions on federally protected species associated with the Edwards Aquifer - [Details](#)

April 28-30 in Austin - 2010 Statewide Land Conservation Conference - [Details and Registration](#)

April 29 in Junction - Free Texas Watershed Steward training - Learn about watershed systems, water quality regulation and monitoring, methods to improve water quality, and community-driven watershed protection and management - [Details](#)

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May

May 10-14 in Bandera - Guadalupe Basin Watershed planning short course - Hosted by Texas Riparian Association - [Website](#)

May 14 in Johnson City - Conservation Easement Workshop - Presented by LCRA - [Details](#)

May 31 - Last day of 2010 Hill Country Alliance Photo Contest.

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