



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 will 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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Recent News

Working to Save Jacobs Well and Keep the Water Flowing

Don't miss the first annual Hill Country Water Celebration featuring Eliza Gilkyson on October 18th. Purchase tickets by October 10th, proceeds benefit the Wimberley Valley Watershed Association and Jacob's Well - [Details](#)

I-35 toll twin officially dies

The toll road twin to Interstate 35, once the centerpiece of Gov. Rick Perry's Trans-Texas Corridor plan, is officially dead, the Texas Department of Transportation announced Tuesday. The department, which has spent years and millions of dollars on an environmental study of the corridor between Dallas and San Antonio, will recommend to the Federal Highway Administration that no action be taken on the proposed road. Read full Statesman.com article [here](#).

Texas Farm and Ranch Lands Conservation Program request for applications

The Texas Farm and Ranch Lands Conservation Program (TFRLCP) at the Texas General Land Office is now accepting applications for agricultural conservation easement projects, contingent upon the receipt of funds from the Coastal Impact Assistance Program (CIAP), for projects up to \$1 million. Read more [here](#).

Wastewater Discharge Threat

The latest Protect Lake Travis Association newsletter presents helpful information about a proposal to allow wastewater discharges into the Highland lakes. While this is often common practice in flowing rivers, the highland lakes are water storage reservoirs holding our drinking water supply. Read and understand the issue [here](#) - subscribe to [PLTA](#) to stay informed. 10.7.09 Statesman article, *Austin officials worries about precedent for others*, read article [here](#).

Two vulnerable areas in the Texas Hill Country could finally benefit from groundwater management planning

TCEQ staff is recommending that the western Comal County territory be added to the Trinity Glen Rose Groundwater Conservation District and the southwestern Travis County territory be added to the Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District. All written comments must be received by November 12th, 2009. Read more [here](#).

Sanchez: Water shortage flush with cause for major concern

If a picture is worth a thousand words, a personal visit is priceless. Lake Travis and Lake Buchanan store and supply drinking water for many Central Texans and are only 39 percent full. A pessimist would say the glass is 61 percent empty. Read full Statesman.com commentary [here](#).

LCRA Encourages Residents to "Stay Involved" Regarding Transmission Line Planning

The LCRA met with the Mason County Commissioners' Court on Monday morning, then returned that afternoon for an open house with the City. Both meetings drew large crowds, and lots of questions, as Mason residents expressed their concern about the possibility of high voltage transmission lines being built through the county. Read full Mason County News article [here](#).

Upcoming Events

October 7-9 in Austin - U.S. Drought Monitor Forum - Sponsored by the National Drought Mitigation Center - [Details and Registration](#)

October 10 in Concan - Texas Hill Country River Region Annual Bicycle Classic - [Details](#)

October 10 in Austin - Building a Healthy Austin - A Congress for the New Urbanism, American Institute of Architects, and US Green Building Council Event

- Luncheon Event: 11:30-1:30 at the Norris Center (2525 W Anderson Ln # 365) with national speaker Dr. Amanda Navarro from PolicyLink
- "What If Austin...?" Evening Event: 7:00-9:00pm at the Independent (501 Studios – E. 5th & Brushy Street) with local panelists presenting their visions for a healthy Austin and discussing what we as a community need to do to get there through the comprehensive planning effort.

October 10 in San Antonio - Leon Springs Family Greenfest - [Details](#)

October 12 in Austin - CAMPO Transportation Policy Board meeting - [Details](#)

October 12 in San Antonio - Caring for Earth: The Edwards Aquifer - part two in a four part course presented by Attorney Libby Cormeaux - [Details and Registration](#)

October 15 in Austin - Water - Will We Have Enough? - Breakfast sponsored by Urban Land Institute Austin's Sustainability Committee - [Details](#)

October 15 in Burnet - Central Texas Landowners Drought Management Series - Central Texas AG. Day and Hay Producers Clinic - [Details](#)

October 17 in Wimberley - Eco Fest 2009: Living Greener in the Hill Country - [Details](#)

October 18 in Driftwood - Hill Country Water Celebration: Working to Save Jacobs Well and Keep the Water Flowing - Benefit for the Wimberly Valley Watershed Association featuring Eliza Gilkyson at the Salt Lick Pavilion - Tickets must be purchased by October 10th - [Details](#)

October 22 in Burnet - Central Texas Landowners Drought Management Series - Wildlife Management programs that work for Ag. Tax Valuation - [Details](#)

October 24 in Johnson City - 6th annual Pedernales Wildlife Management Coop Meeting, Preditors: The Good the Bad and the Ugly - Public Welcome - [Details](#)

October 26-27 in San Antonio - Rainwater Harvesting Workshops - Co-sponsored by Texas AgriLife Extension Service and The Antique Rose Emporium - [Details](#)

October 28 in Burnet - Central Texas Landowners Drought Management Series - Private Pesticide Applicators School - [Details](#)

October 29 in Burnet - Central Texas Landowners Drought Management Series - Brush control tactics which can save water - [Details](#)

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