



## 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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### Recent News

#### **Water Issue Symposium, November 12 in San Antonio**

Join us for the launch of our new season of the popular Texas Water Symposium. *Our limited Groundwater Supply: who's desired future conditions are we planning for?* The Texas Water Symposium, created through the partnership of Schreiner University, Texas Tech University, Texas Public Radio, and Hill Country Alliance is a series of free lectures designed to inform and engage Texas citizens. Read more [here](#).

#### **Blaming drought, LCRA mulls freeze on water sales**

Spurred by lake levels that remain distressingly low despite recent heavy rains, the Lower Colorado River Authority will consider temporarily halting new water sales until drought conditions ease. Read full Statesman.com article [here](#).

#### **New Organization Formed To Oppose Transmission Line in Mason County**

The threat of a 345-kilovolt LCRA-TSC transmission line with 18 story towers running through the heart of Menard, Mason and Gillespie Counties has prompted the formation of a non-profit citizens' organization based in Mason called the Texas Hill Country Heritage Association (THCHA). Read full media release [here](#).

#### **Save Our Scenic Hill Country Environment Annual Membership/Public Meeting and Key Updates**

Save our Scenic Hill Country Environment will be holding their annual meeting November 10th in Fredericksburg. Click [here](#) for the latest news from SOSHC including meeting details and updates about Hill Country scenic issues including transmission lines.

#### **Lake Travis Wastewater Effluent Discharge Updates**

Citizens around the Highland Lakes, particularly Lake Travis are extremely concerned about the possibility of wastewater discharge being allowed into these reservoirs. The Protect Lake Travis Association is working overtime on this issue. Read the latest news from PLTA [here](#). Now is the time to speak up and be involved.

#### **13 Million pounds of toxics discharged into Texas rivers and streams**

Industrial facilities dumped 13 million pounds of toxic chemicals into Texas' waterways in 2007, according to a report released today by Environment Texas: Wasting Our Waterways: Industrial Toxic Pollution and the Unfulfilled Promise of the Clean Water Act. The report also finds that toxic chemicals were discharged in 1,900 waterways across all 50 states. The information detailed in this report was compiled from the Environmental Protection Agency's database on toxic release inventories. Read full media release [here](#).

### Upcoming Events

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](#)

November 3 - Election Day - Texas voters will consider Constitutional Amendments that were passed by the 81st Legislature – Buffers and open space around a military institution, eminent domain limitations are among the 11 propositions. Learn more before going to the polls [here](#).

November 4 in San Antonio - Water: Charting the Course - San Antonio Water System (SAWS) President & CEO Robert R. Puente recounts how the utility navigated the driest two years in San Antonio's recorded history and maps out the opportunities ahead - [Details](#)

November 6-7 in Canton - Think Green Texas! 2009 Environmental Conference and Expo - [Details](#)

November 7 in Dallas - Texas Conservation Alliance Annual Meeting - Special Guest Larry Schweiger, President and CEO National Wildlife Federation - [Details](#)

November 7 in Blanco - Get on the Bus Tour - visit three agricultural enterprises including: Montesino Farm tour in Wimberley; Bella Vista Olive Farm tour and tasting in Wimberley; and Texas Hills Winery tour and tasting in Johnson City - [Details](#)

November 9 in San Antonio - Caring for Earth: The Edwards Aquifer - part three in a four part course presented by Attorney Libby Cormeaux - [Details and Registration](#)

November 10 in Fredericksburg - Save our Scenic Hill Country Environment (SOSHCE) Annual Membership/Public Meeting - [Details](#)

November 12 in San Antonio - Water Issue Symposium - Our limited Groundwater Supply: who's desired future conditions are we planning for? - [Details](#)

November 16-18 in San Marcos - Land Water People 2009 - Hosted by River Systems Institute - [Details](#)

November 19 in Mason - Texas Hill Country Heritage Association's first membership meeting - [Details](#)

November 25 in Austin - CAMPO Transportation Policy Board meeting - [Details](#)

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