



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

Catch the Water Issue Symposium on Texas Public Radio

The [Water Issue Symposium](#) will air on Texas Public Radio this Friday at 7:00pm – The room at UTSA was full last Thursday as our distinguished panel of experts moderated by Dr. Robert Mace of the Texas Water Development Board, explained and discussed the “Desired Future Conditions” process. Learn about how our finite groundwater supply is being managed for future generations. Catch the recording Friday on the [Newsmaker Hour series](#). For more information, click [here](#).

LCRA board considers drought actions at today's regular board meeting

At a specially called meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 10, the [LCRA](#) Board discussed revised staff recommendations to manage the ongoing Colorado River Basin Drought and listened to public comment about the potential economic impact of reduced water supplies. The LCRA board will consider action today. Read full media release [here](#).

Mason County THCHA organization meeting this Thursday, November 19th

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](#).

Balancing water needs of aquifer's many users

Water restrictions put in place during this year's drought are nothing compared with those of the future if management of the Edwards Aquifer is not changed, scientists say in a new report. Read full San Antonio Express - News article [here](#).

Llano County opposes Granite Shoals petition

The Llano County Commissioners' Court voted to refund a portion of its bonds and save the county an estimated \$130,000 on Monday and unanimously opposed a petition from the cities of Leander and Granite Shoals, which asked for support in convincing the Texas Commission of Environmental Quality to change its rules against releasing discharge from wastewater treatment plants into the watershed. Read full Highlander article [here](#).

Marble Falls not jeopardized by LCRA proposal

The Marble Falls City Council withdrew a resolution on Monday that strongly opposed the Lower Colorado River Authority's suggested halt on new water contracts, in light of recent talks with the agency, said officials at the public meeting. Read full Highlander article [here](#).

Edwards Aquifer Recovery Implementation Program

EARIP stakeholders met Thursday and took the first of many steps in the process of establishing a plan to protect federally listed endangered species while balancing the region's need for water. Read full media release [here](#).

Upcoming Events

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](#)

December 4, 2009 in Austin - "Global Warming - Lone Star Impacts" - Presented by Gerald R. North - [Details](#)

December 14 in Austin - CAMPO Transportation Policy Board meeting - [Details](#)

December 14 in San Antonio - Caring for Earth: The Edwards Aquifer - part four in a four part course presented by Attorney Libby Cormeaux - [Details and Registration](#)

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