

## 2023 HILL COUNTRY LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

# FROM VISION TO ACTION

THURSDAY, SEPT. 28 | 8 AM - 6 PM | THE HALL @ JESTER KING

<b>8:45 – 9:00</b>	<b>Welcome to the 2023 Hill Country Leadership Summit</b>
<b>9:00 – 9:45</b>	<b>Creating a Shared Vision: A Natural Infrastructure Plan for the Hill Country</b> Presenter + Moderator: Rachael Lindsey – Hill Country Conservancy Panelists: Ben Eldredge – Cibolo Center for Conservation   Katherine Romans – Hill Country Alliance   Azalia Rodriguez – Defenders of Wildlife
<b>9:45 – 9:55</b>	<b>(Almost) 20 Years of the Hill Country Alliance</b> Mayor Rebeca Gibson, City of Bandera + Hill Country Alliance Board Member
<b>9:55 – 10:15</b>	<b>BREAK</b>
<b>10:15 – 10:25</b>	<b>Spotlight on the Night Skies Program - Texan by Nature + Hill Country Alliance</b>
<b>10:25 – 11:10</b>	<b>Hill Country at the Crossroads of the Eclipses</b> Moderator: Dawn Davies – Hill Country Alliance Panelists: Blair Manning – Burnet County   Sarah Rowley – The Witte Museum   Randy Millican – Kimble County
<b>11:10 – 11:55</b>	<b>From Vision to Action – Mapping a Conservation Movement</b> Keynote Speaker: Ky Harkey – The Visitor Experience
<b>12:00 – 1:00</b>	<b>LUNCH BREAK</b>
<b>1:00 – 1:30</b>	<b>Heart of the Hill Country Award</b> Presented by: David Baker and Karen Ford Honoring: Dianne Wassenich and Milan Michalec
<b>1:30 – 2:15</b>	<b>Stewarding Small Acreage in the Hill Country</b> Moderator: Dr. Angelica Lopez – Texas A&M Natural Resources Institute Panelists: Christine Middleton – Hays County Master Naturalists   Jared Schlottman – Texas Wildlife Association   Steve Janda – Hill Country Landowner
<b>2:15 – 2:45</b>	<b>BREAK</b>
<b>2:45 – 3:30</b>	<b>When Life Gives You Drought: Innovations for a Better Water Future</b> Moderator: Marisa Bruno – Hill Country Alliance Panelists: Chairman Tracy King – District 80   Commissioner Lon Shell - Hays County   Dave Mauk – Bandera County River Authority and Groundwater District   Sharlene Leurig – Texas Water Trade
<b>3:30 – 4:00</b>	<b>Lightning Round: Local Advocates Taking Action – 5-minutes each</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Milann Guckian, Preserve Our Hill Country Environment</i></li><li>• <i>Dr. Joni Charles, Texas State University</i></li><li>• <i>Amanda Padilla, City of Bee Cave</i></li><li>• <i>Councilwoman Emily Kirchner, Fredericksburg</i></li><li>• <i>Josie Gutierrez, Latino Outdoors</i></li><li>• <i>Cliff Kaplan, Hill Country Alliance</i></li></ul>
<b>4:00 – 6:00</b>	<b>HAPPY HOUR NETWORKING RECEPTION</b>