

21st Annual Bell County Water Symposium

“Our Culture, Our Economy and Our Water Use”

November 16, 2022 8:00 A.M. --- 3:30P.M.

Bell County Expo Center - Assembly Hall

****This event is free but requires RSVP by November 10th****

Program at a Glance

8:00 a.m. - Doors Open for Registration

9:00 a.m. - Welcome & Introductions

9:05 a.m. Reflecting on Growth (Opportunities & Challenges)

Honorable Judge David Blackburn, Bell County

9:20 a.m. Brazos River Authority “Water Management Strategies” and “System Update”

Mr. David Collinsworth, General Manager & CEO, Brazos River Authority

Mr. Brad Brunett, Lower/Central Basin Region Manager, Brazos River Authority

9:50 a.m. Bell County WCID #1 “History & Role, Serving in Times of Need”

Mr. Richard Garret, General Manager, Bell County

10:15 am Break “Refreshments and Announcements”

10:30 a.m. Bell County Groundwater Resource Update “Concerns, Conservation and Future”

Mr. Leland Gersbach, Board President, Clearwater UWCD

Mr. Dirk Aaron, General Manager, Clearwater UWCD

11:00 a.m. Panel Discussion “Annexation Request from Aquifer Conservation Alliance (ACA)”

Moderator: Honorable Judge David Blackburn, Bell County

Panelist: Cole Ruiz, CUWCD General Counsel; Kristen Fancher, ACA General Counsel,

Vince Clause, Professional Geo-scientist; Keith Elliston ACA President

12:00 noon - Lunch (Invited Texas Legislative Comments)

12:45 p.m. Keynote Address

Domestic and International Perspective of Water Resources and Legal Disputes

Dr. Gabriel Eckstein, Professor of Law,

Director of Texas A&M University Law Program in Natural Resources

1:30 p.m. Texas Climatic Trends and Drought Predictions for 2022 & Beyond

Dr. John Nielson-Gammon, Texas State Climatologist,

Director of the Texas Center for Climate Studies

2:15p.m. Texas State Water Planning and Brazos G Regional Planning for the Future

Mr. Tony Smith, Associated Vice President, Carollo Engineers

3:00 p.m. “Your Aquifer and You: Data Insights from the Middle Trinity Aquifer and the People Who Use It”

Dr. Joe Yelderman, Professor & Chair, Department of Geosciences, Baylor University

Dr. Logan Yelderman, Associate Professor of Psychology, Prairie View A&M University

Mr. Will Brewer, Graduate Assistant, Department of Geosciences, Baylor University



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