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Texas Tech University in Junction
The Drought: Who, What, Where, Why and When
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2 March 22, 2012
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Healthy Watersheds: Where all is connected and how best to manage our precious natural water storage and filtration systems
Moderator: Tim Birdsong, Chief of Freshwater Habitat Conservation, TPWD
Panelists: Gary Garrett, TPWD; Aaron Wendt, Texas State Soil and Watershed Conservation Board; Kevin Wagner, Texas Water Resources Institute; Christy Muse, Hill Country Alliance; Tom Arsuffi, TTU, Llano River Field Station

3 April 12, 2012
Schreiner University, Cailloux Campus Activity Center, Kerrville
Hydraulic Fracturing (Fracking) and the Energy/Water nexus: A look at every aspect and every question surrounding this timely issue
Moderator: Dr. Tim Summerlin, President of Schreiner University
Panelists: Leslie Savage, Texas Railroad Commission; Cyrus B.H. Reed, Sierra Club; Dr. Ken Rainwater, TTU Water Resources Center

4 May 17, 2012
Trinity University, Stieren Theater, San Antonio
Groundwater for Texans: A discussion of the recent ruling of the highly publicized “Day” case, how it affects all stakeholders and our complex water policy framework in Texas
Moderator: Evan Smith, Texas Tribune
Panelists: Greg Ellis, Groundwater Attorney; Tom Mason, Graves Dougherty Hearon and Moody, former GM of LCRA; Russell Johnson, Lead Counsel for TWA

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