



**Paramount Theatre
& The Cynthia and
George Mitchell
Foundation present**

WATERSHED

**Regional Premiere &
International Panel of
Experts**

Wednesday, January 15, 2014
Doors @ 6:00pm | Show @ 7:00pm
Stateside at the Paramount

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The Paramount Theatre is proud to partner with the Cynthia and George Mitchell Foundation for this event where we will bring together a regional premiere of *Watershed* and a panel of international experts, who are convening in Austin to discuss water shortage and drought issues in river basins both here in Texas and around the world, and live music tying back to the issues of water.

"This event brings together a panel of international river basin policymakers to discuss water shortage and drought issues in river basins in Texas and around the world, including the Colorado, Rio Grande, Sao Paulo, Tigris, Yellow, and Murray-Darling. The event will feature live music, the Austin debut of the film *Watershed*, and the panel discussion of experts."

The event will begin with a reception featuring live music by **Jimmie Dale Gilmore** from 6-7pm. The regional premiere of ***Watershed*** will begin at 7pm, followed by the panel discussion moderated by Neena Satija. *Watershed* was **Executive Produced and Narrated by Robert Redford** and Directed by award-winning filmmaker, Mark Decena, *Watershed* tells the story of the threats to the once-mighty Colorado River and offers solutions for the future of the American West. As the most dammed, dibbed, and diverted river in the world struggles to support thirty million people and the peace-keeping agreement known as the Colorado River Pact reaches its limits, *Watershed* introduces hope.

Ensuring sufficient clean water for a growing population and economy is the most significant and urgent concern facing Texas. Yet according to the 2012 State Water Plan, in serious drought conditions, Texas does not and will not have enough water to meet the needs of its people, its businesses, and its agricultural enterprises

6:00 Lobby opens / music by Jimmie Dale Gilmore
7:00 Intro
7:05 *Watershed* the movie (57 minutes)
8:00 Panel discussion
8:45 Event ends

About the Panel:

Jurgen Schmandt, Professor Emeritus, Lyndon Baines Johnson School of Public Affairs, The University of Texas, Austin

Jurgen Schmandt is Professor Emeritus, Lyndon Baines Johnson School of Public Affairs, The University of Texas, Austin. He served as acting dean and associate dean and helped develop a six-hour credit course, called Policy Research Project. In this course faculty and ten to twenty graduate students research a policy issue, interview public officials and publish results. The course takes two consecutive semesters and has become a central part of the LBJ School curriculum. From 1986 to 2001, he also directed the Mitchell Center for Sustainable Development at the Houston Advanced Research Center. At the Mitchell Center, he organized international conferences, did field work in Brazil and on the US-Mexico border and worked closely with the U.S. Academy of Sciences in developing their sustainability program. He is a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He founded and directed two non-governmental organizations, the Rio Grande/Río Bravo Coalition and the Paso del Norte Water Task Force. He served as chair of the section on Technology and Society at the American Association for the Advancement of Science and was a member of committees convened by the U.S. Academy of Sciences, Sigma Xi and the Esquel Foundation. Before coming to Texas he held positions at the University of Bonn, German Academic Exchange Service, Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), Harvard University and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. His books include *The Impact of Global Warming on Texas*, University of Texas Press, 2011; *George P. Mitchell and the Idea of Sustainability*, Texas A&M Press, 2010; *Sustainable Development: The Challenge of Transition*, Cambridge University Press, 2000; *Water and Development in the Rio Grande/Río Bravo Basin*, University of Texas Press, 1993; *The Regions and Global Warming: Impacts and Response Strategies*, Oxford University Press, 1992.

Dr. Carol Couch, Director CSIRO Water for a Healthy Country National Research Flagship – (Murray-Darling)

Dr. Carol Couch is the Director of CSIRO's Water for a Healthy Country National Research Flagship, the largest water research partnership in Australia. The Flagship brings together scientists, industry, community groups, and government and non-government organisations to undertake research and build understanding and develop response to national and international water management challenges and opportunities. Dr. Couch oversees a research portfolio of approximately AUD \$85 million per annum, leading a team of nearly 230 people to undertake research and deliver relevant, high quality science to inform decision making by governments, industry and the community. She is the immediate past Theme Leader (2011-June 2013) of the Flagship's Ecosystems and Contaminants Theme, which undertakes research to inform the protection or restoration of aquatic ecosystems and human health. Prior to joining CSIRO Dr Couch worked for 18 years with the government of the United States, combining ecological research with scientific and executive leadership at state, regional and national levels. Among her many roles she has served as a Senior Public Service Associate with the Environmental Planning Program at the University of Georgia; was director of the Georgia Environmental Protection Division - an 850-person agency implementing state and federal conservation laws; was chair of the Water Council, a coordinating committee charged with overseeing the development of a comprehensive statewide water plan; and from 1992–2002, she was a member of the United States Geological Survey, leading nationally distributed teams of engineers, hydrologists, chemists and biologists in the design, conduct and reporting of water resource investigations.



Aysegul Kibaroglu, Professor, Okan University – (Euphrates/Tigris)

Aysegul Kibaroglu is professor and faculty member in the International Relations Department at Okan University in Istanbul. She served as the adviser to the president of the Southeastern Anatolia Project Regional Development Administration from 2001 to 2003. Her areas of research include transboundary water politics, international law, political geography, and Turkish water policy. Her publications include *Building a Regime for the Waters of the Euphrates-Tigris River Basin* 2002 and *Turkey's Water Policy: National Frameworks and International Cooperation*, coedited with Waltina Scheumann (2011).

Lars Ribbe, Professor and Director at the Institute for Technology and Resources Management in the Tropics and Subtropics, Cologne University of Applied Sciences – (Nile)



Lars Ribbe is a professor for integrated land and water resources management and director at the Institute for Technology and Resources Management in the Tropics and Subtropics (ITT), Cologne University of Applied Sciences. His work areas include river basin assessment, modelling and management and he is specifically interested in developing knowledge systems which help decision makers to cope with prevailing water resources related challenges like water scarcity and drought, floods and pollution. Recently he has been involved in bridging scientific and sectoral approaches in the context of the water, energy and food security Nexus by forming an interdisciplinary group on that matter at Cologne University of Applied Sciences. After obtaining degrees in Chemistry (Bremen University) and Master of Engineering (Cologne University of Applied Sciences) he received his PhD (Dr.rer.nat) in the field of Hydro-informatics at Friedrich Schiller University Jena. At ITT he is coordinating international master programs with relation to water and environmental sciences together with Jordan University, Vietnam Academy of Applied Sciences and the Autonomous University San Luis Potosi, Mexico as part of an international university network involving over 15 universities from around the globe. Furthermore, his current research is related to a systematic analysis of river basins with the aim to provide water governance support in Vietnam, Jordan, Chile, Brazil and the Nile Basin.

Michael Cohen, Senior Research Associate at the Pacific Institute – (Colorado)

Michael J. Cohen is a Senior Research Associate with the Pacific Institute. Mr. Cohen's work focuses on water use in the lower Colorado River basin and delta region and the restoration of the Salton Sea ecosystem. He is the lead author of three Pacific Institute reports on the Salton Sea and the Colorado River delta, and has contributed to several Pacific Institute reports on water use. He is also the co-author of several journal articles on water and the environment in the border region. Mr. Cohen developed a "partial" restoration plan for the Salton Sea, recognizing the infeasibility of restoring the Sea as a whole, and helped draft an alternative set of shortage criteria for the lower Colorado River. He is a member of the International Boundary and [Water Commission's Colorado River Delta Advisory Committee](#), the [Water Education Foundation's Colorado River Advisory Committee](#), and was a member of the [California Resources Agency's Salton Sea Advisory Committee](#). Mr. Cohen has a Master's degree in Geography, with a concentration in Resources and Environmental Quality, from San Diego State University and received a B.A. in Government from Cornell University

Event Parking Information

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