



THE TEXAS WATER WAR CONFERENCE

March 19, 2011

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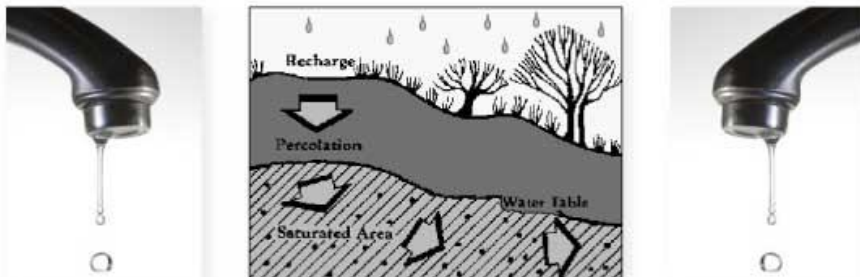
Conference Topics:

## The Texas Water War

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*Action Conference*

Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
McKinney Roughs Nature Center, Cedar Creek, Texas



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### Growth Must Pay for Itself:

With 1,000 people per day moving to Texas, urban and rural folks are beginning to ask the same question. Will there be enough water for everyone and what are we going to do about it?

### Whose water is it?

Can we unite on the waterfront and if so, where's the common ground?

### How dare you take...waste...contaminate, our water!

This panel will discuss legal and legislative strategies underway or proposals for consideration.

### How the people of Texas killed the Trans-Texas Corridor?

CorridorWatch.org led the fight against the Trans Texas Corridor, but along the way met many different groups doing different things. We will hear lessons learned and apply them to our fight for Texas water for generations to come.

### Where do we go from here?

Action plans for the coming months. We will discuss a number of ideas for the legislative session, post-legislative session actions, and organizing options coming out of the conference.

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Groundwater Moratorium

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### Our Mission



Environmental Stewardship is a charitable nonprofit organization whose purposes are to meet current and future needs of the environment and its inhabitants by protecting and enhancing the earth's natural resources; to restore and sustain ecological services using scientific information; and to encourage public stewardship through environmental education and outreach.

We are a Texas nonprofit 501(c) (3) public charity headquartered in Bastrop, Texas.

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## Moratorium Request to Legislature:



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### **Members of the Texas Legislature Groundwater Moratorium Request**

On behalf of the people of Texas, and in recognition that the State is undergoing a crisis in groundwater use that threatens the livelihoods and health of all Texans, we urge the 82nd Texas Legislature to:

1. **Invoke a moratorium on large groundwater projects, and wholly and comprehensively revise the Texas Water Code, and other laws pertaining to groundwater use and protection.**
2. **Urge the Governor to call a special session of the 82nd Legislature for such purposes.**
3. **Hold public hearings in order to have a full and informed discussion with the public.**

#### **Statement of Facts:**

- State agencies are implementing strategies that assume there is sufficient water for unprecedented growth. In so doing, they are pitting urban against agricultural needs, when in fact, both sectors are reliant upon each other for a healthy economy and people.
- Texas law has long recognized landowner rights to groundwater, except as those rights may be limited or altered by rules promulgated by a groundwater conservation district.
- Discrepancies in statutory and case law leave the status of groundwater ownership, and the relationship of groundwater to surface water poorly defined.
- Private profiteers are exploiting these discrepancies, threatening the economic health of entire regions of the State.
- Texas towns and cities practice inadequate conservation, wasting as much as 30% due to leaky pipes, and 40% in summer for watering lawns. Some sectors of the agricultural industry do not use best practices for water use and conservation.
- Flawed water planning has caused conflicts throughout the State that have not been resolved as required by law.
- Most groundwater conservation districts have permitted wells in violation of the Texas Water Code, with the complicity of the Texas Water Development Board.
- Water rights, groundwater protection and water quality have been undermined by the separate permitting process enjoyed by the oil, gas and mining industries.
- Groundwater contamination caused by natural gas fracturing, aging oil and gas pipelines and mining increasingly threatens our aquifers.
- There is little to no collaboration among stakeholders (rural, urban, agricultural and environmental).
- Land is worthless without water.
- The people of Texas are inadequately informed about the above circumstances.

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