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Texas Water Symposium in Junction Jan. 28

The second in the 2009-10 series of discussions and forums about Texas water issues will at 7 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 28, at the Llano River Field Station, Texas Tech University Center in Junction, Tex. The series is a joint project of Schreiner University, Texas Tech University at Fredericksburg, Hill Country Alliance and Texas Public Radio to help alert the public to water conservation and water use issues in the state.

The symposium's topic will be "Climate Change and Impacts on Floods, Weather and Drought in Texas: What Controversy?" moderated by Tom Arsuffi. Panelists will include Robert E. Mace, deputy executive administrator, water science and conservation, at the Texas Water Development Board; Todd Votteler, executive manager of governmental relations and policy for the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority and executive director emeritus of the Guadalupe-Blanco River Trust; and Katharine Hayhoe, research associate professor of atmospheric sciences at TTU in Lubbock and an expert reviewer for the Nobel Peace Prize-winning Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.

Robert E. Mace has worked with Texas groundwater issues for more than 15 years. He is a deputy executive administrator at the Texas Water Development Board and manages the Water Science and Conservation program area for the agency. Mace has a B.S. in geophysics and an M.S. in hydrology from the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology and a Ph.D. in hydrogeology from The University of Texas at Austin. He worked eight years as a staff hydrogeologist at the Bureau of Economic Geology before joining the Texas Water Development Board in the summer of 1999.

Todd Votteler served as the federal special master for the U.S. District Court, Midland, in *Sierra Club v. San Antonio, Endangered Species Act* litigation over the Edwards Aquifer. He has in-depth, firsthand knowledge of the complex legal, hydrologic, economic and cultural issues attached to the aquifer. He also was assistant to the federal court monitor assistant during *Sierra Club v. Babbitt*, which

established the first limits on pumping from the Edwards Aquifer. A Texas native, Votteler has a Ph.D. in environmental geography from Texas State University and is a frequent contributor to popular publications on the Edwards and other Texas water issues. He is also editor-in-chief of The Texas Water Journal.

Katharine Hayhoe is a respected authority on climate change. From 2008 to 2009, she served as a lead author on the federal report "Global Climate Change Impacts in the United States." She also has led climate impact assessments for cities and regions from Chicago to California and her findings been presented before Congress, highlighted in briefings to state and federal agencies and featured in news and media outlets around the world. She is the founder and CEO of ATMOS Research, a research and consulting firm that models and assesses greenhouse gas emissions and controls, climate change and how climate change impacts on human and natural systems. The American Association of University Women named Hayhoe of the Top 100 Texas Women of Distinction in 2008.

This event is free and open to the public. All of the water forums are taped and aired on Texas Public Radio.

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