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**Healthy Watershed Symposium March 22**

*Hosted by Texas Tech University, Junction*

Austin, TX (March 8, 2012) – The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Texas Water Symposium series continues this month at Junction with a lively conversation about creating healthy watersheds. Distinguished panelists will discuss watershed planning as a proactive alternative to the traditional, piecemeal approach to managing natural resources and as a critical strategy for protecting limited water resources for future generations. Speakers will provide case studies from Texas and the Hill Country.

The Symposium series brings together policymakers, scientists, water resource experts and regional leaders to explore the challenges and complexities of managing water in Texas. The sessions are free and open to the public, and are recorded and air on Texas Public Radio one week later. The Symposium is a partnership project of Schreiner University, Texas Tech University, Texas Public Radio and the Hill Country Alliance.

**SPEAKERS:**

- Tim Birdsong, Chief of Freshwater Habitat Conservation, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (Moderator)
- Dr. Kevin Wagner, Associate Director, Texas Water Resources Institute
- Aaron Wendt, Statewide Watershed Planning Coordinator, Texas State Soil and Watershed Conservation Board
- Dr. Gary Garrett, Program Director, Watershed Policy and Management, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
- Dr. Tom Arsuffi, Director, Texas Tech University Llano River Field Station
- Christy Muse, Executive Director, Hill Country Alliance

**WHEN:** Thursday, March 22, 2012, 7 – 8:30 PM, including question and answer session

**WHERE:** Texas Tech University Center at Junction, Dining Hall

For more information and directions to the event, visit [www.schreiner.edu/water](http://www.schreiner.edu/water).

*The Hill Country Alliance is a nonprofit organization whose purpose is to raise public awareness and build community support around the need to preserve the natural resources and heritage of the Central Texas Hill Country. Visit us at [www.hillcountryalliance.org](http://www.hillcountryalliance.org).*

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