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**MEDIA ALERT**

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## **Texas Water Symposium May 17<sup>th</sup> – Groundwater Ownership**

**WHAT: Groundwater for Texans** -- a panel discussion about the recent ruling by the Texas Supreme Court on the highly publicized *Day v. EAA* case regarding ownership of groundwater. The discussion will explore the effects on a variety of stakeholders and a look at our complex water policy framework in Texas.

A mix of viewpoints will be presented and discussed.

This presentation is part of the **2011-2012 Texas Water Symposium Series**, a format known for creating balanced conversations about complex water issues — who owns the groundwater, how will it be managed, and at what price? The Symposium is your invitation to listen and learn as part of the live audience or from the radio broadcast. This event is free and open to the public.

**WHEN:** Thursday, May 17, 2012; 7 p.m.

**WHERE:** Stieren Theater at Trinity University, 1 Trinity Place, San Antonio, TX

**WHO:** Evan Smith of the Texas Tribune moderates this Texas Water Symposium between a panel of participants who represent a who's who in current Texas water policy and analysis:

- Andy Sansom, Executive Director of the River Systems Institute at TSU
- Greg Ellis, attorney specializing in groundwater law
- Tom Mason of Graves Dougherty Hearon & Moody and former General Manager at LCRA
- Russell Johnson, McGinnis, Lochridge and Kilgore and lead counsel for the Texas Wildlife Association.

The annual Texas Water Symposium series is co-sponsored in a unique partnership between Schreiner University in Kerrville, Texas Tech University, Texas Public Radio and the Hill Country Alliance. We are excited to have Trinity University join our partnership for this fourth and final session of the series.

All of the water forums are taped and aired on Texas Public Radio Newsmaker Hour. Thursday's forum will air on KTXI 90.1 FM Kerrville/Fredericksburg on Friday, June 1 at 7pm and on KSTX 89.1 FM San Antonio Sunday, June 3 at 8pm. Previous programs on timely water issues that have been recorded over the past five years are archived in the Newsmaker Hour section of the Texas Public Radio website.

“One of our core objectives is to create an informed and engaged citizenry so that regional decisions reflect the desires of the Hill Country community to protect water supply, water quality, heritage ranch lands and the unique

quality of life found in Central Texas.” said Sky Lewey, President of the Hill Country Alliance. “The Texas Water Symposium is one of our best ways educate Texans about our most precious natural resource – water.”

For more information about the series check the Web at [www.schreiner.edu/water](http://www.schreiner.edu/water) or contact Dr. Tom Arsuffi at 325-446-2301 [tom.arsuffi@ttu.edu](mailto:tom.arsuffi@ttu.edu).

*The Hill Country Alliance (HCA) is a non-profit 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. Please visit the HCA website, [www.hillcountryalliance.org](http://www.hillcountryalliance.org), for more information about the latest news, events and initiatives, and how you can contribute to our activities.*

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