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Texas Water Symposium –
Balancing Rural and Urban Water Needs: How Local and Regional Planning Activities Ensure Long-Term Supplies

(November 10, 2014) – The final Texas Water Symposium of 2014 will feature a conversation between Hill Country water planners about striking a balance between the needs of rural and urban water users. The symposium will take place from 7 to 8:30 pm on **Thursday, November 20 at Schreiner University**, CACC River Room 2100, San Antonio Hwy, Kerrville, TX 78028. The Texas Water Symposium is free and open to the public.

The moderator will be **Andrew Murr**, former Kimble County Judge and newly elected State District 53 Representative.

Panelists will include **Suzanne B. Scott** - General Manager of the San Antonio River Authority, and Chairman of the Guadalupe/San Antonio Bay and Basin Stakeholder Committee, **John Ashworth PG** - Hydro-geologist at LBG-Guyton, and Plateau Regional Water Planning Group (Region J) Professional Consultant, and **Tommy Mathews, PG, REM** - President Westward Environmental, Inc., Guadalupe Blanco River Authority Director from Kendall County - Board Vice Chair, Former Cow Creek GCD Representative - Board President (2000-2014)

The Texas Hill Country is one of the fastest growing regions in the country. Municipalities across the Hill Country are searching for new water sources to meet the demands of population growth.

Springs and seeps that feed our region's flowing rivers are drying up due to over production of our aquifers. Lake levels are declining statewide as the drought persists.

Difficult decisions lie ahead as urban areas demand more water, rural areas experience loss of spring flow, and our region faces increased challenges brought by population growth and drought. Are Central Texas' water planning processes on track to balance the needs of its rural and urban users and protect the natural water resources that sustain our ecologic and economic health?

Please join us as our panelists discuss their experiences with our various local and regional water-planning processes. We will explore what's working, what needs to improve, and how you can participate and make your voice heard.

For seven years the Texas Water Symposium series has brought together policymakers, scientists, water resource experts, landowners 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 aired 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.

For more information about the Texas Water Symposium Series, visit www.schreiner.edu/water.

Recordings of previous Texas Water Symposiums can be heard at www.tpr.org/people/texas-water-symposium.

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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.

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