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2017 Legislative Outlook: Population Growth and Groundwater Management

Water, essential for life, is our most precious and valuable natural resource. But water supply is limited and under increasing pressure from a growing population. How will we protect this resource and plan for a sustainable future? There is a great need for a water-literate public; decisions being made today have far reaching and long lasting effects for our children and future generations.

The Texas Water Symposium provides perspectives from landowners, policy makers, scientists, water resource experts and regional leaders.

Join us as we explore the complex issues and challenges in providing water for Texans in this century.

Each session is free and open to the public. The hour-long program begins at 7:00 pm, followed by discussion time with Q&A. The events are recorded and aired on Texas Public Radio one week later.

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Thursday, November 10, 2016

Thompson Center Auditorium (adjacent to the LBJ School) at the University of Texas, Austin
Doors open at 6:30, Program 7:00 – 8:30 pm
Parking in the Manor Garage (MAG) for a nominal fee

Moderator: [Suzanne Schwartz](#) - Lecturer and Environmental Program Director for the Center for Public Policy Dispute Resolution at the Kay Bailey Hutchison Center for Energy, Law & Business

Panelists:

[State Representative Tracy O. King](#) – House District 80
[Steve Kosub](#) - San Antonio Water System, Senior Water Resources Counsel
[Amy Hardberger PG](#) – St. Mary's University School of Law, Professor and Associate Dean
[Dirk Aaron](#) – Clearwater Underground Conservation District, General Manager

The Texas Legislature will be convening in 2017 and one of the most important issues they will consider is the management of our state's groundwater resources. With the population of Texas projected to double by the year 2050, how can the state meet growing water demands with limited resources? How do we balance established agricultural, municipal and industrial production demands, while continuing to ensure water for rural landowners, small communities, rivers, and downstream users?

As municipalities increasingly look to ensure water supply from a diversity of sources, important questions need to be answered about how best to manage groundwater supply for both existing demands and future generations.

Join us for a conversation about the future of Texas groundwater resources.