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Watershed Protection Programs: Healthy Waterways at a Community Scale

Water, essential for life, is our most precious and valuable natural resource. But water supply and quality are 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.

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Thursday, February 23, 2017

Texas State University Student Center LBJ Teaching Theater in San Marcos
Doors open at 6:30, Program 7:00 – 8:30 pm
Parking in the adjacent LBJ parking garage for a nominal fee

Moderator: Dr. Andrew Sansom - Executive Director and Professor of Practice, The Meadows Center for Water and the Environment

Panelists:

Mike Bira – Texas Nonpoint Source Program Manager, US-EPA Region 6

Chris Herrington - Water Resource Evaluation Section Manager, City of Austin Watershed Protection Department

Brian Koch - Regional Watershed Coordinator, Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board
Meredith Miller – Watershed Services Program Coordinator, The Meadows Center for Water and the Environment

Kerry Niemann – Section Manager, Water Quality Planning Division, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

Dianne Wassenich – Program Director, San Marcos River Foundation

With the population of central Texas expected to double in the next twenty years and many Hill Country communities already growing at incredible rates, tremendous pressure is put on the natural resources that we take for granted. Local communities across the region and the state are taking action to protect the local creeks, springs and rivers that we rely on for drinking water, recreation, wildlife habitat, and economic stability.

Join The Meadows Center for Water and the Environment, Texas State University Department of Geography, Texas Public Radio, and the Hill Country Alliance as we gather diverse perspectives on the challenges and benefits of Watershed Protection Programs in Texas and abroad -- and the future of Texas water resources.