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What is “One Water” and can it meet the future water needs of a growing Hill Country?

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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.

Wednesday, May 30th

Hill Country University Center, HEB Room

2818 US-290, Fredericksburg, TX 78624

Doors open at 6:30 pm, Program 7:00 – 8:30 pm

Panelists:

Susan Parten P.E. – Principal, Community Environmental Services, Inc.

Laura Talley – Director, Planning and Community Development – City of Boerne

Jennifer Walker – Senior Program Manager, Texas Living Waters Project

Tim Proctor – Manager, Laney Development

As the Hill Country continues to grow at unprecedented rates, our demands on limited water resources will increasingly outpace our supplies. Over pumping our rivers and aquifers will result reduced spring flow, impacting everything from our quality of life, our economic health, and the waters that we depend on for our homes, businesses, livestock, the environment, and recreation throughout the region. What will the future of the Hill Country look like with unreliable water supplies?

One Water is a concept of re-imagining how we consider traditional water sources. Much like the techniques that ranchers have practiced for generations, *One Water* emphasizes slowing, spreading and sinking rainwater in our landscapes. It looks for opportunities to consider all water—including stormwater, potable water, and wastewater—as potential supply in urban areas. It seeks the triple bottom line—providing benefits for humans, the environment, and the economy. These concepts sound great—but what are the biggest challenges facing *One Water*’s implementation in the Hill Country?