

**Hill Country Alliance Annual Leadership Summit**  
**Camp Lucy, Dripping Springs, TX**  
September 27, 2018

**Agenda:**

- 8:30am: Registration and Breakfast
- 9:00: Welcome & Introduction  
**Garry Merritt**, Former Real County Judge & Hill Country Alliance Board President
- 9:05-9:30: Land Use and our Rural Counties
- 9:30-10:30: One Water and Hill Country Water Supplies  
**Sarah Richards**, Water Program Officer, Cynthia & George Mitchell Foundation  
**Ian Taylor**, CEO, New Braunfels Utility  
**Lee Butler**, Building Services Manager, Austin Central Library
- 10:30-10:45: BREAK
- 10:45-11:45: Texas Water Policy: Culture, Myths, and the Future of Water in the Hill Country  
KEYNOTE ADDRESS **Seamus McGraw**, Author, *A Thirsty Land*  
**Charlie Flatten (moderator)**, Water Program Manager, Hill Country Alliance  
**Milan Michalec**, Board President, Cow Creek Groundwater Conservation District  
**Vanessa Puig-Williams**, Executive Director, Trinity Edwards Springs Protection Association
- 11:45am-12:45pm: LUNCH
- 12:45-1:45: Handing on the Reins: Private Landownership Through the Generations  
**Francine Romero**, Associate Dean College of Public Policy, University of Texas San Antonio  
**Ryland and Isabell Howard**, Landowners, Head of the River Ranch
- 1:45-2:00: BREAK
- 2:00-2:30: Edge of Night: From the Global to the Local  
**Bettymaya Foott**, Engagement Director, International Dark Sky Association  
**Shannon du Plessis**, Chair, Wimberley Valley Dark Sky Committee
- 2:30-3:00: Collaboration and the Texas Hill Country Conservation Network  
**Katherine Romans**, Executive Director, Hill Country Alliance
- 3:00-4:00: Breakout Discussions
- 4:00: Final Wrap Up
- 4:00-6:00: Networking Reception