

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
Will Conley, Chair, Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization
- 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, 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
Sky, Julie, and Jeff Lewey, Landowners, Open V 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