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## The Future of Flooding in Texas: *How do we protect life and property in the face of extreme weather events?*

*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.

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### Thursday, November 15, 2018

Texas State University Student Center LBJ Teaching Theater in San Marcos

Doors open at 6:30

Program 7:00 – 8:30 pm

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**Moderator:** [Robert Rivard](#) -- Editor and Publisher of The Rivard Report

#### Panelists:

[Mindy Conyers PhD](#) -- State Flood Assessment Coordinator at Texas Water Development Board

[Stephen T. Graham, P.E., CFM](#) -- Assistant General Manager of San Antonio River Authority

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The ongoing Llano and Colorado River flooding, Hurricane Harvey, the Blanco River flood of 2015, and other recent flooding events across the state have caused tragic loss of life and immense property damage. As communities rebuild, questions about how we ensure the safety of all Texans remain.

Hydrologists and engineers are rethinking our traditional solutions to rising flood waters. Local governments are taking a hard look at infrastructure deficiencies and methods for moving or elevating homes out of the floodplain. The Legislature has directed resources to studying the future impact and mitigation of flooding in Texas.

And yet, Texas does not have a statewide plan for flood mitigation or management. There is growing consensus that flooding in our state is increasing in both frequency and severity. Growth patterns have put large segments of our populations directly in the path of flood waters.

Join us as we explore ways to prevent future flooding events from turning into human tragedies.

