

2025 HILL COUNTRY LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

Rooted in Resilience

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 • CAMP LUCY • DRIPPING SPRINGS, TEXAS



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| 8:00-8:45 | Breakfast and Networking |
| 8:45-9:00 | Welcome and Opening Remarks |
| 9:00-9:30 | The Challenges of Hill Country Climate
John Nielsen-Gammon, Texas A&M University |
| 9:30-10:15 | Our Regional Future: A Conversation with Local Leaders
Moderator: Councilmember Emily Kirchner, City of Fredericksburg
Panelists: Judge Bella Rubio, Real County Commissioner Damon Beierle, Burnet County Drew Paxton, City of Kerrville |
| 10:15-10:45 | NETWORKING BREAK |
| 10:45-11:50 | KEYNOTE: Leading in an Era of Upheaval
Angela Blanchard |
| 11:50-1:00 | HCA Video Launch + LUNCH |
| 1:00-1:30 | Heart of the Hill Country |
| 1:30-2:15 | Water-wise Development in the Hill Country
Moderator: Chandler Crouch, Texas Water Trade
Panelists: H.E. "Skip" Preble, Land Analytics Carlotta McLean, Peregrine Land Investments Cameron Campbell, Campbell Landscape Architecture, Inc |
| 2:15-2:30 | NETWORKING BREAK |
| 2:30-3:15 | Land Stewardship Lessons for Droughts and Floods
Moderator: Ryan McGillicuddy, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
Panelists: San Antonio River Authority <i>Speaker pending</i> |
| 3:15-3:45 | From Sacred Mountains to Space Telescopes: Navigating Two Worlds of Astronomy
Cody Cly, University of Texas - San Antonio |
| 3:45-3:55 | Reflections on Water in the 2025 Legislative Session
Sarah Schlessinger, Texas Water Foundation |
| 3:55-4:15 | Lightning Round: The Ties That Bind – 5 minutes each <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Protecting Texas Treasures from Harmful Quarrying – Fermin Ortiz, Save Burnet</i>• <i>Local Impacts from the First Night Sky Preservation Fund – <i>Speaker pending</i></i>• <i>In the Path of Development: Planting Seeds for the Future – Ashley Landry, Native Plant Rescue Project</i> |
| 4:15-4:30 | HCA Closer – 20 years of HCA |
| 4:30-6:30 | Happy Hour |