

Participant Bios – Alphabetical by County

Bandera County

Dave Mauk, General Manager - Bandera County River Authority and Groundwater District



Dave Mauk is the General Manager of the Bandera County River Authority and Groundwater District. He has been with the District since 2009 and is a Bandera County Resident. Dave is a passionate steward of the natural resources for the State of Texas. He serves on several regional water planning groups including, but not limited to: Groundwater Management Area 9, Region J Plateau Planning Group, San Antonio River Basin Regional Flood Planning Group, and is a liaison to the Nueces River Basin Flood Planning Group. Dave is also a board member for the Medina River Protection Fund. Prior to his tenure at the District, Mr. Mauk worked as a Bail Bondsman and Professional Bounty Hunter for 14 years in Baltimore City, MD. He also served as a Paratrooper in the Army Reserves and Army National Guard. In 2003, he escaped from the East Coast and moved to the Texas Hill Country. In 2006 he earned a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry from Schreiner University in Kerrville, Texas.

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Bexar County

Phillip Covington, Program Manager – Edwards Aquifer Protection Program – City of San Antonio



Phillip Covington is Program Manager for the City of San Antonio's Edwards Aquifer Protection Program. Phillip is a Texas State University alumnus with over 25 years of municipal experience and has worked in numerous positions during his 19-year career with the City of San Antonio's Parks and Recreation Department. Under his leadership, the EAPP has protected nearly 190,000 acres across six Texas counties to preserve aquifer recharge quality and quantity of the Edwards Aquifer, San Antonio's primary source of drinking water, through acquisition of perpetual conservation easements and purchase of property in fee simple. In addition to his work, Phillip also

serves as liaison to the City of San Antonio's Conservation Advisory Board, on the board for Ambleside School of Boerne and is an active member of Boerne Methodist Church. He resides in Boerne with his wife, six-year-old daughter and two Corgis.

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Blanco County

Bobby Mack McClung, City Councilmember – City of Blanco



Bobby is a 30-year veteran of the communications and IT industries with a focus on next-generation technologies. He founded Momentum Online Internet Services in 1996, building Central Texas's first wireless broadband network and growing the company into one of Texas's largest wireless ISPs before selling it in 2007. He later founded Broadband Horizons, the first provider of Broadband Over Power Line services west of the Mississippi, and helped draft Texas Senate Bill SB5 governing municipal BPL deployment. Bobby has served as CEO of AWS Communications, Vice

President at Motive Infrastructure Solutions, and President/CEO of ERF Wireless Bundled Services. In addition to his technology career, he has had an international music career as recording artist Bobby Mack and has served five terms on Blanco City Council between 2003-2015, including four terms as Mayor Pro Tem.

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Rodney Thraikill, City Councilmember – City of Blanco



Rodney Thraikill is a lifelong Texan, born in Galveston. During his youth, he had the good fortune to spend every fall and winter hunting with his grandparents in the beautiful Texas Hill Country. These experiences fostered a lifelong appreciation for the natural world and the region's unique landscape. He is currently serving his second term on the Blanco City Council and is deeply invested in preserving Blanco's small-town, rural Hill Country character and the quality of life it provides to its citizens.

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Burnet County



Damon Beierle, Commissioner Pct 2 – Burnet County

Damon Beierle has served as Pct 2 Commissioner in Burnet County since 2019. Damon recently completed the VG Young Institute's Leadership Academy for Commissioners Courts. Raised in Burnet County, Damon has served on several non-profit boards across several areas including CASA for the Highland Lakes, Burnet Chamber of Commerce, Bertram Chamber of Commerce, Burnet Rodeo Association, The Rotary Club of Burnet, The Burnet Education Foundation as well as several other committees serving the community.

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Jeff Prato, City Engineer – City of Marble Falls



Jeff Prato is a native Texan, born in Austin and raised in Dripping Springs. He graduated Texas Tech University with a degree in Civil and Environmental Engineering in 2014 and currently serves as City Engineer for the City of Marble Falls. Most of his career has been spent working for local governments and facilitating design, review, construction, and maintenance of public infrastructure. He also serves as City Floodplain Administrator with an emphasis on regional drainage within the watershed. When not working, Jeff enjoys woodworking, wakeboarding, roller skating, and cooking.

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Ryan Rowney, Board President – Central Texas Groundwater Conservation District



Ryan Rowney is a lifelong resident of Burnet County, graduating from Burnet High School in 1982. He recently concluded a 34.5-year career at the LCRA, where he retired as the Vice President of Water Operations in the spring of 2018. Among the many highlights of his career, he was in charge of numerous successful flood operational events, an extensive dam and floodgate rehabilitation project, successfully managed multiple divisions within LCRA, Dam and Hydro Operations, Irrigation Operations, Hydromet Operations and Flood Operations. Mr. Rowney

attended numerous leadership training courses while employed at LCRA, including the Executive Leadership Certification from the McCombs School of Business in 2015. More recently in his retired life, he attended the 2025 Texas A&M Master Gardener classes and became a certified Master Gardener. Mr. Rowney resides just outside of Burnet with his wife Karyn, and in his spare time he travels, gardens, hunts, and spends time with his Golden Retriever Chloe.

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Comal County

Krendra Harralson, City Councilmember - Garden Ridge



Krendra Harralson is a proud U.S. Army veteran, community advocate, and dedicated public servant. With years of honorable military service, she has continued her commitment to service through civic leadership and volunteerism. In May 2025, Krendra was elected to the Garden Ridge City Council, where she focuses on family support, veteran advocacy, and community development. As both a veteran and military spouse, she has supported countless families through deployments and transitions.

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Hays County

Morgan Hammer, Commissioner Pct 3 – Hays County



Morgan Hammer has been a resident of Hays County for many years and is an alumna of Texas State University. She lives here with her husband, Derrik, and their daughter, Blair. Morgan has always had a passion for helping others, demonstrated through her involvement in non-profit organizations and her efforts to uplift businesses. With her background in finance and real estate, she possesses valuable insights into county budgeting and development. Morgan is dedicated to promoting environmental sustainability and safeguarding the natural resources that are vital to Hays County Precinct 3. She eagerly anticipates the opportunity to support the residents of Precinct

3 in the years ahead.

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Amanda Rodriguez, City Councilmember – San Marcos

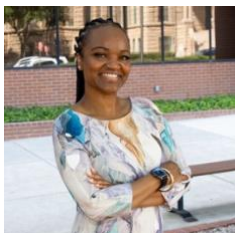


As a lifelong San Marcos resident and current City Council Member, Amanda Rodriguez has deep roots in the community that shape both values and public service. From attending local public schools and graduating from Texas State University to growing up surrounded by family and friends, San Marcos has been central to who she is. Having experienced the challenges of the working class firsthand, she brings a clear understanding of both the difficulties residents face and the strength born from collective resilience. Her professional journey is deeply personal and grounded in service. With nearly five years of experience as a Legislative Director in the Texas House of Representatives and almost five years as Board President of Centro Cultural

Hispano de San Marcos, Amanda Rodriguez has developed a comprehensive dedication to ensuring servant leadership for San Marcos.

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Kandice Boutté, County Administrator – Hays County



Kandice Boutté brings more than 18 years of experience in local government to her role as Hays County Administrator. Originally from Atlanta, Georgia, she holds a bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of Georgia and a master's degree in public administration from Georgia State University's Andrew Young School of Public Policy. As County Administrator, Boutté oversees key county operations, strategic planning, fiscal management, and intergovernmental relations and guides

departments toward efficiency and collaboration. Before joining Hays County, Boutté served in various roles at the City of Atlanta, the City of San Antonio, and Tarrant County.

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Michelle Fischer, City Administrator – City of Dripping Springs



Michelle Fischer is a third generation native Austinite who grew up in west Travis County. After earning her Master of Public Administration from Texas State University, she began her career in municipal public service with the City of Dripping Springs, where she has been the City Administrator for 25 years. The City has experienced tremendous growth and she has collaborated closely with its elected leaders and ever-growing staff to promote and preserve the quality of life. Some of the things Michelle is passionate about are: the City's Outdoor Lighting Ordinance (the City was the first International Dark Sky Community in Texas); the expansion of the City's parks, recreation, and open spaces; the revitalization of downtown; historic preservation; the city's Tree Preservation and Landscape Ordinance; and the City's diverse Tax Increment Reinvestment Zones projects. She enjoys spending time outdoors with her family in Kendalia.

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Kimble County

Candace Morrison, City Councilmember – City of Junction



Currently serving her first term on the City of Junction's City Council, Candace Morrison is a business owner and passionate conservationist with a ranching upbringing. Owner of The Honey Bean Coffee and Tea Company and South Llano Floral (locations in Junction and San Antonio) Candace served on the Kimble County Chamber of Commerce for 5 years. She is the founder of The Junction Area Farmers Market and served as it's director for 5 years. She was born in 1996 and originally from Albuquerque, NM, but Candace's family has made Junction, TX home for generations. Ranching in the Texas Hill Country has instilled a reverence for natural resources with water at the forefront. Ms. Morrison has competed multiple years in the Texas Water Safari which has strengthened the urgency and support for water conservation projects throughout the State of Texas.

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Not Pictured:

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Jill Dickerson, Interim City Manager – City of Bandera

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Blanco County

Charles Riley, Commissioner Pct 4 – Blanco County

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