

## 2022 HILL COUNTRY LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

# OUR SHARED STORIES: PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE

THURSDAY, SEPT. 29 | 8 AM - 6 PM | THE HALL @ JESTER KING

8:45 – 9:00	<b>Welcome to the 2022 Hill Country Leadership Summit</b>
9:00 – 10:00	<b>The Power of Storytelling</b> <i>Moderator: Leah Cuddeback – Hill Country Alliance</i> <i>Panelists: Maria Rocha – Indigenous Cultures Institute, Vanessa Torres – LBJ National Historical Park, Katy Baldock – Fin &amp; Fur Films, Juan Martinez – The Aspen Institute</i>
10:00 – 10:30	<b>Real Perspective from the Rural Hill Country</b> <i>Judge Bella Rubio, Real County</i>
10:30 – 11:00	<b>BREAK</b>
11:00 – 11:45	<b>Different Shades of Green</b> <i>Keynote: David Buggs – Texas Parks and Wildlife Department</i>
11:45 – 12:05	<b>Heart of the Hill Country Award</b>
12:05 – 1:00	<b>LUNCH BREAK</b>
1:00 – 1:15	<b>Water and Equity – A Hill Country Study</b> <i>Angelica Lopez, Texas A&amp;M Natural Resources Institute</i>
1:15 – 2:00	<b>What to Do When Springs Run Dry: Solutions to Tackle Drought and Growth</b> <i>Moderator: Vanessa Puig-Williams, Environmental Defense Fund and HCA Board</i> <i>Panelists: Dr. Robert Mace – The Meadows Center for Water and the Environment and Mitchell Sodek – Central Texas Groundwater Conservation District</i>
2:00 – 2:30	<b>BREAK</b>
2:30 – 3:00	<b>Lightning Round: Learning from the Past, Looking to the Future</b> – 5 minutes each <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Edwards Aquifer Protection Program – Past, Present, and Future – <i>David Bezanson, The Nature Conservancy</i></li><li>• TPWD's Guadalupe Bass Restoration Initiative: Reflecting on Thirty Years of Stewardship - <i>Melissa Parker, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department</i></li><li>• Nueces River Authority: 20 years of Engagement to Save a River – <i>Julie Lewey, Nueces River Authority</i></li><li>• Friends of the Night Skies - <i>Soll Sussman, Hays County Friends of the Night Sky</i></li><li>• Selah, Bamberger Ranch Preserve: Fifty-three Years (and Counting) of Restoration and Stewardship – <i>April Sansom, Selah, Bamberger Ranch Preserve</i></li><li>• Prop 5 and Texas Parks: The Next 100 Years – <i>Zach Spector, Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation</i></li></ul>
3:00 – 4:00	<b>A Conversation with Regional Elected Officials</b> <i>Moderator: David Yeates, Prosperity Bank and HCA Board</i> <i>Panelists: Representative Erin Zwiener, Kendall County Commissioner Don Durden, Kimble County Judge elect Hal Rose</i> Length: 60 minutes
4:00 – 6:00	<b>HAPPY HOUR NETWORKING RECEPTION</b>