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**RE: Texas Water Symposium: Legislative Action Affecting Water Resources on September 30<sup>th</sup> at the Texas State Capitol**

Texas water policy and the upcoming legislative session will be the focus of the first in a series of four symposia about water issues in Texas. State Representative Harvey Hilderbran will moderate a panel discussion at 7:00 pm on Thursday, September 30<sup>th</sup> in the Capitol Auditorium located in the Texas Capitol Extension in Austin.

Panel participants State Representative Doug Miller (Central Hill Country) and State Representative Bill Callegari (Houston area) both serve on the House Natural Resource Committee, whose charges during the interim session include regional and state water management policies, will comment about the committee's work and what to expect during the regular session which will convene in January. Dr. Robert Mace, Deputy Executive Administrator of Water Science and Conservation at the Texas Water Development Board will join the panel to talk about water planning progress in Texas and how the legislature shapes that progress.



Hamilton Pool

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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 2010-2011 Texas Water Symposium Series will provide perspectives from policy makers, scientists, water resource experts and regional leaders. Join us as we explore together, the

complexity and challenges in providing water for Texans in this century. Each session is free and open to the public. The hour-long program begins at 7:00 pm, followed by discussion time with Q&A. The events are recorded and aired on Texas Public Radio one week later.

The annual Texas Water Symposium series is co-sponsored by Schreiner University in Kerrville, Texas Tech University, Texas Public Radio and the Hill Country Alliance.

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Three additional symposia are scheduled as follows:

Session Two – November 11, 2010

Texas Tech University, Hill Country University Center Bldg, Fredericksburg

[The Insidious and Stealthy Water Thieves of Texas](#): Invasive species impacts on resources, economics and ecosystems

Moderator: Carter Smith, Executive Director, Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept

Panelists: Jim Bergan, TNC; Earl Chilton, TPWD and Tom Arsuffi, Texas Tech Univ.

Session Three – January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Witte Museum, San Antonio *co-hosted and sponsored by the Witte Museum*

[Tradeoffs in Sustainability in the 21st Century](#): Energy at the Currency of Water at the Expense of Power.

Moderator: Robert Potts, Dixon Water Foundation

Panelists: Les Shephard, CARE; Amy Hardberger, EDF and John Brocksch, Aquifer Group

Session Four – March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011

Schreiner University, Callioux Campus Activity Center, Kerrville Texas

[River Watch Programs and Activities in the Hill Country](#): How Local Communities Take Care of Their Rivers and Water

Moderator – Andy Sansom (Texas Rivers Institute)

Panelists: Dianne Wassenich (San Marcos River), Robert Brischetto (Medina River), Tyson Broad (S. Llano Watershed Alliance)

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