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## **Texas Water Symposium planned for November 10<sup>th</sup> in Austin: *2017 Legislative Outlook: Population Growth and Groundwater Management***

(October 12, 2016) – The second *Texas Water Symposium* of 2016-2017 season has been set for 7pm on Thursday November 10th at Thompson Center Auditorium (adjacent to the LBJ School) on the University of Texas campus in Austin, Texas. The *Texas Water Symposium* is free and open to the public.

The Texas Legislature will be convening in 2017 and one of the most important issues they will consider is the management of our state's groundwater resources. With the population of Texas projected to double by the year 2050, how can the state meet growing water demands with limited resources? How do we balance established agricultural, municipal and industrial production demands, while continuing to ensure water for rural landowners, small communities, rivers, and downstream users?

Please join the Kay Bailey Hutchison Center for Energy, Law & Business, Texas Public Radio, and the Hill Country Alliance as we gather aquifer planning and management leaders to explore how population growth pressures may affect groundwater management in the upcoming 2017 Texas Legislature.

The Symposium will be moderated by Suzanne Schwartz, Lecturer and Environmental Program Director for the Center for Public Policy Dispute Resolution at the Kay Bailey Hutchison Center for Energy, Law & Business.

Panelists will include:

- **State Representative Tracy O. King** – *House District 80*
- **Steve Kosub** - *San Antonio Water System, Senior Water Resources Counsel*
- **Amy Hardberger PG** - *St. Mary's School of Law, Professor and Associate Dean*
- **Dirk Aaron** - *Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District, General Manager*

The Symposium is a partnership project of Schreiner University, Texas Tech University, Texas Public Radio and the Hill Country Alliance. For more information, visit the [Texas Water Symposium](http://www.texaswatersymposium.org), and listen to [past shows](http://www.texaspublicradio.org) online. To stay informed about future programs, subscribe at [www.hillcountryalliance.org](http://www.hillcountryalliance.org).

*The Hill Country Alliance is a nonprofit organization whose purpose is to raise public awareness and build community support around the need to preserve the natural resources and heritage of the Central Texas Hill Country. Visit us at [www.hillcountryalliance.org](http://www.hillcountryalliance.org).*

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