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Regional Growth and Our State Water Planning Process: How You Can Get Involved

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 Texas Water Symposium provides perspectives from landowners, policy makers, scientists, water resource experts and regional leaders.

Each session is **free and open to the public**. The conversation will run from 7:00 – 8:30pm, and will be recorded for Texas Public Radio.

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Participate in your region's planning process! Public comment meetings are planned for the coming months.

Region J: Public Meeting July 23 in Rock Springs. Deadline for public comment Sep. 21.

Region K: Public Meetings June 23 in Wharton, June 25 in Burnet, July 8 in Austin. Deadline for public comment Sept 15.

Region L: Public Meetings June 8 in San Antonio, June 10 in San Marcos, June 11 in Victoria. Deadline for public comment August 14.

Thursday, June 18th, 2015

Hill Country University Center in Fredericksburg
2818 Highway 290 East, Fredericksburg, TX 78624
Doors open at 6:30
Program 7:00 – 8:30 pm

Moderator: [Richard Parker](#), Author, [Lone Star Nation](#)

Featuring:

Kathleen Jackson P.E.: Board of Directors, Texas Water Development Board

Donna Klaeger: Former Burnet County Judge, Region K representative

Ron Fieseler P.G.: General Manager, Blanco Pedernales Groundwater Conservation District

The Hill Country is experiencing booming population growth and is expecting a doubling of the current population by the second half of this century. At the same time, there is little being done to plan on a regional level. Where will this growth occur? How will we protect springs that feed our rivers? What are our water supply needs and will they be met?

The State Water Plan is a tool for assessing water supply strategies to meet growing demands based on population growth trends and assumptions. Projects that are included in the State Plan, such as pipelines, reservoirs, aquifer storage and recovery, desalination and conservation, make up the blueprint for where growth is possible. Residents of the Hill Country have the opportunity to participate in this planning process – happening now – and have a say in the water infrastructure that will shape growth well into the future.