

# Turning Panic and Apathy Into Proactive and Sustainable Solutions:

## Breaking the Traditional Cycle of Water Planning in Our Region

Wednesday, June 24, 2015 | 7:00 - 9 PM | Doors open at 6:30 PM

At the George Washington Carver Museum & Cultural Center, Boyd Vance Theatre

1165 Angelina Street | Austin, Texas 78702

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### What are Austin Water and LCRA doing to preserve our water resources?

Please join us for an upcoming Imagine Austin Speaker Series panel discussion featuring Greg Meszaros, the Director of Austin Water Utility, and John Hofmann, Executive VP with the Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA), where they'll answer questions addressing water planning and climate change. Discussion topics will include:

- What do recent rains mean for the drought? How will climate change affect our region?
- What water management strategies have been implemented and what is planned for the future?
- Austin and Central Texas are booming. Is there enough water for everyone? How about in 25 years when our population is expected to double?

#### Featured Panelists:



**Greg Meszaros | Director of Austin Water Utility** - Since September of 2007, Greg has been responsible for Austin Water's \$509 million budget, 1,100-plus employees and a \$840 million 5-year Capital Improvement Plan. Greg and his executive team emphasize the achievement of excellence within the organization & have gained key industry recognition for Austin Water. Among these achievements is construction & commissioning of Water Treatment Plant 4 in 2014, one of the largest infrastructure projects in Austin's history. Under Greg's leadership Austin Water has achieved significantly lower peak & average day water use levels, receiving the Peak Performance Gold Award from the National Association of Clean Water Agencies.



**John Hofmann | Executive Vice President with the Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA)** - John oversees water, river, irrigation, dam and hydroelectric operations, water surface management, water resource planning, conservation, water quality protection, water customer services and environmental laboratory services. Prior to joining LCRA, John was a regional manager for the Brazos River Authority, where he was responsible for lake and dam operations, water and wastewater treatment and project development. Other career highlights include serving as Gov. Rick Perry's liaison to the Texas House of Representatives and working in the commissioner's office at the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.



**The Imagine Austin Speaker Series** | A series of annual talks presented by nationally known experts in the fields of land use, transportation, development, the economy, education, workforce development, the built and natural environment, green infrastructure, social equity, community leadership, and sustainability to promote and implement Austin's vision for the future, the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan. This event is co-hosted by the City of Austin's Planning & Zoning Department and Austin Water Utility.

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