

Master Naturalist Hill Country Chapter September 28, 2015 Presentation

Speaker: Charlie Flatten, Water Policy Program Manager, Hill Country Alliance

Water 101 is a one half-hour explanation of Water in Texas. I will discuss Science, Management, Policy, Conservation and the Future of our most precious natural resource.

Charlie Flatten: Water Policy Program Manager, Hill Country Alliance

Charlie's role at the Hill Country Alliance includes water planning, policy, and management outreach -- and facilitating a cooperative dialog between the region's diverse communities. This involves close working relationships with Hill Country groundwater planning and management communities including groundwater conservation districts, the river authority and Regional Water Planning Group communities and with the various agencies at the state level. Charlie was born in New Braunfels, grew up in Beaumont, and came to Austin in 1984 to attend the University of Texas Architecture School, and enjoyed a long career serving the vibrant local bicycle community. Charlie holds a Masters from Texas State University in resource management, with a specialty in hydrology. "My success in the bicycle business was largely due to the natural assets of the Hill Country, so it's been an easy transition from enjoying the Hill Country on a bicycle to advocating for responsible growth and the sustainability of its resources." Charlie lives on Austin's Westbank at the headwaters of Indian Springs Creek with his family.

The monthly meeting of the Master Naturalist is free and open to the public. Meetings are held at the Upper Guadalupe River Authority's lecture hall, located at 125 Lehmann Dr. in Kerrville. Socializing begins at 6:30pm, with the program starting at 7:00. For questions regarding this presentation, please contact our program coordinator, Paul Person (210)-275-4522.

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