

12th Annual
Burleson & Milam Counties

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9:00 AM – 9:20 AM | Welcome Address

Honorable Judge Bill Whitmire – Milam County Judge

9:20 AM – 9:50 AM | Growth Beyond the State Water Plan

Alan Leonard, Director of Policy - Texas Water Foundation

A look at how population growth, industry, and new demand are testing long-term water planning in Texas.

9:50 AM – 10:20 AM | Data Centers: New Industry, New Water Questions

Rachel Hanes, Policy Director – Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance

How data centers and industrial development are changing conversations about local water demands.

10:20 AM – 10:30 AM | Break

10:30 AM – 11:00 AM | Groundwater at the Capitol: What's Moving and What it Could Mean Locally

Leah Martinsson, Water Policy Consultant

An update on state groundwater policy discussions and how they may affect local management.

11:00 AM – 11:30 AM | Q&A with Speakers

Moderated by Adam Foster; A discussion with morning speakers: Alan Leonard, Rachel Hanes, and Leah Martinsson

11:30 AM – 12:00 PM | Lunch Break

12:00 PM – 12:20 PM | Welcome Back

Honorable Judge Keith Schroeder – Burleson County Judge

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12:20 PM – 1:20 PM | Groundwater 101: How Aquifers Work

Nick Lamkey, PE, Hydrogeologist – INTERA Inc.

Michael Redman, Assistant General Manager - Post Oak Savannah GCD

A plain-language look at aquifers, wells, water levels, and what is really happening underground.

1:20 PM – 1:30 PM | Break

1:30 PM – 2:30 PM | Planning the Aquifer's Future: What the New Desired Future Conditions Mean

Dr. Neil Deeds, PE, Executive Vice President – INTERA Inc.

Gary Westbrook, General Manager - Post Oak Savannah GCD

An overview of proposed DFCs, groundwater modeling, and the road toward final adoption.

2:30 PM – 2:40 PM | Break

2:40 PM – 3:40 PM | District 101: How POSGCD Manages Groundwater

Michael Redman, Assistant General Manager. Jaclyn Wise, Public Relations Education Coordinator – Post Oak Savannah Groundwater Conservation District

3:40 PM – 4:15 PM | Did the Rules Work? Five-Year Review Evaluates District Management

Michael Redman, Assistant General Manager – Post Oak Savannah Groundwater Conservation District

An update on the review of how District Rules and management decisions are evaluated over time.

4:15 PM – 4:30 PM | Closing Remarks



STAFF

GARY WESTBROOK	General Manager
MICHAEL REDMAN	Assistant General Manager
KELLI TIMMERMAN	Office Manager
JACLYN WISE	Public Relations & Ed Coordinator
COURTNEY GENTRY	Grants Coordinator
GREGORY PERRY	Water Resources Specialist
CRAIG ANDREWS	Field Technician
TRAVIS WOOD	Field Technician
JESSE CORONA	Field Technician

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ADAM FOSTER

Executive Director
Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts

Adam Foster joined the Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts as the Executive Director in February of 2024. Adam has over 16 years of groundwater experience as both a scientist and a regulator. Adam was previously the hydrologist for the Water Well Program at the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR), where he worked closely with groundwater districts on a wide range of issues. Prior to his time at TDLR, Adam was a hydrologist at the United States Geological Survey in Florida where he was the principal investigator on several hydrological studies. Adam is a graduate of Texas State University, where he holds a B.S. in Chemistry, a B.S. in Mathematics, and an M.S. in Chemistry.



Honorable

BILL WHITMIRE

Milam County Judge

Judge Whitmire was born in Pampa, Texas, in 1969 and followed his father's Navy career from Pensacola to Norfolk to Morocco before settling in Giddings, Texas. After graduating from Giddings High School in 1987 and spending a year at Baylor, Bill joined the Navy, serving 14 years as a Naval Aircrewman with five overseas deployments. Returning to Central Texas in 2002, he worked in his family's oil field title and land business, dealing with property owners and various government agencies. Bill has been involved in several professional organizations, community boards, and panels. He is on the board of directors for Morning Star Ranch in Milano and is a member of Connect Church in Rockdale. Married to Melissa, a Family Nurse Practitioner, they have eight children who graduated from Milam County high schools and are grandparents to four grandchildren.



ALAN LEONARD

Texas Water Foundation
Director of Policy

Alan Leonard is the Director of Policy for Texas Water Foundation. He most recently executed legislative affairs for the Department of Energy's office that conducts all-hazard risk management and emergency response support for the U.S. energy sector. Prior to that, he worked at Austin Water on legislative and policy issues and reviewed a number of Texas state agencies as an analyst for the Sunset Advisory Commission. He holds a Masters of Global Policy Studies from the University of Texas at Austin.



RACHEL HANES

Greater Edwards Aquifer Authority
Policy Director

Rachel Hanes holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Spanish and a minor in Economics from Trinity University in San Antonio, TX and a Masters in Public Policy and Management from Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, PA. She has nearly a decade of experience in the water and environmental policy fields and in working with nonprofits and local, state, and federal governments.



LEAH MARTINSSON

Water Policy Consultant

Leah Martinsson is an experienced professional in both water law and policy. As a consultant, Leah provides strategic guidance to promote sustainable water policy by working collaboratively with policymakers, decision-makers, and water stakeholders. Previously, she spent five years as the Executive Director of the Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts, where she provided the organization with strategic direction and leadership, managed its overall activities, and served as the primary point of contact on all things groundwater for the legislature, state agencies, the public, and related organizations across Texas. She is an attorney licensed to practice law in Colorado, where she represented clients in all aspects of water law for more than 16 years before relocating to Texas.



Honorable

KEITH SCHROEDER

Burleson County Judge

Burleson County Judge Keith Schroeder served as precinct two commissioner for eight years between 2011 and 2018. Schroeder began his term as Burleson County Judge in 2019 to complete the unexpired term of the previous County Judge. He graduated from Texas A&M in 1996 after attending Bryan High School. Keith is from Bryan, TX but currently lives in Caldwell and is married to Rhonda Groce Schroeder. The Schroeder's have three children.



DR. STEVE YOUNG, PE, PG

INTERA Inc.

Principal Geoscientist & Engineer

Dr. Steve Young specializes in water supply, groundwater modeling, and remediation, with expertise in characterizing fresh and brackish groundwater resources using geophysical logs, aquifer tests, geochemical studies, and numerical models. He works with state and municipal agencies, groundwater conservation districts, groundwater management areas, and private industry to evaluate and manage groundwater resources. Through his work with more than 20 Texas GCDs, he has helped develop management plans, rules, monitoring networks, models, and databases to support long-term groundwater protection. Steve has also managed groundwater remediation projects for state and federal agencies, including the U.S. Department of Defense and U.S. Department of Energy. His work helps communities better understand groundwater availability, sustainability, and long-term resource management.



NICK LAMKEY, PG

INTERA Inc.

Hydrogeologist

Nick is a Hydrogeologist at INTERA with an MS in Geology, a BS in Geoscience, and 8 years of experience supporting groundwater supply development, regulatory planning, and water-resources decision-making across Texas and the central United States. His work focuses on groundwater availability assessments, analytical and numerical groundwater flow modeling, aquifer test and specific-capacity analysis, and the evaluation of drawdown impacts under regulatory and operational constraints. His experience spans regional GAMs, site-specific MODFLOW and analytical element models, and TTim-based wellfield optimization to inform permitting, long-term planning, and sustainable groundwater management.



DR. NEIL DEEDS, PE

INTERA Inc.

Executive Vice President, Principal Water Resources Engineer

Neil Deeds has extensive experience in hydrologic modeling, groundwater availability analysis, and water resources planning across Texas. His work includes more than 40 modeling projects, including groundwater availability models for aquifers throughout the state, and technical analysis of recharge, hydraulic conductivity, surface water/groundwater interaction, subsidence risk, aquifer storage and recovery, and brackish groundwater production. He has served as both project manager and technical lead on regional groundwater modeling studies and has worked closely with municipal, regional, and state agencies to communicate technical findings and support water management decisions.



GARY WESTBROOK

**Post Oak Savannah Groundwater Conservation District
General Manager**

Gary Westbrook has served as General Manager of Post Oak Savannah Groundwater Conservation District since 2003. A former president of the Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts, he represents POSGCD in Groundwater Management Areas 8 and 12, serves on the Region G Water Planning Group, and has been active in state water policy through TAGD, the Texas Water Association Board of Directors, and legislative committee work. He has also provided invited testimony before Texas House and Senate committees on groundwater management issues. Gary graduated with honors from Sam Houston State University with a degree in Agricultural Education. A native of Milano, he and his wife, Glenda, have been married 46 years and raised four children there. He owns Westbrook Angus Farms, established with his late father in 1969, and has served his community through the Milam County Community Foundation, Milano ISD School Board, and Methodist Church.



MICHAEL REDMAN

Post Oak Savannah Groundwater Conservation District
Regulatory Compliance Specialist

Michael received a Bachelor's of Science in Biology: Environmental Studies (2013) and a Master's in Business Administration (2018) from Schreiner University. Michael worked at Bandera County River Authority & Groundwater District from June 2013 to June 2020 where he served as the Region J Representative and as the District representative for Groundwater Management Area (GMA) 9. From June 2020 to June 2022, Michael worked at Barton Springs Edwards Aquifer Conservation District where he served as the GMA 10 Chairman and he served as the Region K Representative for GMA 10. Michael began working at Post Oak Savannah Groundwater Conservation District in July 2022. Michael currently serves on the Texas Groundwater Association Board of Directors.



JACLYN WISE

Post Oak Savannah Groundwater Conservation District
Public Relations & Education Coordinator

Jaclyn has served as the Public Relations and Education Coordinator for Post Oak Savannah Groundwater Conservation District, where she leads public outreach, education programming, communications, and event coordination to help landowners, well owners, and community members better understand groundwater rules, permitting, planning, conservation programs, and aquifer science. Jaclyn has worked closely with POSGCD programs since 2018 and joined the District full-time in 2023. A Texas A&M University graduate with degrees in Renewable Natural Resources and Forestry, Jaclyn is a third-generation Aggie with deep family roots in Milam County, where her family has lived and worked for four generations.

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