



## Detailed Agenda

### Day 1 – Wednesday, March 2

#### 1:00pm – 5:00pm Water Rights and Conservation Workshop

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**Moderator: Allison Elder, Director of Legal Services, San Antonio River Authority**

*Colette Barron Bradsby, Attorney, Texas Parks & Wildlife Department*

*Sarah Bates, Deputy Director, Northern Rockies and Prairies Regional Center, National Wildlife Federation*

*Jim Bradbury, Attorney, James D. Bradbury PLLC*

**4 CLE Credits** *Myron J. Hess, Manager, Texas Water Programs/Counsel, National Wildlife Federation*

*Ronald Kaiser, Professor and Chair, TAMU Water Program*

*Mary Kelly, Environmental Lawyer and Nonprofit Program Manager, Parula, LLC*

*Rick Lowerre, Executive Director, Caddo Lake Institute*

*Robert Mace, Deputy Executive Administrator for Water Science & Conservation, Texas Water Development Board*

*Caroline Runge, General Manager, Menard Underground Water District*

*Wes Strickland, Partner, Jackson Walker*

*Dianne Wassenich, Program Manager, San Marcos River Foundation*

#### 5:00pm – 7:00pm Welcome Reception: 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration!

### Day 2 – Thursday, March 3

#### 8:30am – 9:30am Opening General Session

##### Welcome & Introductions

*Lori Olson, Executive Director, Texas Land Trust Council*

**0.5 CLE Credits** Keynote Address  
*Russ Shay, Director of Public Policy, Land Trust Alliance*

#### 9:30am – 10:00am Morning Break with Exhibits

#### 10:00am – 11:30am Breakout Session I

##### Conservation Easements Transactions/Negotiations: What You Need to Know

**1.5 CLE Credits** *Allison Elder, Director of Legal Services, San Antonio River Authority*  
*Thomas Hall, Senior Attorney and Counselor, Braun & Gresham, PLLC*  
*Burgess Jackson, Attorney at Law, Law Offices of Burgess Jackson*



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Local Conservation Campaigns: Conserving Land, Protecting Water Through Science and Politics

**Moderator: Julia Murphy, Assistant Director of Development, Cibolo Nature Center & Farm**

*Dr. Francine Romero, Associate Dean, College of Public Policy, University of Texas San Antonio*

*Will Abberger, Director of Conservation Finance, The Trust for Public Land*

Financial Management for Land Trusts: Best Practices

*Clayton Ripley, Managing Director, Town Lake Capital Management*

*Reggie Hall, Director, Land Conservation Loans, The Conservation Fund*

**11:30am – 1:00pm**

**Luncheon**

**1:00pm – 2:30pm**

**Breakout Session II**

Mineral Rights Issues and How to Negotiate Them in a Conservation Easement

**Moderator: Jim Bradbury, Attorney, James D. Bradbury PLLC**

**1.5 CLE Credits** *Chase Currie, Natural Resource Manager, San Pedro Ranch*

*Blair Fitzsimons, Executive Director, Texas Agricultural Land Trust*

*Joseph Fitzsimons, Partner, Uhl, Fitzsimons, Jewett & Burton, PLLC*

Growing Tomorrow's Conservation Leaders: a Community Conservation Case Study

**Moderator: Ashley Lovell, Director of Partnerships and Outreach, Texas Land Conservancy**

*Rob Aldrich, Director of Community Conservation, Land Trust Alliance*

*Iris Gonzalez, Community Engagement Coordinator, Bayou Land Conservancy*

*Savannah Salazar, Deer Park Prairie Educator, Bayou Land Conservancy*

Issues and Innovations in Private Land Stewardship

**Moderator: TBA**

*Linda Campbell, Board Member, Hill Country Land Trust*

*Roel Lopez, Director, TAMU Institute of Renewable Natural Resources*

*Steve Nelle, Board Member, Hill Country Land Trust*

**2:30pm – 3:00pm**

**Afternoon Break with Exhibits**

**3:00pm – 4:15pm**

**Featured General Session**

The Next 20 Years: Making Connections to Ensure Texas' Conservation Future

**Moderator: Carter Smith, Executive Director, Texas Parks & Wildlife Department**

*Marilu Hastings, Vice President, Sustainability Program, Cynthia and George Mitchell Foundation*

*Rex Isom, Executive Director, Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board*

*Marsha Towns, National Director for Conservation Internships, Student Conservation Association*

*David Yeates, CEO, Texas Wildlife Association*



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### 4:30pm – 5:30pm Community Roundtables

**1 CLE Credit** Discuss current trends and issues with your conservation colleagues in a series of concurrent, moderated roundtable discussions on Legal Issues, Stewardship & Conservation, Leadership, Fundraising & Philanthropy, and Outreach and Communications.

### 6:30pm – 9:30pm Off-Site Networking Dinner: *The Salt Lick – Pecan Grove*

## Day 3 – Friday, March 4

### 8:30am – 9:30am Closing General Session

#### Welcome & Introductions

*Jeff Weigel, Director of Strategic Initiatives, The Nature Conservancy*

#### **0.5 CLE Credits** Keynote Addresses

*Bech Bruun, Chairman, Texas Water Development Board*

*Andy Sansom, Executive Director, The Meadows Center for Water and the Environment, Texas State University*

### 9:30am – 10:00am Morning Break with Exhibits

### 10:00am – 11:30am Breakout Session III

#### Planning for the 2017 Legislature: CE Condemnation

*Kip Averitt, CEO, Averitt & Associates*

**1.5 CLE Credits** *Brad Bayliff, Attorney, Bayliff Law Firm PLLC*

*Mary Anne Piacentini, Executive Director, Katy Prairie Conservancy*

*Jennifer Powis, The Powis Firm*

#### Conservation Partnerships that Inspire

**Moderator: Jeff Weigel, Director of Strategic Initiatives, The Nature Conservancy**

*Erin O'Neil Franz, Executive Director, Texan By Nature*

*Deborah January-Bevers, President & CEO, Houston Wilderness*

*Lairy Johnson, Environmental and Sustainability Engineer*

*Ron Nirenberg, City Council District 8, City of San Antonio*

#### New Opportunities for Statewide Farm and Ranch Lands Conservation

**Moderator: Ross Melinchuk, Deputy Executive Director, Natural Resources, Texas Parks & Wildlife Department**

*Ted Hollingsworth, Land Conservation, Texas Parks & Wildlife Department*

*Jay Kleberg, Associate Director, Texas Parks & Wildlife Foundation*

*Claude Ross, Easement Program Specialist, USDA-NRCS*