



TEXAS LAND CONSERVATION CONFERENCE

MARCH 1-3, 2017 | AUSTIN, TEXAS



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Detailed Agenda

Day 1 – Wednesday, March 1

9:30am-2:30pm **Texas Land Conservation Lobby Day at the State Capitol**
(email lori@texaslandtrustcouncil.org for details if interested in attending)

3:30pm-5:00pm **Breakout Session I**

1.5 CLE Credits Anatomy of a Real Estate Transaction
Reggie Hall, Director, Land Conservation Loan Program, The Conservation Fund

1.5 CLE Credits Private Lands for Public Good
Moderator: Dr. Andrew Sansom, Executive Director - Meadows Center for Water and the Environment, Texas State University
Bob Ayres, Owner and Managing Partner, Shield Ranch
Paula Smith, Owner, Dobbs Run
Darrell Wood, Owner, Leavitt Ranches

5:00pm-7:00pm **Welcome Reception** **Sponsored by LCRA/Colorado River Land Trust*

Day 2 – Thursday, March 2

7:30am-8:30am **Breakfast at the Hotel**

8:30am-10:00am **Opening General Session & Keynote Address** **Sponsored by Texas Parks & Wildlife Dept.*

Welcome Remarks
The Honorable S. Reed Morian, Commissioner, Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission

Keynote Speakers
Laura Huffman, Texas State Director, The Nature Conservancy
Andrew Bowman, President, Land Trust Alliance

10:00am-10:30am **Morning Break with Exhibits**

10:30am-12:00pm **Breakout Session II**

1.5 CLE Credits Designing Mitigation Markets that Achieve Effective Conservation Outcomes
Moderator: Melinda Taylor, Senior Lecturer, Executive Director - Kay Bailey Hutchison Center for Energy, Law, and Business, UT School of Law
Wayne Walker, Principal, Common Ground Capital LLC
George Kelly, Chief Markets Officer, Resource Environmental Solutions, Houston, Texas

Why Your Land Trust Needs a Succession Plan Now!
Shannon Meyer, Senior Program Manager, Land Trust Alliance



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Private Land Stewardship Efforts in Texas and Beyond

*Moderator: Hughes Simpson, Texas A&M Forest Service, Water Resources Coordinator
Melissa Parker, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, River Conservation Program Leader
Steve Jester, Executive Director, Partners for Conservation*

12:00pm-1:00pm Luncheon at the Hotel *Sponsored by Exxon Mobil

1:00pm-3:00pm Featured General Session *Sponsored by the Partnership for Gulf Coast Land Conservation

2 CLE Credits

Texas Coastal Conservation and Demystifying Deepwater Horizon: A Forum to Enhance Conservation Outcomes in the Decade Ahead

*Moderator: Dr. Andrew Sansom, Executive Director - Meadows Center for Water and the Environment, Texas State University
Carter Smith, Executive Director - Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
John Porthouse, Senior Manager, Coastal Habitat Restoration – National Fish and Wildlife Foundation
Toby Baker, Commissioner, Texas Commission on Environmental Equality
Ben Scaggs, Acting Executive Director, Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council
Merrill Gregg, Conservation Finance Director, Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation
Elizabeth Barber, Partnership for Gulf Coast Land Conservation*

3:00pm-3:30pm Afternoon Break with Exhibits

3:30pm-5:00pm Breakout Session III

1.5 CLE Credits

Texas Water Policy and Conservation: Saving Land to Protect Water

*Moderator: Jim Bradbury, Attorney, James D. Bradbury PLLC
Vanessa Puig Williams, Executive Director and General Counsel, Trinity Edwards Springs Protection Association
Jeremiah Leibowitz, Program Director, Texas A&M Institute of Renewable Natural Resources
Larry French, Director, Groundwater Division, Texas Water Development Board
Marc Friberg, Executive Director - External and Regulatory Affairs Department, Edwards Aquifer Authority*

Make it Easy for the IRS to Say Yes!

Jim Jeffries, Owner, Jeffries Appraisal Services

Regenerative Agriculture Practices that Create Healthy Land and Sustainable Incomes

*Moderator: Peggy Cole, Program Manager, Holistic Management International
Robert Potts, President and CEO, Dixon Water Foundation
Chase Curry, Natural Resources/General Manager of San Pedro Ranch
Joseph B.C. Fitzsimons, Co-Owner, San Pedro Ranch, Attorney, UFJB Law
Casey Wade, General Manager, Dixon Ranches
Dr. Richard Teague, Associate Resident Director and Professor, Texas A&M AgriLife Research*



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- 5:00pm-6:00pm** **“Happy Hour” Informal Roundtable Discussions**
Land Transactions & Stewardship, Advocacy for Conservation Funding, Legal Issues,
and Board Member Round Table
- 7:00pm-9:00pm** **Off-Site Networking Dinner: Threadgill’s Downtown** **Sponsored by Common Ground Capital*

Day 3 – Friday, March 3

7:30am-8:30am **Breakfast at the Hotel**

8:30am-10:00am **Breakout Session IV**

1.5 CLE Credits

Ensuring Success in Navigating the NCRS Ag Land Easement Program and Appraisal Review Process

Moderator: Claude Ross, Natural Resource Specialist, USDA-NRCS

Don Canaday, MAI, SRA, Principal, Valbridge Property Advisors

Kristy Oates, State Resource Conservationist

Low Down on the High Up: Using Drones for Land Conservation

Moderator: Stephen Ramirez, Stewardship Director, Texas Land Conservancy

Ray Renner, RPLS, PMP, Manager of the Surveying, Mapping, and GIS Department at the Lower Colorado

River Authority

Conservation & Water Providers: From the Ground to the Tap

Moderator: Frank Davis, Director of Conservation, Hill Country Conservancy

Hughes Simpson, Texas A&M Forest Service, Water Resources Coordinator

Jeff Walker, Executive Administrator, Texas Water Development Board

Mary Anne Piacentini, Executive Director, Katy Prairie Conservancy

10:00am-10:30am **Morning Break with Exhibits**

10:30am-12:00pm **Breakout Session V**

1.5 CLE Credits

Key Issues in Title Investigation and Other Conservation Easement Hot Topics

Burgess Jackson, Attorney at Law, Law Offices of Burgess Jackson

Allison Elder, Director of Legal Services, San Antonio River Authority

Conserving Heritage Lands: Tools & Benefits of including Historic Resources in Conservation Easements

Tiffany Osburn, Regional Archeologist/Project Reviewer, Archeology Division, Texas Historical Commission

Claude Ross, Natural Resource Specialist, USDA-NRCS