



TEXAS LAND CONSERVATION CONFERENCE

FEB 27-MAR 1, 2019 | AUSTIN, TEXAS



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Detailed Agenda

Wednesday, February 27

- Time TBD** **Advocacy Days at Texas Capitol**
- 2:00pm** **Registration Open**
- 3:30pm-5:00pm** **Breakout Session I**
- 1.5 CLE** Farm Bill Workshop
Moderator: Claude Ross, Natural Resources Specialist, USDA-NRCS
Mark Hall, Acting State Program Manager, USDA-NRCS
Lori Ziehr, Assistant State Conservation for Programs, USDA-NRCS
Frank Davis, Director of Land Conservation, Hill Country Conservancy
Kristi Oates, State Resource Conservationist, USDA-NRCS
- 1.5 CLE** Conservation Easements from A-Z
Moderator: Lori Olson, Executive Director, Texas Land Trust Council
Jim Jeffries, Real Estate Appraiser - Sole Proprietor, Jeffries Appraisal Services
Jim Bradbury, Attorney, James D. Bradbury, PLLC
Jeff Francell, Director of Land Protection, The Nature Conservancy
- 5:30pm-7:00pm** **Welcome Reception at the Hilton Austin Airport Atrium**

Thursday, February 28

- 8:30am-10:00am** **Morning Plenary Session & Keynote Speakers**
1.5 CLE *Wendy Jackson, Executive Vice President, Land Trust Alliance*
Laura Huffman, Texas State Director, The Nature Conservancy
Kayode Atoba, Ph.D., Center for Texas Beaches and Shores, Texas A&M University
- 10:00am-10:30am** **Morning Break with Exhibits**



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10:30am-11:45am

Breakout Session II

1.25 CLE

Land Conservation & Engaging in Carbon Markets

Moderator: Kelly Watkinson, Land and Climate Program Manager, Land Trust Alliance

Erik Norell, Consultant, Climate and Forest Capital

Cindy Chiang, Business Development Manager, Climate Action Reserve

Margaret William, Program Officer, American Carbon Registry – Winrock International

Nicole Rosmarino, Executive Director Southern Plains Land Trust

1.25 CLE

Using Clean Water State Revolving Fund Dollars for Conservation

Sharlene Leurig, Project Director, Texas Environmental Flows Initiative, The Meadows Center for Water and the Environment

Tom Entsminger, Program Administrator, Texas Water Development Board

Jeff Lerner, Senior Advisor, U.S. Endowment for Forestry and Communities

Frank Davis, Chief Conservation Officer, Hill Country Conservancy

1.25 CLE

Establishing Economic Values for Texas Conservation Lands

Jonathan Ogren, Principal and Environmental Planner, Siglo Group

Roel Lopez, Director, Texas A&M University Natural Resource Institute

11:45am-1:00pm

Luncheon

1:00pm-2:30pm

Featured General Sessions

1.5 CLE

Foundation Funding for Conservation: Priorities and Goals for Texas

Moderator: Bob Ayres, Trustee, Shield-Ayres Foundation

Mike McCoy, Senior Program Officer, The Meadows Foundation

Ellen Ray, Director of Grants and Strategic Initiatives, Still Water Foundation

Marilu Hastings, Vice President, Cynthia & George Mitchell Foundation

Andy Sansom, Board Member, Jacob & Terese Hershey Foundation

1.5 CLE

We Will Not Be Tamed: Inspiring Conservation

Moderator: Lydia Saldana, Communications Director, Texas Parks & Wildlife Foundation

Erin Franz, We Will Not Be Tamed Project Manager, Texas Parks & Wildlife Foundation

Rick Wittenbraker, Chief Marketing Officer, Howler Brothers, We Will Not Be Tamed Ambassador

Thomas Flemons, Founder, Diablo Paddle Sports, We Will Not Be Tamed Ambassador

Alvin Dedeaux, Founder, Alvin Dedeaux Fly Fishing, We Will Not Be Tamed Ambassador

Debbie Richardson, Loan Officer, Elite Financing Group, We Will Not Be Tamed Ambassador

2:30pm-3:00pm

Afternoon Break with Exhibits



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3:00pm-4:15pm

Breakout Session III

1.25 CLE

Know When to say NO to Bad Deals

Reggie Hall, Director of Land Conservation, Conservation Fund

1.25 CLE

Fundraising Metrics and How to Use them

David Allen, Fundraising Consultant, Development for Conservation

1.25 CLE

Issues in Texas Advocacy for Conservation

Moderator: Lori Olson, Executive Director, Texas Land Trust Council

Romey Swanson, Director of Conservation Strategies, Audubon Texas

Joey Park, Natural Resource Issue Lobbyist

Wendy Jackson, Executive Vice President, Land Trust Alliance

4:15pm-4:45pm

Afternoon Break with Exhibits

4:45pm-6:00pm

Informal Happy Hour Sessions

Featured Session: Fundraising Q&A: Ask the Expert, consultants from M. Gale & Associates will be on hand to meet with attendees and answer their fundraising questions.

Additional Topics Include: Land Stewardship Round Table, Legal roundtable, Conversation on Planning for Conservation: Riparian Talk: Protecting Water Quality... Bring Questions! Get Answers!

1.25 CLE

Legal Roundtable

7:00pm-9:00pm

Off-Site Networking Dinner



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Friday, March 1

8:30am-10:00am

Breakout Session IV

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Conservation Easement Issues: Latest & Greatest

Burgess Jackson, Attorney, Law Offices of Burgess Jackson

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

1.5 CLE

The Nexus of Groundwater and Land Conservation

Vanessa Puig-Williams, Executive Director & General Counsel, Trinity Edwards Springs Protection Association

Robert Mace, Deputy Executive Director & Professor of Practice in Geography, The Meadows Center for Water and the Environment

Sarah Roundtree Schlessinger, Executive Director, Texas Water Foundation

Jim Bradbury, Attorney, James D. Bradbury, PLLC

1.5 CLE

Understanding Metes & Bounds Descriptions

Stephanie Prosser, Survey Technician, Medina Valley Surveys

10:00am-10:30am

Morning Break with Exhibits

10:30am-12:00pm

Closing General Session

1.5 CLE

"The River and the Wall": What's at Stake for Texas Conservation

Moderator: Jay Kleberg, Associate Director, Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation

David Yeates, CEO, Texas Wildlife Association

Kiah Collier, Reporter, Texas Tribune

Sonja Najera, Wildlife Biologist, The Nature Conservancy South Texas

Joseph Fitzsimons, Uhl, Fitzsimons, Jewett, Burton & Wolff, PLLC

Ben Masters, Filmmaker, Fin and Fur Films