

16th Annual Central Texas Water Conservation Symposium

Drops, Development, and Data: Navigating the Next Era of Water Conservation

Wednesday, March 4, 2026 || 8:00 – 3:10

Optional tour 4:00 – 5:00

Texas State University, LBJ Student Center

310 Student Center Drive, San Marcos, Texas 78766

PROGRAM

- 8:00 – 8:40 Registration and Breakfast
- 8:40 – 9:00 **Welcome and Kickoff**
Jennifer Walker, Director, Texas Coast and Water Program, National Wildlife Federation
- 9:00 – 9:45 **Keynote: Thirsty Data: Water Use and the Projected Data Center Boom in Texas**
Erin Kinney, Senior Research Scientist, Coastal Resilience and Communities, Houston Advanced Research Center
- 9:45 – 10:45 **Rainwater as a New Supply: What's the Potential?**
Moderator: Jenna Walker, Director, Watershed Studies, Meadows Center for Water and the Environment at Texas State University
Tank You Very Much: Storing Rain for a Not-So-Rainy Day
Robert Mace, Executive Director, Meadows Center for Water and the Environment at Texas State University
Sky to Supply: Texas' First Rainwater Public Water System
Blake Murden, Chief Executive Officer, Shield Land Stewardship Group
- 10:45 – 11:00 Break
- 11:00 – 11:30 **Water Highlights from the 89th Legislative Session: Prop 4 and Beyond**
Sarah Kinkle, Director of Policy and Legislative Affairs, Texas Water Association
- 11:30 – 12:00 **SB 14 Implementation: How Utilities are Addressing Impact Fees**
Hope Wells, Vice President of Legislative and Regulatory Affairs, San Antonio Water System
Kevin Critendon, Assistant Director Environment, Planning and Development Services, Austin Water
- 12:00 – 1:00 Lunch
- 1:00 – 2:00 **Beyond Leak Alerts: Leveraging AMI to Engage Families in Unexpected, Creative, and Fruitful Ways**
Nate Conroy, STEM Hero

- 2:00 – 3:00 **Raising the Bar: Irrigation by Design**
Moderator: *Stacy Pandey, Water Conservation Coordinator, Lower Colorado River Authority*

Updating Landscape Irrigation Standards with an Eye Towards Conservation
Jason Homan, CEO Travis County WCID 17

Working with Stakeholders to Build New Programs - Irrigation Plan Review and Operational Irrigation Inspections
Nathan Riggs, Conservation Project Coordinator, San Antonio Water System

Lessons Learned: Implementing Frisco’s Irrigation Inspection Program
Ron Garcia, City of Frisco, Utility Superintendent
- 3:00 – 3:15 Wrap Up
- 3:15 – 3:45 Transition to Tour @ Spring Lake
- 4:00 – 5:00 Tour of Spring Lake in Glass Bottom Boat and Naturalist tour of Wetlands Boardwalk (Field Trip Registration Required)