



Draft Agenda – 12th Annual Groundwater Summit

August 6, 2026 | 9:00 AM – 4:30 PM

Caldwell Civic Center | 103 Texas Highway 21 | Caldwell, Texas 77836

9:00 AM – 9:20 AM | Welcome Address

Honorable Judge Bill Whitmire – Milam County Judge

Opening remarks and local welcome to set the stage for the day.

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, Executive Director – Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts

A discussion with morning speakers: Alan Leonard, TBD, and Leah Martinsson

11:30 AM – 12:00 PM | Lunch Break

12:00 PM – 12:20 PM | Welcome Back

Honorable Judge Keith Schroeder – Bureson County Judge

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

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

Nick Lamkey, Hydrogeologist - INTERA

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

TBD Neil Deeds?

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 – Post Oak Savannah Groundwater Conservation District

Jaclyn Wise, Public Relations Education Coordinator - Post Oak Savannah GCD

How POSGCD manages groundwater through rules, permits, monitoring, planning, and local programs.

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.

(Nick's TAGD presentation)

4:15 PM – 4:30 PM | Closing Remarks