



2026 Annual Groundwater Summit – Public Feedback

Summary of Responses

Survey responses indicate the Summit is well received overall. Attendees value clear, data-driven presentations, strong organization, and opportunities for Q&A and discussion. Feedback shows a preference for straightforward, easy-to-understand information and meaningful interaction with speakers. Areas for improvement focus on increasing emphasis on local impacts to landowners, allowing more time for audience engagement, and improving audio clarity. Some attendees also noted the need for a more streamlined agenda to stay on schedule. Overall, feedback supports maintaining the current structure while refining content to be more locally focused, practical, and responsive to participant questions.

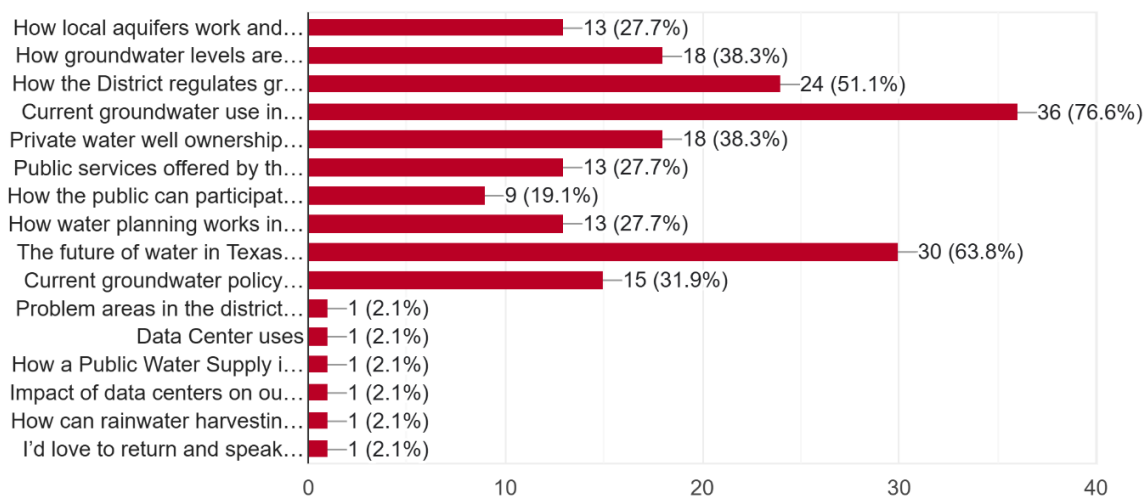
“Less politicians. More substance - given in language/terms that normal people can use and understand.”

Content Direction

Participants are less interested in general state-level education and more focused on local regulation, potential high-demand users, and how to be a part of the discussion. *An outline of the main topics suggested are listed on the following page.*

What groundwater topics would you most like to learn about? (Select up to 3)

47 responses



Outline of Suggested Topics

1. Groundwater levels, supply, and long-term outlook

- Declining aquifer levels (historical trends + future projections)
- Drought impacts and recharge rates
- Future water availability in Texas
- Risk of wells going dry and what happens if they do

2. Regulation, policy, and decision-making

- How the District regulates groundwater and enforces permits
- Role and impact of public input
- Permit limits, lease changes, and whether permits can be changed if conditions worsen

3. Large-scale water use and external pressures

- Data centers and industrial users (usage, impacts, cooling systems)
- Corporate water demand (e.g., Samsung, large developments)
- Equity concerns around who is using groundwater and how much

4. Local, practical impacts to landowners

- How pumping affects individual wells
- How to access well information as a property owner
- Practical well issues (water quality, treatment for iron/manganese)