Freshwater for a Healthy Sabine Lake

Featuring Information on the New SB3 Environmental Flows Allocation Process

Holiday Inn
September 27, 2007
6:00 – 9:00 PM

Agenda

6:00 – 7:00 Arrival, Sign-in, Refreshments Available

7:00 – 7:05 Welcome
Bruce Walker, Chair, Golden Triangle Sierra club

7:05 – 7:15 Introduction and Overview
Ken Kramer, Director, Lone Star Chapter, Sierra Club

7:20 – 7:40 *Environmental Flows for The Sabine, The Neches and Sabine Lake*
Myron Hess, National Wildlife Federation

7:40 – 8:00 *SB3 and the Environmental Flows Allocation Process*
Wendy Gordon, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

8:00 – 8:20 *Sabine Lake*
David Bradsby, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

8:20 – 9:00 Questions and Answers

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Speakers

Myron J. Hess currently serves as the Manager of Texas Water Programs and as Legal Counsel for the Gulf States Natural Resource Center of the National Wildlife Federation. Prior to joining NWF in late 1998, Myron spent five years as a partner in a small environmental law firm in Austin. He also has worked as an environmental attorney for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and for the Colorado law firm of Holland & Hart. Throughout his 20 years of work as an attorney, Myron's practice has been concentrated primarily in the areas of water quality and quantity and endangered species protection. Myron obtained his law degree from the University of Texas in 1986. Before attending law school, Myron worked as a teacher and school administrator. He received his undergraduate degree in Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences from Texas A&M University in 1977.

Dr. Wendy Gordon leads the team responsible for creation and implementation of instream flow standards in Texas. She has worked for the state's environmental regulatory agency, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, for more than seven years in the areas of water quality and quantity. She holds a doctorate in ecology from The University of Texas at Austin and a master's degree in natural resource policy from the University of Michigan's School of Natural Resources and Environment. Her areas of scientific expertise include ecology, hydrology and climate change. She is currently serving as an editor of Eos, the American Geophysical Union's weekly newspaper of Earth sciences.

David Bradsby is the leader of the Water Quantity Program, a program within the Water Resources Branch at the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. The program deals with issues related to water rights permitting, water planning, and water policy. David has been active in assessing and addressing the environmental needs of Texas' springs, streams, and bays and estuaries since the early nineties - first at the Texas Water Commission, and now at TPWD. He serves as TPWD's representative on the Lower Colorado Regional Water Planning Group and his program helps to coordinate TPWD's efforts regarding regional water planning. David has a background in aquatic biology with degrees from the University of Texas and Southwest Texas State University (Texas State).

This forum is one of two being held in Southeast Texas as part of the Texas Living Waters Project.

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