



# Land Water People

November 16-18, 2009  
San Marcos Convention Center

## **Highlight Speakers**

The Honorable Glenn Hegar  
Texas State Senate

Brian Richter  
Director of Sustainable Waters Program  
The Nature Conservancy

Wayne Elmore  
Retired Director of National Riparian Service Team  
Bureau of Land Management

Carter Smith  
Executive Director  
Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

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As part of its annual conference series and its Initiative for Watershed Excellence program, the River Systems Institute will host Land, Water, People 2009 on November 16-18, 2009 at the San Marcos Convention Center. In a program of plenaries, panel discussions, and workshops, we will explore the potential to more effectively manage and protect water resources, on both a local and regional scale, through applications to these important interfaces within watershed and community dynamics:

- Natural Systems Interface: examining the dynamics within four ecological interface zones; land to water, riparian zone, coastal, and groundwater/surface water, and define the role of their ecosystem functions within watershed dynamics.
- Natural and Human Systems Interface: identifying the implications of human interactions on the four natural interfaces and define the benefits of their functions to social and economic systems.
- People to People Interface: identifying the tools and approaches that promote and support collaboration between institutions and between communities using examples from leading programs throughout the region.

Additional activities include:

- Exhibits by leading governmental, academic, non-profit, and private consultants in the field of water resource management and technologies
- Student poster contest
- Evening reception
- CEU courses

Don't miss this opportunity to network and collaborate on these important watershed topics! Conference details and registration are available on-line at <http://www.rivers.txstate.edu/projects/conferences/Land-Water-People-09.html> For further information, contact Annette Paulin, conference coordinator at 512-754-9179 or e-mail [conference09@grandecom.net](mailto:conference09@grandecom.net)



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Monday, November 16, 2009		Morning Plenary
8:00-8:30	Registration and Breakfast	
8:30-8:45	Welcome  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Andrew Sansom</b> Executive Director River Systems Institute</p>	
8:45-9:25	Keynote:  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Brian Richter</b> Director of Sustainable Waters Program The Nature Conservancy</p>	
9:30-10:45	Plenary: Making the Connection - Ecosystem Interfaces  <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Land and Water</i> <b>Kirby Brown</b> Texas Wildlife Association</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Through the Riparian Zone</i> <b>Kevin Anderson</b> Executive Director Texas Riparian Association</p>	
10:45-11:00	Break	
11:00-12:15	Making the Connection: Ecosystem Interfaces  <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The Ground to Surface Water Journey</i> <b>Robert Mace</b> Deputy Executive Administrator for Water Science and Conservation Texas Water Development Board</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Coastal Connections</i> <b>Larry McKinney</b> (to be confirmed) Director Harte Research Institute</p>	
12:15-1:15	Lunch - <b>Speaker:</b>  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Wayne Elmore</b> Retired Director of National Riparian Service Team Bureau of Land Management</p>	

	Monday, November 16, 2009				Afternoon Concurrent Sessions
1:15-2:45	Concurrent Sessions: <i>Setting the stage for ecological interface</i>				
	<p><b>Session A</b>  <b>Big Picture Watersheds:</b>  <i>Current state of Watershed Management</i></p> <p>Barney Austin  Intera, Inc.</p> <p>Steve Bednarz  National Resource Conservation Service</p> <p>Gary Garrett  Texas Parks and Wildlife Department</p>	<p><b>Session B</b>  <b>Through the Riparian Zone:</b>  <i>Ecological Functions</i></p> <p>Georgianne Moore  Department of Rangeland Ecology &amp; Management  Texas A &amp; M University</p> <p>Steve Nelle  Natural Resources Conservation Service  USDA</p> <p>Bayani Cardenas  Geological Sciences  University of Texas at Austin</p>	<p><b>Session C</b>  <b>The Ground to Surface Water Journey:</b>  <i>Making the Connection</i></p> <p>George Ozuna  US Geological Survey</p> <p>David Dunn  HDR, Inc.</p> <p>Mark Wentzel  Texas Water Development Board</p>	<p><b>Session D</b>  <b>Coastal Connections:</b> <i>Ecological Processes and Functions</i></p> <p>Ruben Solis  Texas Water Development Board</p> <p>Paul Montagna  Harte Research Institute  Texas A&amp;M University</p> <p>Eddie Fisher  Texas General Land Office</p>	
2:45-3:00	Break				
3:00-4:30	Concurrent Sessions: <i>Challenges facing interface ecosystems and their management</i>				
	<p><b>Session A</b>  <b>Big Picture Watersheds:</b>  <i>Challenges to Effective Management</i></p> <p>TBD</p>	<p><b>Session B</b>  <b>Through the Riparian Zone:</b>  <i>Assessing Ecological and Riparian Program Needs</i></p> <p>Kevin Wagner  Texas Water Resources Institute</p> <p>Melissa Parker  Texas Parks and Wildlife Department</p> <p>Mateo Scoggins  Department of Watershed Protection and Development Review  City of Austin</p>	<p><b>Session C</b>  <b>The Ground to Surface Water Journey:</b>  <i>Challenges to Effective Management</i></p> <p>Bill Hutchison  Texas Water Development Board</p> <p>Laura Marbury  Environmental Defense Fund</p> <p>Amy Hardberger  Environmental Defense Fund</p>	<p><b>Session D</b>  <b>Coastal Connections</b>  <i>Climate Change and Drought Impacts to Estuaries</i></p> <p>George Ward  Center for Research in Water Resources  University of Texas</p> <p>Jim Gibeaut  Texas A&amp;M University</p> <p>Cindy Loeffler  Texas Parks and Wildlife Department</p>	
4:30-5:30	Plenary: <i>Ecological to Socio-Economic Interfaces</i>				
	Kevin Shanly, SWA Consultants				

Tuesday, November 17, 2009	
8:00-8:30	Registration and Breakfast
8:30-8:35	Opening Welcome
8:35-9:05	Opening Plenary: Socio-economic and cultural Importance of ecological interfaces
9:05-10:20	<p>Plenary: Making the Connection: Socio-economic interfaces</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Cultural, Historic, and Recreational Value of Ecological Interfaces</i> Sean Moran Capitol Area Council of Governments</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Ecological Functions the Provide Human Protection</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Direct Economic Benefits from Resource Use</i></p>
10:20-10:35	Break
10:35-12:30	<p>Plenary: The Collaborative Toolbox</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Economic Valuation of Ecological Services</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Capacity Building for Effective Management</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Long-Term Planning</i> Kathryn Nichols US National Park Service</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Science for Policy Making</i></p>
12:30-1:30	<p>Lunch - <b>Speaker:</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Carter Smith</b> <b>Executive Director</b> <b>Texas Parks and Wildlife Department</b></p>

Tuesday, November 17, 2009		Afternoon Concurrent Sessions		
1:30-3:00	Concurrent Sessions: The Collaborative Toolbox			
	<p><b>Session A</b>  <b>Big Picture Watersheds:</b>  <i>Cross-Institutional Collaboration and Planning</i></p> <p>John Jacob  Texas A&amp;M University</p> <p>Janae Reneaud  Guadalupe River Trust</p> <p>TBD</p>	<p><b>Session B</b>  <b>Through the Riparian Zone:</b>  <i>Protection Tools</i></p> <p>Jennifer Lorenz  Legacy Land Trust</p> <p>Rachael Ranft  The Nature Conservancy</p> <p>Matt Hollon  Watershed Protection &amp;  Development Review Dept.  City of Austin</p>	<p><b>Session C</b>  <b>The Ground to Surface Water Journey:</b>  <i>Modeling, Economics, and Decision Making</i></p> <p>Patrick Tara  Intera, Inc.</p> <p>Suzanne Pierce  Texas Water Development Board</p> <p>Bruce Darling  Texas Water Development Board</p>	<p><b>Session D</b>  <b>Coastal Connections</b>  <i>Water Planning for Coastal Systems</i></p> <p>Dan Hardin  Texas Water Development Board</p> <p>David Yoskowicz  Harte Research Institute  Texas A&amp;M University</p> <p>Jamie Schubert  Texas Parks and Wildlife Department</p>
3:00-3:15	Break			
3:15-4:45	Concurrent Sessions: Collaborative Approaches			
	<p><b>Session A</b>  <b>Big Picture Watersheds:</b>  <i>Challenges and Opportunities</i></p> <p>Nikki Dictson  Texas A&amp;M AgriLife</p> <p>Jason Pinchback  Texas Stream Team</p> <p>Shawn Grindstaff  Foth Infrastructure and  Environment</p>	<p><b>Session B</b>  <b>Through the Riparian Zone:</b> <i>Success  Stories in Restoration and Education</i></p> <p>Sky Lewey  Nueces River Authority</p> <p>Mike Gonzales  San Antonio River Authority</p> <p>Parc Smith  American Youthworks</p>	<p><b>Session C</b>  <b>The Ground to Surface Water Journey:</b>  <i>Challenges, Opportunities and Successful  Examples</i></p> <p>Brian Smith  Barton Springs Edwards Aquifer  Conservation District</p> <p>Robert Gulley  Texas A&amp;M University</p> <p>Linda McCall  Texas Water Development Board</p> <p>Suzanne Schwartz  University of Texas</p>	<p><b>Session D</b>  <b>Coastal Connections</b>  <i>Solutions for Estuary Resource  Management</i></p> <p>Warren Pulich  River Systems Institute</p> <p>TBD</p>
4:45-5:30	Plenary: Large-scale Collaborative Projects: Examples and Lessons Learned			

Wednesday, November 18, 2009				
8:00-8:30	Registration and Breakfast			
8:30-8:35	Opening Welcome			
8:35-9:45	Opening Plenary: Collaboration through large-scale planning			
	<p><i>The Oklahoma State Water Plan</i>  <b>Will Focht, Director</b>  Oklahoma Water Resources Research Institute</p> <p><i>The Texas State Water Plan</i></p>			
9:45-10:00	Break			
10:00-12:00	Concurrent Sessions: Collaborative Workshops			
	<b>Session A</b> <b>Big Picture Watersheds:</b> Transboundary Projects  <i>Facilitated by:</i> Eric Mendelman, River Systems Institute <i>Panel:</i> David Eaton, University of Texas at Austin Walter Rast, River Systems Institute Bill Harris, Texas Water Resources Institute Mike Smolen, Oklahoma State University	<b>Session B</b> <b>Through the Riparian Zone:</b> <i>Riparian Workshop - Collaborative Problem-Solving At Work: Building Constituencies for Riparian Protection Policies and Actions in Rural, Developing and Urban Areas</i>	<b>Session C</b> TBD	<b>Session D</b> TBD
12:00-1:00	Lunch			
1:00-3:00	Concurrent Sessions: The Collaborative Toolbox			
	<b>Session A</b> <b>Big Picture Watersheds:</b> Academic Roundtable  <i>Facilitated by:</i> Ron Kaiser, Texas A&M University Bill Harris, Texas Water Resources Institute Walter Rast, Texas State University	<b>Session B</b> <b>Through the Riparian Zone:</b> <i>Riparian Workshop - Collaborative Problem-Solving At Work (cont.)</i>	<b>Session C</b> TBD	<b>Session D</b> TBD
3:00-3:15	Break			
3:15-5:00	Plenary Panel Discussion: Integration of State and Federal Programs – Challenges & Opportunities			

## Registration

Registration includes event attendance, conference-related materials, and food for each day of registration; an early evening reception is included on November 16.

General registration ends October 24. Late Registration fees are applied from October 25-November 9, 2009.

After November 9, advance registration will no longer be available; on-site registration will be available.

	November 16	November 17	November 18	Full Event
General Registration (May 30-October 24, 2009)	\$110	\$85	\$85	\$255
Late Registration (October 25-November 9, 2009)	\$120	\$95	\$95	\$285
On-site Registration (November 16-18, 2009)	\$125	\$100	\$100	\$300
Non-profit, Academic, and Government Registration	\$100	\$75	\$75	\$225
Student Registration	\$40	\$40	\$40	\$100
Exhibit Space (download form)				
Professional				\$300
Non-profit, Academic				\$150

## TO REGISTER

By Credit Card: Use our on-line registration system at [http://uweb.txstate.edu/gao/river\\_systems/](http://uweb.txstate.edu/gao/river_systems/)

By Check: Complete the registration form and submit with your payment to:

River Systems Institute  
601 University Drive  
San Marcos, TX 78666  
Re: LWP09 Conference

## Refund Policy

Prior to September 1, 2009, full refunds, minus a \$25 processing fee, are provided. Upon September 1, 2009, refunds are provided as follows:

September 1-September 30, 2009	50%
October 1- November 9, 2009	25%
After November 9, 2009	No refund provided

## Steering Committee

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Circle all that apply	Single Day Registration			Full Event	Total
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Exhibit Space					
Professional				\$300	
Non-profit, Academic				\$150	
<b>Grand Total</b>					

<p><b>Complete form and submit with check to:</b></p> <p>River Systems Institute Texas State University – San Marcos 601 University Drive San Marcos, TX 78666 RE: Land Water People conference</p> <p><i>Make checks out to "RSI - Texas State University"</i></p>	<p>A confirmation letter and receipt will be sent via e-mail so be sure to include your e-mail address above!</p> <p><b>Thank you for your participation!</b></p> <p>For further information contact: Annette Paulin 512-754-9179 conference09@grandecom.net</p>	
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