

Grassroots Gathering of Water Advocates

Location: Texas Wine Collective, 10354 US-290, Fredericksburg, TX 78624

Tuesday, March 26th

10am - 4pm

Agenda

The theme for this grassroots gathering is *engaging private development*. The goal is for attendees to leave with a set of tools they can apply to engage with developers in order to minimize impact to our Hill Country Water Resources.

[TENTATIVE] 10:00- Tour of Altstadt Brewery (Optional)

Goals: See an example of onsite wastewater resources at a commercial building. Discuss the benefits and downsides of such systems, and discuss other opportunities to protect our water resources at the commercial scale.

- David Price, Texas Onsite

11:00- Break/Drive to Venue (Texas Wine Collective)

11:30 Lunch

12:00- Welcome & introductions

Goals: Welcome everyone to the space and do a quick round of introductions. Set the scene for the day by looking at the pace of development in Gillespie County (case study).

- Marisa Bruno, Hill Country Alliance
- Katherine Peake and Deb Youngblood, Pedernales River Alliance

12:30- Tools for engaging developers

Goals: Learn about 3 different tools and paths for engaging with developers and securing better outcomes. 20 minute presentations followed by 15 minutes Q&A for each, and a 15 minute break.

- Karen Bruett and Amanda Griffin: Model HOA Guidelines
- Victoria Rose, Save Our Springs: Groundwater Permits
- Virginia Parker, SMRF, and Nathan Glavy, GEAA: Wastewater Permits

2:30- Policy Spotlight on Minimum Lot Sizes for Exempt Wells

Goals: Learn about a policy opportunity for many Hill Country GCDs and counties to better control new exempt wells, and dive into the legal mechanics of why and how it works. We will be using Kendall County and the Cow Creek GCD as the case study and present a playbook.

- Ben Eldredge, Cow Creek GCD Board Member and Micah Voulgaris, GM Cow Creek GCD

3:15- Wrap up and Announcements

3:30- Happy Hour