



Neighbor to Neighbor

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The Mission of the Hill Country Alliance is to bring together an ever-expanding alliance of groups throughout a multi-county region of Central Texas with the long-term objective of preserving open spaces, water supply, water quality and the unique character of the Texas Hill Country.

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Hill Country News

Conservation Development Workshop

Registration is filling fast and space is limited for our Conservation Development Workshop featuring Randall Arendt. June 25th at Pearl Studio in San Antonio. - [Details and Registration](#)

Solution for Edwards Aquifer not dead

Water policy experts and stakeholders from across South Texas erupted in applause Tuesday afternoon as they made a step toward finding a solution to protect the endangered species of the San Marcos and Comal springs while meeting water needs. Read full SA Express News article [here](#).

Land Owners Workshop Series looks at Water Wells, Oak Wilt, Cattle and Cedar

If you want to get a Hill Country Landowners attention say “Water, Oak Wilt, Cedar and Cattle”. Those simple words draw lots of attention when any of them are associated with the property you own. This is why the Texas AgriLIFE Extension Service is offering a four part series on land management for Hill Country landowners. [More](#)

America’s Great Outdoors

President Obama has launched a national dialogue about conservation in America to learn about some of the smart, creative ways communities are conserving outdoor spaces. Join the conversation [here](#).

TCL, Hill Country landowners win Lone Star Land Steward Award

“In order to be good stewards, you must watch your land, appreciate what you have, decide what you want to change, act carefully, and be patient. We have tried to think about our future generations and live in harmony with Nature—we hope you will join us!” [Read more.](#)

Lincoln Institute releases major report on innovations in large landscape conservation Strategic framework outlined as Obama administration holds listening sessions on improving management of nation’s open space. [Click here.](#)

GMA 9 Public Meetings to examine progress on the DFC process

Groundwater Conservation Districts in the Texas Hill Country are jointly planning a “Desired Future Condition” (DFC) goal for groundwater resources in our region. Public meetings will be held June 21 in Kerrville, June 23 in Boerne and June 24 in Dripping Springs. Learn more [here](#).

Building San Antonio: Finding the happy medium between development and conservation

The idea is to use conservation easements to protect habitat and wildlife, exemptions to preserve agricultural land, low-impact development practices to lessen development's footprint and lot and house configurations that concentrate residential density. The result is neighborhoods modeled after some of San Antonio's historic areas: the secular villas of the missions, neighborhood on the South Side, Grey Forest and Shavano Park. Read full SA Express article [here](#).

Hill Country CREZ project updates

SOS Hill Country Environment reports several encouraging developments regarding the planning of transmission lines from Gillespie to Newton and also McCamey D to Kendall to Gillespie. Hill Country elected officials continue to question the process and the need for all of the lines. [Read more...](#)

Need for high voltage transmission lines questioned by PUC Chairman

Last week, Barry Smitherman, Chair of the Public Utility Commission of Texas, asked the Electric Reliability Council of Texas to “thoroughly re-evaluate the need for the Gillespie to Newton transmission line” that has been proposed to carry wind energy generated in West Texas to population centers along the I35 corridor. Read full Llano News article [here](#).

Upcoming Events

June

June 25 in San Antonio - Conservation Development Workshop Featuring Randall Arendt - [Details and Registration](#)

June 25-26 in San Antonio - WildLife 2010 - Texas Wildlife Association's 25th Anniversary Celebration- [Details](#)

June 30 in San Antonio - Friedrich Wilderness Park Nature Series - [Details](#)

July

July 10 in Boerne - Rainwater Harvest Workshop at Cibolo Nature Center - [Details](#)

July 31 in Bandera - WATER: How Deep in the Heart of Texas? - A water symposium from the Ranchers and Landowners Association of Texas - [Details](#)

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