



43rd Annual Convention

March 14-16, 2012

*Omni Hotel
Fort Worth, Texas*



Texas Rural Water Association

March 14-16, 2012
Fort Worth Omni Hotel
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Fort Worth, Texas 76102
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REGISTRATION FEE:
\$399 for TRWA members
\$499 for non-members.

Late fee of \$30 applies to registrations received after
February 16, 2012

TUESDAY - MARCH 13

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Public Funds Investment Act Training -
Initial Course

A separate registration is required.

WEDNESDAY - MARCH 14

1:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Convention Registration

7:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. TRWA and AIA Insurance Agency
Sponsored Golf Tournament
*A ticket must be purchased for this
event.*

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Public Funds Investment Act Training -
Renewal Course

A separate registration is required.

5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Welcome Reception in Exhibit Hall
Included in registration

THURSDAY - MARCH 15

7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Convention Registration

8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Opening General Session and Awards
Presentation

9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Annual Business Meeting

10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Exhibit Viewing
Lunch on your own

1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Concurrent Workshops - Session 1

Climate Change and Effect in Texas

*"If you don't like the weather, wait five minutes (and it will
change)."*

— credited to Mark Twain

While climatologists continue to study the effects of
climate change, as water professionals we must still
learn to adapt to climate change impacts on the ground –
specifically water. Session will include discussion of how
climate change may affect Texas and its groundwater
resources.

Groundwater Conservation Districts: Filtering Fact from Fiction

"Water is the driving force of all nature."

— Leonardo da Vinci

This talk will review the formation, functions, and future
of groundwater conservation districts. The purpose is to
assist groundwater producers in formulating a framework
for reducing friction and forging relationships with
groundwater conservation districts.

Water Professionals and Water Consumers: Communicating the Role of Source Water Protection

"We forget that the water cycle and the life cycle are one."

— Jacques Cousteau

This discussion will focus on understanding the activities
that can impact source water quality and communicating
and developing consumer consensus in protecting
water resources. Find out how TRWA's Source Water
Protection Specialist and TCEQ's new online Source
Water Protection Plan Development Tool can help you in
your protection efforts.

Convention Highlights

◆ Concurrent Workshops

The focus of the TRWA Convention is education and training. TRWA provides you with the most current, up-to-date information available regarding water system operations and management. This year's training topics will range from regulatory updates and enforcement to resource management and conservation. Don't miss these timely and informative training sessions!

◆ Public Funds Investment Act Training

TRWA offers a limited number of Public Funds Investment Act Training courses each year. Sign-up today to guarantee your spot!

◆ Golf Tournament

The TRWA/AIA Insurance Agency Sponsored Golf Tournament is a fun way to begin the Convention on Wednesday, March 14. Take this opportunity to try your skill at The Golf Club at Fossil Creek. You will need to purchase a ticket to participate in this event.

◆ Welcome Reception

This meet and greet event is a good opportunity to renew friendships and visit with suppliers.

◆ Awards Ceremony

Nominees and recipients of the 2012 TRWA Awards of Excellence and 2012 TRWA Scholarship recipients will be honored at the Awards Presentation during the Opening General Session on Thursday, March 15.

◆ Exhibit Hall

Some of the latest product advancements will be on display in the Exhibit Hall at the Omni Fort Worth Hotel. Door prizes will be awarded at announced times on Thursday and Friday in the Exhibit Hall. In order to receive a prize, you must be present.

◆ Annual Banquet

The Annual Banquet will be held Thursday evening, March 15. Bring a guest and enjoy a fun-filled evening with your rural water family! A humorous speaker will entertain. You will need to purchase a ticket to participate in this event.

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3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Break in Exhibit Hall
3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Concurrent Workshops - Session 2

Groundwater Water Modeling

*"All the water that will ever be, is right now."
- National Geographic, October 1993*

Understanding resource availability is crucial to effective resource planning and system sustainability. While surface water can be easily observed, assessing groundwater availability and the effects of pumping and drought can be difficult. Session will include discussion on examining and assessing groundwater availability.

Easements – Question's and Controversies

*"Water, taken in moderation, cannot hurt anybody."
- Mark Twain*

Experts will discuss easement conflicts, conundrums and resolutions using contemporary examples and explain the current state of the law.

1926 (b) Protection and What it Means for Your Water System

*"In time and with water, everything changes."
- Leonardo da Vinci*

Does federal debt protect your service area from decertification or from encroachment by cities and other water systems? Learn about the latest developments in this area of the law.

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Social Hour - *Cash Bar*
7:00 p.m. Annual Banquet - *A ticket must be purchased for this event.*

Join us for a fun filled, humorous evening with dinner and entertainment!

FRIDAY - MARCH 16

7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Convention Registration
7:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Exhibit Viewing
8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. District Caucuses and Election of Directors, Alternates and At-Large Directors
10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Concurrent Workshops - Session 3

Water Resource Management: Reducing Your Water Footprint

*"When the well is dry, we know the worth of water."
- Benjamin Franklin*

Success of your system depends to a large extent on the way you manage your water resources and build resilience to face tough climate change. This session will include a discussion on importance of developing and implementing a water conservation plan including guidance tool and methodology for calculating water use and conservation, as well as a discussion on developing effective drought contingency measures.

Keeping Your System Financially Fit; Learn How to Set Good Water Rates

*"If you're not part of the solution, you're part of the precipitate."
- Henry J. Tillman*

Setting a proper water rate is important for the sustainability of a rural water system. This session will examine what makes a "good" rate, the types of rate structures, and how to set a rate that adequately reflects your true cost of service. Bring your questions and let the experts help you find the best rate for your system!

EPA's New Enforcement Policy & Regulatory Updates

*"Anyone who can solve the problems of water will be worthy of two Noble Prizes – one for Peace and one for Science."
- John F. Kennedy*

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) implemented a new compliance strategy under the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) for public water systems. As part of this effort, EPA is requiring the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to adopt the EPA's new approach for enforcement targeting. This new system-based approach uses an Enforcement Targeting Tool (ETT) that enables the prioritization of public water systems by assigning each violation a "weight" or number of points based on the assigned threat to public health. Learn more about the policy and other upcoming regulatory issues to ensure continued compliance of your system.

Don't miss the TRWA/AIA Golf Tournament

FORMAT: Four Person Scramble

DATE: Wednesday - March 14, 2012

TIME: **Sign In:** 7:30 a.m. at the Golf Club at Fossil Creek

Tee time: 8:00 a.m.

Transportation: On your own

Lunch provided and awards following tournament

LOCATION: The Golf Club at Fossil Creek, 3401 Clubgate Dr., Ft. Worth, Texas | (817) 847-1900

RULES:

- All USGA and local rules apply.
- Local dress code is strictly enforced; no denim of any kind.
- No steel spikes.
- All ties will be broken by scorecard playoff beginning on hole #1.
- Prizes will be awarded for
 - (1) Longest Drive
 - (2) Closest to Pin
- Turn scorecards in to the AIA Insurance Agency Representative immediately upon completion of play.

Proceeds benefit the Rural Water PAC.

2012 TRWA Annual Convention Registration Form

Please print or type information as it should appear on your name badge:

Name: _____
 Title: _____
 Organization: _____
 Mailing Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone: () _____ Fax: () _____
 *E-mail: _____

*(required to send registration confirmation)

Conference Registration:

Registration fee includes admission to conference sessions, materials, refreshment breaks and Welcome Reception. A ticket must be purchased for optional events below.

	Early Bird	After February 16
TRWA Member	<input type="checkbox"/> \$399	<input type="checkbox"/> \$429
Non-Member	<input type="checkbox"/> \$499	<input type="checkbox"/> \$529

SPOUSE REGISTRATION: Spouse registrations are complimentary and include admittance to the exhibit hall, Welcome Reception and refreshment breaks. A spouse must purchase tickets for any optional events.

OPTIONAL EVENT TICKETS: Please indicate the number of tickets you wish to purchase for each optional event below.

___ Golf Tournament (Wednesday): \$95 per person \$ _____
 ___ Annual Banquet (Thursday): \$55 per person \$ _____

Public Funds Investment Act Courses:

6-hour Initial Course \$135 per person for members (\$145 for non-members) \$ _____
 4-hour Renewal Course \$125 per person for members (\$135 for non-members) \$ _____

TOTAL: \$ \$ _____

Payment Information:

Check enclosed (payable to TRWA)
 Charge \$ _____ to my: Amex Visa Master Card

Acct #: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Cardholder's Name: _____

Billing Address: _____

Signature: _____

Hotel Information:

If you need overnight hotel accommodations, please contact the hotel directly. Be sure to mention that you are attending the TRWA conference in order to receive this special room rate. You may book your room online by going to our website and clicking on the hotel booking link.

Omni Fort Worth Hotel, 1300 Houston Street, Fort Worth, TX 76102, phone: 817-535-6664
 Room Rate: \$189 king/double, \$229 triple/quad - **Deadline: February 16, 2012**

Return completed registration form with payment to:
 Texas Rural Water Association, 1616 Rio Grande, Austin, TX 78701
 Registration is also available online at www.trwa.org.

Hotel Accommodations

TRWA is no longer handling hotel reservations for conference attendees. For reservations, please contact the hotel before February 16, 2012 and mention Texas Rural Water Association to receive the group rate. The TRWA room block opens on December 26, 2011. There are a limited number of rooms at the TRWA rate, so make your room reservations as early as possible. Hotel accommodations are the responsibility of each attendee; conference registration does not secure your room. Should the room block become full before February 16, reservations will be accepted on rate/space availability.

REFUND POLICY:

TRWA will not issue a refund for a registration fee or event ticket if the cancellation is made within 30 days prior to the date of the start of the conference or the event, with NO exceptions granted. No transfers to other conferences will be allowed. Refunds or transfers will be permitted at any time if the request is made 30 days or more prior to the start of the event.

REGISTER ONLINE

IT'S QUICK AND EASY!

TRWA now offers online registration for this conference! Visit www.trwa.org/conferences and save a stamp by registering online.

In accordance with Title III of the Americans with Disabilities Act, we invite any registrant to advise us of any disability and request for accommodations necessary for the disability. Please indicate any special needs on an additional sheet of paper.
