



Dear GEAA members and friends,

Sadly for us, GEAA's longtime web guru, Suchil Coffman, is leaving us to work full time on exciting projects for the Human Path. This necessitates some work on the GEAA website. Expect a new look coming soon. We anticipate the cost of the transfer will be around \$500. If you can help out with these costs please, make a donation today to make this transition go smoothly so that we can keep everyone up to date on the latest water news.

Our thanks go out to Suchil for her generosity in donating countless hours (and answering countless dumb questions from yours truly) over the years. We wish her luck in her new endeavour and will miss her greatly!

I also want to share some big news about our bays and estuaries: If you are as interested in water for rivers and bays as we are, then you'll want to check out the blog about Matagorda Bay on the new website: <http://texaslivingwaters.org>. Look near the bottom of the home page on the right for the blog and photo of the bay. This is about the request that LCRA made recently to TCEQ to cut off life support for Matagorda Bay.

Have a wonderful weekend and stay warm!

Annalisa Peace
Executive Director
[Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance](#)

Upcoming Events:

The San Marcos River Foundation hopes it will warm up as predicted so that they can have a productive and fun **workday at Aquarena** tomorrow, **Saturday, January 25th**. They will meet at 9 a.m. and stay on dry land so we don't get wet or muddy, since the weather is cool. For more information on SMRF [click here](#).

The San Antonio Chapter of the Native Plant Society of Texas invites you to hear David K. Langford present "**Water 101**" on **Tuesday, January 28th** at 6:30 pm at Lions Field Adult Center (2809 Broadway at the corner of Mulberry & Broadway by Brackenridge Park)

David K. Langford has served in the leadership of the Texas Wildlife Association since 1986. He was TWA's Executive Vice President from 1990 until his partial retirement in 2002. Langford now occasionally serves TWA by working on water issues and other special educational projects. In his "Water 101" program David will attempt to make us aware of the complex web of policies, policy makers, and jurisdictions that determine—usually with little input at all from us—how water flows from its source to our faucets, and who makes the decisions during this journey. He intends for us to walk out of the meeting armed with the knowledge we need to get answers to our water questions, to understand what we read about water issues, and, most importantly of all, to advocate effectively for environmentally sensible management of our most crucial resource. He will provide a detailed reference handout that will extend his comments and offer points of contact for engaging in water-related advocacy.

6:30 pm – Native plant and seed exchange

7:00 pm – Meeting and program

For more info, contact NPSOT SA at: npsot.sanantonio@gmail.com

The UTSA College of Architecture's 2014 Spring Lecture Series begins with a lecture by John Massengale and Victor Dover on **the Art of Street Design on Wednesday, January 29th at 5:30 pm**.in the Southwest Room of the Durango Building at the UTSA Downtown Campus (Room db1.124). The event is free and open to the public.

Massengale and Dover know how to fix America's neighborhoods, cities, and towns: make them walkable again. That begins with streets where people want to be. In their joint talk, Massengale and Dover will show some of the hundreds of streets included in their book, *Street Design: The Secret to Great Cities and Towns*, and talk about what works and what doesn't. Autographed copies of *Street Design* will be on sale after the talk. This innovative and easy-to-use guide analyzes great streets around the world and teaches techniques for making comfortable, safe, and enticing streets.

John Massengale, AIA, is an international thought leader on the connections between urban design, architecture, walkability, and placemaking. As principal at Massengale & Co. and the author of three books, he has more than 25 years of experience designing projects in Europe and across America. Massengale's planning work spans a range of situations from suburban retrofits and designing new towns to urban infill and urban regeneration. Victor Dover is an urban designer, city planner, and co-founder of Dover, Kohl & Partners Town Planning. He serves as principal-in-charge for many of the firm's design and planning projects. He lectures widely around the nation on the topics of livable communities and sustainable development, was national chair of the Congress for the New Urbanism (CNU) from 2010-2012, and is a Fellow of the American Institute of Certified Planners.

The San Antonio Express-News/UTSA will host a Town Hall meeting on "**Planning San Antonio's Water Future**" at 7 p.m. on **February 6th**. The event will be in the Aula Canaria Room of the Buena Vista Building (Room 1.328) at UTSA's downtown campus. It will be open to the public and admission is free. Parking has been reserved in Lot D3.

The panel of water experts will include SAWS CEO and President Robert Puente, state Rep. Lyle Larson, who has become the Bexar County legislative delegation's water guru, and Juan Gomez, deputy director and associate professor of research for the UTSA Sustainable Energy Institute.

ImagineSanAntonio, Solar San Antonio, and Rackspace invite you to **Environmental Challenges in San Antonio: Opportunities in Resilience**, a 2-day conference focusing on environmental resiliency and adaptability in our community infrastructure to be hosted in Rackspace's headquarters facility on two Friday mornings, **February 14th** and **February 21st**. Each session will end with a luncheon. Tickets are \$30/day or \$50 for both days; \$15/day for students.

The conference will feature presentations by local and national experts who will cover topics, such as water supplies and drought, extreme weather events, wildfires, urban heat islands, public health, electric power supplies, alternative fuels, air quality, carbon emissions, and how to determine an organization's carbon footprint. The goals of the conference are to assess our area's environmental resiliency and develop business strategies and public policies that mitigate the impacts of increased greenhouse gas emissions. [Read more about it and register here.](#)

Guadalupe River Trout Unlimited will host **Troutfest 2014** on **February 21st through the 24th**. Festivities, including a Fly-Fishing Banquet and Exposition, will be held on the Guadalupe River at [Rio Raft Resort](#). The funds generated by the Banquet and Expo will be used by GRTU to conserve, protect and restore the cold tailwater fishery immediately below the Canyon Dam on the Guadalupe River. Talented Fly Tiers, Kid Fish Pond, Educational Classes, and Local shopping will surely provide enjoyment for the Whole Family!

You can always keep up with interesting water news on [GEAA's Face Book page](#) and, you can mail contributions to support GEAA to PO Box 15618, San Antonio, Texas 78212