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Central Texas Water Coalition Leaders Receive Individual Honors

(LAKE TRAVIS – March 3, 2015) Several partners of the local nonprofit Central Texas Water Coalition (CTWC) were recently honored by the Lake Travis Chamber of Commerce during its annual Achievement Awards Luncheon. The event, which was held on February 18 at the Lakeway Resort and Spa, recognized exceptional service and accomplishments by area individuals, organizations and businesses.

Central Texas Water Coalition partners took home four of the 10 awards:

- CTWC President Jo Karr Tedder was honored as “Citizen on the Year.”
- Board member Alan Tye received the “Unsung Hero” award.
- Café Blue (owned by Board member Pete Clark) was recognized as the “Business of the Year.”
- Buzz Watkins of Sail & Ski Center was presented with the “Chairman’s Award.”

“We are grateful to receive recognition for the work we’re doing on behalf of the coalition and the residents of this region,” said Tedder. “Our volunteer board and partners work exceptionally hard to address the water issues of the Lower Colorado River Basin. We strive to make a difference in the lives and well-being of all Central Texans, and these awards encourage us to continue.”

In 2014, one of the CTWC’s efforts included working with the Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to institute emergency orders to preserve the water source for several area communities.

Tedder added, “While the progress we have made with the LCRA is encouraging, it is only the first in many steps that must be taken to shift the mindset of how we manage our water. We will continue our work during this year’s legislative session, where we will be busy at the State Capitol to ensure state leaders understand the urgency for new approaches to water management.”

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Central Texas Water Coalition brings together concerned individuals and groups to address Lower Colorado River Basin water issues. CTWC's mission is to preserve and conserve the Highland Lakes' water supply as an irreplaceable economic engine for the state of Texas and the source for drinking water for 1 million Central Texans.