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## **Central Texas Water Coalition Asks Area Residents and Businesses to Join Them for Water Day at the Capitol**

(Austin, TX – March 20, 2015) Local nonprofit Central Texas Water Coalition (CTWC) is asking residents of the Highland Lakes regions to join the organization on Thursday, March 26 for Texas Water Day at the Capitol – a day for the public to educate legislators on water-related legislation. A symposium hosted by Texas Water Foundation (TWF) covering water issues will be held in the Capitol Auditorium from 1PM to 4PM, immediately followed by a reception in the Conference Room. The event is free and open to everyone.

“Our region has been particularly hard hit by the drought and water management decisions that have devastated our communities and businesses,” said Jo Karr Tedder, president of the CTWC. “This is our chance to enlighten legislators on the effects of past decisions and the need for sound planning and responsible water management for the future.”

Texas Water Day will include presentations by various Texas water organizations including TWF, Texas Section American Water Works Association, Alliance for Water Efficiency, Baselite & Associates, EnviroMedia, North Texas Municipal Water District, and the Texas Water Development Board. Additionally, the Water Conservation Advisory Council will present its 2015 Blue Legacy Awards.

CTWC supporters are invited to meet at the Texas Capitol in Room E2.022 at 10:30AM for an orientation followed by meetings with legislators. The public may also visit CTWC’s booth in the hallway of the E2 gallery of the Capitol Extension from 11:30AM to 4:00PM. The coalition’s leadership will be on hand to answer questions and discuss their 2015 legislative policy goals.

“Everyone is affected by the drought in Texas,” said Tedder. “With almost two-thirds of the state currently experiencing the effects of this on-going drought, issues such as ensuring adequate drinking water supplies and increasing water conservation are topics none of us can afford to ignore. It is essential that our legislators hear and understand the need for serious legislative action now.”

Those interested in participating are asked to contact CTWC executive director Ward Wyatt (wardwyatt.ctwc@gmail.com).

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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 more than 1 million Central Texans. For more information, visit [www.CentralTexasWaterCoalition.org](http://www.CentralTexasWaterCoalition.org).*