

# 37<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL TEXAS ENVIRONMENTAL SUPERCONFERENCE

“How Sweet It Is” (Welcome to Candy Land)



**Thursday – Friday August 7 – 8, 2025**  
**Four Seasons Hotel Austin, Texas**

PRESENTED BY:

**Environmental & Natural Resources Law Section of the State Bar of Texas**

PROMOTED BY:

Air & Waste Management Association, Southwest Section  
Water Environment Association of Texas

American Bar Association Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources

SUPPORTED BY:

**EarthX**

## THURSDAY AUGUST 7, 2025

7:30 am to 8:15 am

### **CHECK IN/ BREAKFAST**

*Home Sweet Home*

8:15 am to 8:45 am

### **OPENING REMARKS**

*Sweet Tidings*

[Jeff Civins](#), *Chair*, Texas Environmental Superconference

[Trammell S. Crow](#), *Founder*, EarthX

[Sally Mills Perry](#), *Chair*, Air & Waste Management Association, Southwest Section

[Julie Nahrgang](#), *Executive Director*, Water Environment Association of Texas

[Danny G. Worrell](#), *ABA Section of Environment, Energy & Resources*

[Mike Dillinger](#), *Chair*, Environmental & Natural Resources Law Section, State Bar of Texas

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**MODERATOR:** [Anne Idsal Austin](#), *Attorney & Founder*, Austin Legal and Public Affairs, PLLC

8:45 am to 9:15 am

**LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

*Sour Patch Kids*

[Shea Pearson](#), *Environmental Lobbyist*, HillCo Partners

9:15 am to 9:45 am

**CASE LAW UPDATE**

*Nerds*

[Kami McFarland](#), *Associate*, Clifford Chance

9:45 am – 10:15 am

**NEPA**

*Bazooka*

[Justin Schwab](#), *General Counsel*, CEQ (Invited)

10:15 am to 10:30 am

**BREAK**

*Sweet Nothings*

10:30 am to 11:15 am

**VCP & TRRP UPDATE**

*Life Savers*

[Kenneth Tramm](#), PhD, PE, PG, CHMM, Modern Geosciences

[Steve Morton](#), *Attorney*, The Morton Law Firm, PLLC

11:15 am to 12:00 pm

**TCEQ/EPA**

*Dubble Bubble*

[Brooke Paup](#), *Chairwoman*, TCEQ

[Scott Mason IV](#), *Regional Administrator*, EPA Region 6

12:00 pm to 1:10 pm

**LUNCH**

*Toot Sweet*

**MODERATOR:** [Carolyn Ahrens](#), *Solo Practitioner and Of Counsel*, Booth & Associates, P.C.

1:10 pm to 2:30 pm

**AIR QUALITY**

*Air Heads*

1:10 pm

[Aaron L. Szabo](#), *Nominee to be Assistant Administrator for Air and Radiation*, EPA (Invited)

1:30 pm

[Hannah Roskey](#), *Senior Associate*, Baker Botts L.L.P

[Brittany Pemberton](#), *Partner*, Bracewell LLP

[Jim Blackburn](#), *Professor in the Practice of Environmental Law*, Rice University

Amy Browning, *Senior Attorney*, Environmental Law Division, TCEQ

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2:30 pm to 3:15 pm	<b>GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS</b> <i>Jolly Ranchers</i>  <a href="#">Carlos Rubinstein</a> , <i>Principal</i> , RSAH2O, LLC <a href="#">Natasha Martin</a> , <i>Shareholder</i> , Graves Dougherty Hearon & Moody <a href="#">Casey Cooper</a> , <i>Associate</i> , Terrill & Waldrop
3:15 pm to 3:30 pm	<b>BREAK</b> <i>A Sweet Tooth</i>
3:30 pm to 4:15 pm	<b>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</b> <i>Gummy Bears</i>  <a href="#">Marisa Perales</a> , <i>Partner</i> , Perales, Allmon & ICE, P.C. <a href="#">Hon. Shelly Doggett</a> , <i>Administrative Law Judge</i> , State Office of Administrative Hearings <a href="#">Jon Niermann</a> , <i>Partner</i> — <i>Environmental &amp; Natural Resources</i> , Vinson & Elkins LLP
4:15 pm to 5:15 pm	<b>UIC</b> <i>Pop Rocks</i>  <a href="#">James McGuire</a> , <i>Partner</i> , Holland & Knight LLP <a href="#">David Grounds</a> , <i>VP Regulatory</i> , Pilot Water Solutions <a href="#">Barry Smitherman</a> , <i>Chairman, President, and Co-founder</i> , Texas Geothermal Energy Alliance
5:15 pm to 5:20 pm	<b>CLOSING REMARKS</b> <i>Sweet Dreams</i>
5:20 pm to 6:00 pm	<b>RECEPTION</b> <i>Sweet Talk</i>

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## FRIDAY AUGUST 8, 2025

7:30 am to 8:15 am	<b>BREAKFAST</b> <i>Sweet Spot</i>
8:15 am to 8:30 am	<b>OPENING REMARKS</b> <i>The Sweet Smell of Success</i> <b>MODERATOR:</b> <a href="#">Cindy Bishop</a> , <i>President</i> , C Bishop Law PC
8:30 am to 9:30 am	<b>ENFORCEMENT</b> <i>Pay Day</i> Jeff Hall, <i>Nominee to be Assistant Administrator for Office of Enforcement and Compliance</i> , EPA (Invited) <a href="#">Joe Bailey</a> , <i>Partner</i> , Hinton   Bailey PC <a href="#">Craig J. Pritzlaff</a> , <i>Director – Office of Compliance and Enforcement</i> , TCEQ
9:30 am to 10:30 am	<b>NUCLEAR POWER AND URANIUM MINING</b> <i>Good and Plenty</i> Kym Harshaw, <i>Executive Vice President &amp; Chief Nuclear Officer - Retired</i> , STP Nuclear Operating Company <a href="#">Martin P. Stratte</a> , <i>Partner</i> , Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP <a href="#">Marty O'Neill</a> , <i>Associate General Counsel</i> , Nuclear Energy Institute
10:30 am to 10:45 am	<b>BREAK</b> <i>In Your Own Sweet Time</i>
10:45 am to 11:15 am	<b>NEW COURT</b> <i>Smarties</i> <a href="#">Jane Webre</a> , <i>Partner</i> , Scott Douglass & McConnico LLP
11:15 am to 11:45 am	<b>UNIVERSAL AND SOLID WASTE</b> <i>Toxic Waste</i> <a href="#">Diane Goss</a> , <i>Senior Attorney</i> , Environmental Law Division, TCEQ
11:45 am to 12:15 pm	<b>EPR/PCR</b> <i>Now and Later</i> <a href="#">Victor K. Salazar</a> , <i>Associate</i> , Haynes Boone LLP
12:15 pm to 1:15 pm	<b>LUNCH</b> <i>Sweet as Honey</i>

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## **TENRLS MEETING**

*Short But Sweet*

**MODERATOR:** [Jason A. Hill](#), *Partner*, Holland & Knight L.L.P.

1:30 pm to 2:30 pm

## **PFAS**

*Everlasting Gobstoppers*

[James B. Slaughter](#), *Principal*, Beveridge & Diamond PC

[Reza Zarghamee](#), *Partner*, Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP

[Janet Anderson, Ph.D., DABT](#), *Vice President/Principal Toxicologist*,  
GSI Environmental

[Susan T. Litherland, P.E.](#), *Principal*, SQ Environmental LLC

2:30 pm to 3:30 pm

## **ETHICS**

*Mr. Goodbar*

[Gaines West](#), *Partner*, West, Webb, Allbritton & Gentry, P.C.

[Marcella Burke](#), *Managing Partner*, Burke Law Group, PLLC

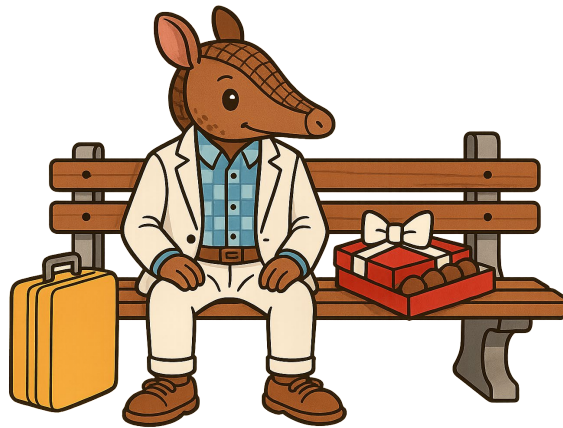
3:30 pm to 3:35 pm

## **CLOSING REMARKS**

*A Sweet Goodbye*

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“Life Is Like a Box of Chocolates”



WEDNESDAY AUGUST 6, 2025

3:45 pm to 4:25 pm **CHECK IN**  
*Sweet Greetings*

4:25 pm to 4:30 pm **WELCOME:** [Mary Simmons Mendoza](#), *Vice Chair*, Texas Environmental Superconference

**MODERATORS:**

[Anne Idsal Austin](#), *Attorney & Founder*, Austin Legal & Public Affairs, PLLC

[Mary Simmons Mendoza](#), *Partner*, Haynes Boone LLP

4:30 PM to 5:30 PM **ENERGY\***  
*Powerhouse*

[Matthew Z. Leopold](#), *Partner*, Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP

[Travis Wussow](#), *Partner*, Jackson Walker LLP

5:30 PM to 6:30 PM **PERMITTING**  
*Crunch*

[Ann D. Navaro](#), *Partner*, Bracewell LLP

[Jason A. Hill](#), *Partner*, Holland & Knight L.L.P.

Justin Schwab, *General Counsel*, CEQ (Invited)

*\*Additional invitations pending.*

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## PERTINENT INFORMATION

**CLE: Wednesday’s Program:** This course has been approved for Minimum Continuing Legal Education credit by the State Bar of Texas Committee on MCLE in the amount of 2.00 hours of CLE credit. We have also applied for approval from the Texas Board of Legal Specialization for 2.00 hours for the following specialty fields: Administrative Law; Civil Appellate Law; Oil, Gas and Mineral Law; and Real Estate Law.

**Thursday and Friday’s Programs:** This course has been approved for Minimum Continuing Legal Education credit by the State Bar of Texas Committee on MCLE in the amount of 12.00 hours of CLE credit, of which 1.00 hour can be applied to the ethics requirement. We have also applied for approval from the Texas Board of Legal Specialization for 12.00 hours for the following specialty fields: Administrative Law; Civil Trail Law; Property Owners Association Law; Oil, Gas and Mineral Law; and Real Estate Law.

**HOTEL:** We’ve arranged a limited hotel block with discounted rates at the FOUR SEASONS HOTEL, 98 San Jacinto Blvd., Austin, Texas 78701. To book a room, please contact the Four Seasons – by phone (512-478-4500) or online [www.fourseasons.com](http://www.fourseasons.com) .

**Discounted rates for our hotel block are:** City View – \$335/night and Lake View – \$410/night.

**Group Name:** Texas Environmental Supercon  
**Block Rate Code:** 250728TES

**QUESTIONS:** If you have any questions, please contact: The Superconference at [superconference@haynesboone.com](mailto:superconference@haynesboone.com)

**CANCELLATION POLICY:** Your confirmation email will provide you with a link to cancel. Cancellations submitted by 5:00 PM Central Time on July 17th will be eligible for a full refund. Cancellations received via email by 5:00 PM Central Time on August 1st will receive a refund, minus a \$200 cancellation fee. Cancellations received after 5:00 PM Central Time on August 1st will not be refunded; however, you may substitute an attendee by notifying us via email by 5:00 PM Central Time on August 4th. NOTE: It is the responsibility of the registrant to cancel any hotel reservations and to comply with the hotel’s cancellation policy, which is different than the Conference’s policy. Please be sure you understand the hotel cancellation policy at the time you make your reservation.

**SCHOLARSHIPS:** Thanks to our generous sponsors, the Superconference is offering up to eight (8) registration scholarships for which application may be made until June 21, 2024. These scholarships will reduce the registration fee to the rate applicable to “Government Employees and Students “for the Thursday/Friday program and make the Wednesday afternoon program at no cost. Eligible applicants are full-time employees of registered nonprofit organizations whose job duties directly relate to environmental law and/or policy. Please include in your email application the following information: 1) your name; 2) whether you have received a Superconference scholarship previously, 3) whether you have previously attended Superconference, 4) the name of your organization and its nonprofit status (i.e., 501(c)(3));and 5) a link to information about your organization. In the event more than eight eligible applicants apply before June 21, 2024, priority will be given to: (1) the first applicant from any of the same nonprofit organization; (2) applicants who have not received a previous Superconference scholarship; (3) those who have not previously attended a Superconference; and (4) those who are employees of a nonprofit organization that has not previously had a representatives attend. Interested applicants should apply and demonstrate eligibility by emailing [superconference@haynesboone.com](mailto:superconference@haynesboone.com)