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7:30	Registration and Continental Breakfast
8:00	<b>Welcome and Introduction</b> Overview of Day One <b>Edmond R. McCarthy Jr., Esq., Program Co-Chair</b> Jackson, Sjoberg, McCarthy & Wilson, Austin <b>Russell S. Johnson, Esq., Program Co-Chair</b> McGinnis, Lochridge & Kilgore, Austin
8:15	<b>Litigation Update</b> Issues and Trends <b>Marc O. Knisely, Esq.</b> Jackson, Sjoberg, McCarthy & Wilson, Austin
9:15	Networking Break
9:30	<b>Featured Presentation</b> State Water Issues; Funding and Beyond <b>The Honorable Allan Ritter, Representative</b> <b>Chairman Natural Resource Committee</b> Texas House of Representatives, Austin
10:00	<b>Fracking Issues Affecting Groundwater in Texas</b> Energy vs. The Environment <b>The Honorable Elizabeth Ames-Jones, Chair</b> Railroad Commission of Texas, Austin <b>Charles Kreitler, PhD</b> LBG-Guyton Associates, Austin <b>Mark A. McCaffrey, PhD</b> <b>Senior Technical Advisor—Fluid Services</b> Weatherford Laboratories, Dallas <b>John A. Riley, Esq.</b> Vinson & Elkins, Austin <b>Moderator: David Jackson, Esq.</b> Jackson, Sjoberg, McCarthy & Wilson, Austin
11:30	<b>Meeting Water Supply Demands</b> Tarrant Regional Water District and the Dallas Metroplex Pipeline Project <b>Wayne Owen, Planning Director</b> Tarrant Regional Water District, Ft. Worth
12:15	Lunch Break
1:30	<b>Sunset Issues Affecting TCEQ and TWDB</b> An Update from the Commission <b>Joe Walraven, Assistant Director</b> Sunset Advisory Commission, Austin
2:15	<b>Mitigation Banking</b> Considerations and Trends <b>Craig M. Douglas, Esq.</b> Smith, Robertson, Elliott, Glen, Klein & Bell, Austin
3:00	Networking Break
3:15	<b>Colorado River Water</b> Lower Colorado River Authority Water Management Planning <b>James Kowis, Chief Water Strategist</b> Lower Colorado River Authority, Austin
4:00	<b>Exempt Uses</b> Distinctions Between Groundwater and Surface Water Exemptions; Surface Water Versus Non-Surface Water; Additional Issues <b>Carl R. Galant, Esq.</b> McGinnis, Lochridge & Kilgore, Austin
4:45	<b>Ethics</b> Issues for Water Law Professionals Practicing Before Agencies, Political Subdivisions, and the Legislature <b>Robin Melvin, Esq.</b> Graves, Daugherty, Hearon & Moody, Austin
6:00	Adjourn

8:00	Continental Breakfast
8:25	<b>Welcome Back</b> Overview of Day Two <b>Russell S. Johnson, Esq., Program Co-Chair</b> <b>Edmond R. McCarthy Jr., Esq., Program Co-Chair</b>
8:30	<b>Legislative Update</b> Practical Ramifications of Policy Decisions <b>Dean Robbins, Assistant General Manager</b> Texas Water Conservation Association, Austin
9:15	<b>Featured Presentation</b> An Update from the Texas Water Development Board <b>Edward G. Vaughan, Esq., Chairman</b> Texas Water Development Board, Austin
9:45	<b>SB3 Procedure</b> The Rulemaking Process <b>Robin Smith, Esq.</b> Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Austin
10:15	Networking Break
10:30	<b>Groundwater</b> Ownership and the Desired Future Conditions/Managed Available Groundwater Process <b>Marvin W. "Marty" Jones, Esq.</b> Sprouse Shrader Smith, Amarillo <b>Robert E. Mace, PhD, PG, Deputy Executive Administrator</b> Texas Water Development Board, Austin
11:15	<b>Development Issues</b> CCNs and Related Issues <b>Joe B. Allen, Esq. and</b> <b>Trey Lary, Esq.</b> Allen Boone Humphries Robinson, Houston
12:00	Lunch Break
1:15	<b>City of Houston Water Planning Management</b> A Case Study <b>Augustus "Auggie" Campbell, Esq.</b> <b>Assistant City Attorney</b> City of Houston Legal Department <b>Lisa Lattu, PE, AICP, Managing Engineer</b> City of Houston Public Works & Engineering Department
2:00	<b>Endangered Species Act</b> Surface Water and Other Emerging Issues in Texas <b>David P. Smith, Esq.</b> Barrett & Smith, Austin
2:45	Networking Break
3:00	<b>Drought Planning</b> What You Need to Know <b>Calvin Finch, PhD</b> <b>Director Regional Initiatives and Special Programs</b> San Antonio Water System <b>John Hofmann, Regional Manager</b> <b>Central and Lower Basin</b> Brazos River Authority, Waco <b>Kirk Holland, PG, General Manager</b> Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District, Austin <b>Kellye Rila, Manager, Water Rights/Availability Division</b> Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Austin
4:00	<b>Ethics</b> Best Practices in the Wake of the Defeat of Recent Rule Revisions <b>Thomas H. Watkins, Esq.</b> Brown McCarroll, Austin
5:00	Evaluations and Adjourn

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**Russell S. Johnson** focuses his practice on water law, including representation of landowners, businesses, mineral owners and developers in all matters involving water. He has a strong background in transactions involving water and in advocating and negotiating for clients before legislative bodies, administrative agencies, and both state and federal courts in the water law area.

**Edmond R. McCarthy Jr.** represents clients in the sale and transfer of water rights, regional water supply projects, the development of water rights, district legislation, and agency rules and regulations.

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*An Update from the Texas Water Development Board*

**Edward G. Vaughan, Esq., Chairman**

Texas Water Development Board, Austin



Mr. Vaughan was appointed to the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) by Governor Rick Perry in February 2008. He is an attorney in private practice. He serves as a Director of Security State Bank of Pearsall, Advisory Director of First State Bank of Uvalde, and Director of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association. Mr. Vaughan is a past Chairman and Director of the Texas Lyceum. In February 2008, former TWDB Board Chairman James Herring designated Mr. Vaughan to serve as the Board's representative on the Coastal Coordination Council.

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