

**“Connecting the Dots”**  
**Texas Water Monitoring Congress**  
**Public Outreach Symposium**  
**Tuesday, September 12, 2006**  
**9:00am-4:00pm**



*Texas Watch is a joint partnership of the TCEQ, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and Texas State University - San Marcos, with the mission of expanding understanding and awareness of water quality and NPS issues across Texas. Through education, data collection, and community action, Texas Watch facilitates environmental stewardship by empowering a statewide network of concerned volunteers and partners in a collaborative effort to promote a healthy and safe environment.*

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Positive and productive communication between water resource managers and the public is widely acknowledged as one of the keys to protecting and improving water quality. This meeting, offered as a pre-conference symposium of the 2006 Texas Water Monitoring Congress, is the second in a series known as “Connecting the Dots”, provides a forum for resolving gaps in communication between the public and local, state and federal water resource programs. The 2005 “Connecting the Dots” meeting recommended several initiatives to enhance water resource management programs’ abilities to conduct enforcement, permitting, and education activities as follows:

- Improve tracking and reporting of repeat violators
- Create a central clearinghouse to guide citizens through the enforcement and response resources at environmental agencies
- Develop “cradle to grave” oversight of the permitting process
- Require developers to post a bond prior to receiving permits
- Require training of real estate agents, City/County Planners, and developers in the relevant laws and regulations as well as the cost benefits of environmentally “friendly” development.

This year’s meeting features presentations on these recommendations as well as panel discussions to identify potential strategies for implementing them.

**Who Should Attend?** This meeting is open to the general public with a special invitation extended to both individuals who attended the 2005 “Connecting the Dots” meeting and participants in the 2006 Texas Water Monitoring Congress.

**Agenda:** Visit <http://www.texaswatch.geo.txstate.edu/>

**Meeting Location:** The Commons Center at the J.J. Jake Pickle Research Campus of the University of Texas at Austin. For map and directions: <http://www.utexas.edu/facilities/commons/attendees.html>

**Registration:** Please respond on or before Wednesday, September 6, by contacting Texas Watch: phone- 877/506-1401 or email- [tw05@txstate.edu](mailto:tw05@txstate.edu). We strongly encourage all participants at this meeting to attend the Texas Water Monitoring Congress. You may register for this meeting at: <http://www.txwmc.org/>

**Lodging:** <http://www.utexas.edu/facilities/commons/attendees.html>

**Meals:** Lunch is provided