

# When the Water Runs Dry

## Maintaining a Balance Between Human Water Use and Environmental Needs

September 9th - 10th

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## Monday, September 9th

<b>8:30 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.</b>	Welcome	New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin <i>(invited)</i>
	The Challenge of Maintaining Balanced Water Use	James I. Palmer, Jr, Regional Administrator, EPA Region 4
<b>9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.</b>	Water Availability Data in the Southeast—A Matter of Quantity <i>and</i> Quality	Dr. Jimmy Johnston, National Wetlands Research Center, LA Pixie Hamilton, United States Geological Survey
<b>10:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.</b>	Break	
<b>10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.</b>	The State of Affairs: Challenges Facing Southeast and Gulf States in the 21st Century	David Feldman, Senior Research Scientist, University of TN Carl Couret, Sr. Field Biologist, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, AL <i>(invited)</i> Cindy Loeffler, Water Resources Team Leader, TX <i>(invited)</i> Chuck Coomer, Director of Fisheries, Wildlife Resources Division, GA DNR <i>(invited)</i> Dodd Galbreath, Dir of Policy, State of Tennessee Janet Llewellyn, Office of Water Management, FDEP <i>(invited)</i> Len Bahr, Coastal Activities, Office of the Governor, LA
<b>Lunch with Keynote Speaker: 12:00 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.</b>	Tapped Out: The Water Crisis	Senator Paul Simon, Director of the Public Policy Institute, Southern Illinois University
<b>Breakout Session 1 1:15 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.</b>	Unnatural Flows: The Impacts of Alterations	Dr. Mary Davis, Ecologist, National Wildlife Federation Bill Finch, Mobile Register, AL <i>(invited)</i> Dr. Mary Freeman, USGS, University of Georgia
<b>Breakout Session 2 1:15 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.</b>	Protection of In-stream Flows: Legal and Policy Options	Jerry Sherk, Associate Professor, American University David Sligh, American Rivers
<b>2:15 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.</b>	Break	
<b>Breakout Session 3 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.</b>	Estuaries on the Edge: Potential Impacts of Reductions of In- stream Flow on Gulf and Atlantic Estuaries	Dr. Ernst Peelbles, Ph.D., University of South Florida Mark Davis, ED, Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana Robert Twilley, PhD, University of Louisiana at Lafayette
<b>Breakout Session 4 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.</b>	Reservoir Review: Tennessee Valley Authority Reservoir Operations Study	David Nye, TVA Project Manager, Reservoir Operations Study Jeff Duncan, National Park Service Danielle Droitsch, TN Clean Water Network
<b>3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.</b>	Current Issues in Water Rights	Kyle McCann, Louisiana Farm Bureau John Sibley, Georgia Conservancy Rick Parrish, Southern Environmental Law Center

**Adjourn**

## Tuesday, September 10th

<b>8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.</b>	To Protect and Conserve: Approaches to Water Protection	Jim Fryer, Indian River Lagoon Program Manager, The Nature Conservancy Representative, Conservation Board, American Water Works <i>(invited)</i>
<b>9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.</b>	Water Management in Action: Lessons Learned and Success Stories from Those Who Have Done It!	Dr. Todd Votteler, Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority - <i>Texas State Water Management Plan</i> Paul Montagna, Professor, University of Texas at Austin - <i>Rincon Bayou Restoration Project</i> Brock Hill, Tennessee County Executive <i>(invited)</i> The Nature Conservancy, Green River KY Project <i>(invited)</i>
<b>10:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.</b>	Break	
<b>10:45 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.</b>	The Way to Do It Right: Recommendations for Model Approaches to Water Flow Issues.	Brian Richter, Director, Freshwater Initiative, The Nature Conservancy Steve Traxler, Army Corps of Engineers
<b>11:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.</b>	Closing Remarks	Cynthia Sarthou, Executive Director, Gulf Restoration Network

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**Contact Information:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: Street: \_\_\_\_\_ Suite: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Registration Fees:**

\_\_\_\_\_ I will be applying for a scholarship for registration, travel, and/or lodging and have completed the form on the back.

\_\_\_\_\_ I have enclosed a check **payable to the Gulf Restoration Network** for the following amount:

- \_\_\_ \$30.00 for early registration - by August 10th
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### Scholarship Form Due August 1st

Scholarship funds are intended to assist those individuals who would not otherwise be able to attend.

(Please use the registration form for contact information)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Organization/Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Scholarship Requested: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Use form below to calculate)

1. \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Estimated travel expenses (Please check 1-800-FLY-CHEAP, 1-800-CHEAP-TIX, American Travel at 1-800-347-5957, [www.travelocity.com](http://www.travelocity.com), and [www.orbitz.com](http://www.orbitz.com) to price flights into New Orleans. Allow \$20.00 for shuttle to hotel.
2. \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Estimated Lodging Costs Based on \$54.50 per night double occupancy\*.

Roommate request: \_\_\_\_\_

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3. \$ 30 Registration Fees

**Total requested:** \_\_\_\_\_

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