

Texas Groundwater Conference – June 6 & 7, 2023

Presenter Bios (alphabetical order)

Dirk Aaron, General Manager, Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District, Belton, TX



Dirk has served as General Manager since 2011. The District is responsible for the management of groundwater in Bell County, TX. The District's mission is to "develop and implement an efficient, economical and environmentally sound groundwater management program to protect and enhance the water resources of the district." Prior to his appointment as General Manager he was a County Extension Agent at Texas A&M University. Dirk has served as the President of the Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts and has Chaired their Legislative Committee. He represents Clearwater on the Groundwater Management Area 8 and on the Brazos G Regional Water Planning Group. Dirk has also been elected to the board of directors of the Texas Water Conservation Association. He earned his Bachelor Degree from Texas A&M University and his Master of Science Degree from Texas Tech University.

Daniel Albus, PE, Principal and Team Lead, Parkhill, Austin, TX



Daniel is a Principal and a Team Leader in Parkhill's Treatment Practice. He is an expert in water and wastewater treatment for industries and municipalities. Since joining Parkhill in 2010, Daniel has worked with many clients throughout West Texas and the DFW area to improve water quality both at water and wastewater treatment plants. He is a subject matter expert on wastewater reuse and membrane treatment. His work on the Wheeler Reverse Osmosis Plant was awarded ACEC Gold status for engineering excellence in 2017. Daniel was selected as a Top Young Professional in 2018 by ENR Magazine and 2018 Young Engineer of the Year by the South Plains Chapter of TSPE. He earned his B.S. and M.S. in Environmental Engineering from Texas Tech University and is a Licensed Professional Engineer in the State of Texas.

Natalie Ballew, PG, Groundwater Division Director, Water & Science Division, Texas Water Development Board, Austin, TX



Natalie Ballew is the Division Director of Water Science and Conservation at the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB), which provides technical information and support to public clients regarding groundwater resources and statewide water planning. She previously worked as a hydrogeologist on both the Groundwater Technical Assistance and Groundwater Modeling teams at the TWDB and spent some time at the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality working on U.S.-Mexico water issues. Natalie is a licensed Texas professional geoscientist, has a Bachelor of Science degree in Geological Sciences from the University of Southern California, and has Master's degrees in Energy and Earth Resources and Public Affairs from the University of Texas at Austin.

Lakin Beal, PG, Hydrogeologist, INTERA, Inc., Austin, TX



Lakin Beal is a Hydrogeologist who specializes in developing and applying geochemical and numerical groundwater models in support of water resource and mining. In addition to modeling, her field site characterization experience includes monitoring well design and installation, surface water and groundwater sampling, and aquifer testing. Presently, her work is focused on the use of calibration-constrained groundwater flow models with uncertainty analysis. This work allows her water resources clients to make decisions for future water supplies, and mining clients to make decisions for mine closure and environmental management. Prior to joining INTERA, Inc. in 2019, Lakin was a Graduate Research Assistant at The University of Texas at Austin, where she earned her

Master's Degree in Hydrogeology. She also worked Rio Tinto for over 3 years as a Hydrogeologist after receiving her Bachelor of Science Degree in Geosciences from Idaho State University.

Will Brewer, PhD Candidate, Baylor University, Waco, TX

Will Brewer is a PhD Candidate in the hydrogeology lab at Baylor University working with Dr. Joe Yelderman. Will has extremely varied academic interests, with an undergraduate degree in both psychology and geology, and current projects that range from groundwater conservation psychology to deep aquifer chemistry evolution in the Trinity. Will hopes to contribute to the understanding of groundwater resources and the role they will play in water management in the face of growing water scarcity concerns throughout the United States and beyond.

Sara Chudnoff, PG, Hydrogeologist, American Ground Water Trust, Pinetop, AZ



Sara recently joined the American Ground Water Trust. She has been working in the water resources and environmental field in New Mexico since the early 2000s. As a consulting scientist, she worked on projects from methane monitoring and reporting to hydrogeologic investigations and well design. In 2009, Sara left her regulatory role with the State and started working with Bernalillo County. In this position, she worked with hundreds of residents monitoring water levels and promoting outreach and education. At the New Mexico Bureau of Geology, she took this model to work on a State-Wide Groundwater Level Monitoring Network. Sara facilitates educational outreach for watershed health with the local school district and provides water resource consulting in New Mexico. She has a B.S. in Geology from New Mexico Tech and a M.S. in Water Resources from the University of New Mexico.

Vince Clause, GISP, Project Manager-Texas Groundwater Lead, LRE Water, Round Rock, TX



Vince is the Texas Groundwater Lead with LRE Water and is headquartered in Round Rock, TX. He is a certified Geographic Information Science Professional and holds a Bachelor's and Master's degree in Process Geomorphology from The University of Texas at Austin Department of Geography and the Environment. Over the last 10 years, Vince has focused on mapping and evaluating groundwater resources across Texas and has specialized in developing hydrogeologic models. Using these models, he has helped GCDs, state agencies, private landowners and the oil and gas industry solve complex technical, regulatory, and legal issues.

Andrea Croskrey, PG, Geologist, Innovative Water Technologies, Texas Water Development Board, Austin, TX



Andrea Croskrey is a licensed professional geologist in the Innovative Water Technologies (IWT) group at the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB). She has been mapping Texas aquifers since 2013 and currently serves as the IWT aquifer storage & recovery (ASR) discipline lead, a role in which she guides technical aspects of the program and implements legislative directives. Additionally, she is on the Groundwater Protection Council (GWPC) and National Groundwater Association (NGWA) Managed Aquifer Recharge (MAR) workgroups. She earned a Bachelor of Science in Comprehensive Geology from Northwest Missouri State University and a MS in Geoscience from Western Kentucky University. She is a registered Professional Geoscientist in Texas.

Charles Dunning, PhD, VP, Hydrology, Welltel, Milwaukee, WI



Charles joined Welltel in 2017 following a 21-year career with the U.S. Geological Survey as a Supervisory Hydrologist and Groundwater Specialist, leading teams of scientists in conducting groundwater studies that included groundwater-flow modeling and the collection of basic records. From 2010 to 2013, Charles was a Water Resources Advisor in the Water Resource Programme of the International Atomic Energy Agency, Vienna, Austria, where he led the IAEA Water Availability Enhancement Project to strengthen Member States' national capacity to conduct comprehensive assessments of their water resources. Today, Charles leads Welltel's hydrologic and science efforts and supports business development in new markets. Charles has advanced degrees in Geology and Civil Engineering.

Keith Elliston, President, Aquifer Conservation Alliance, TX



Keith serves as Chair for the Aquifer Conservation Alliance and is a cybersecurity sales professional. The Aquifer Conservation Alliance (ACA) is a non-profit organization seeking to educate and advocate for the residents, business owners, and developers in Western Williamson County on the issues surrounding their groundwater supply. He has been engaged in community efforts to understand the sensitivity of the Trinity Aquifer. Keith believes in expanding the boundaries of Clearwater UWCD into Western Williamson County is of critical importance in order to ensure landowners, developers, and businesses have sufficient water supply for the coming years.

Kristen Fancher, JD, Founder, Fancher Legal, PLLC, Frisco, TX



Kristen has extensive experience in representing clients on water and other legal matters across the State of Texas. She represents a diverse array of clients—from water districts to landowners and private companies—and therefore has a broad perspective that benefits her clients. After practicing in Austin for a number of years, Kristen simultaneously founded Fancher Legal, PLLC, and relocated to the North Texas area where she had previously lived. Kristen has been involved with and served on many associations including Executive Council Member for the Environmental and Natural Resources Law Section, Co-Chair for the Environmental and Natural Law Section Law School Programs Committee, Texas Rural Water Association, and Texas Water Conservation Association. She earned a B.S. in Political Science from Texas Christian University, and J.D. from Texas Tech School of Law.

Alix Fournier, PhD Candidate, Baylor University, Waco, TX

Alix Fournier is a PhD Candidate at Baylor University working with Dr. Steve Forman. Her interests include geomorphology, hydrogeology, and climate change.

Jordan Furnans, PhD, PE, PG, Vice President – TX Operations, LRE Water, LLC, Round Rock, TX



Jordan leads LRE Water, LLC in Round Rock. He has over 19 years of professional experience encompassing both field hydrologic data collection and analysis of data through the development and application of numerical models. He specializes in the areas of water right accounting; coupled field and model hydrodynamic investigations of estuaries, lakes and rivers; water availability modeling; watershed hydrology planning and management; floodplain management; hydrographic and sedimentation survey methods; and freshwater inflow and instream flow requirements for ecosystem health. Jordan is also an Adjunct Professor/Lecturer for the Department of Civil Engineering at The University of Texas at Austin, where he received his PhD in Civil Engineering. He received his BSE in Civil/Geological Engineering from Princeton University. Jordan is a Certified Floodplain Manager.

Michael Gershon, JD, Water Practice Group – Chair, Llyod Gosselink, Austin, TX



Michael represents water utilities, groundwater conservation districts, municipalities, landowners, and various business interests. He advises and represents clients concerning water resource development, management and transactions, water rights, water quality, endangered species, service area disputes, rates, litigation, and board governance. He also provides strategic counsel concerning groundwater resource management and development, and negotiates and drafts wholesale and retail water supply agreements and groundwater leases and transfers. Prior to law school, Michael worked as a litigation consultant and financial analyst. During law school, he served as a law clerk at the Environmental Protection Agency (Region VI), the Natural Resources Division of the Office of the Attorney General, and the Lower Colorado River Authority. He earned his J.D. from St. Mary's University School of Law and his B.B.A. in Honors Professional Program in Accounting from the University of Texas at Austin.

Dylan Hart, PE, Hydrogeological Engineer, Black and Veatch, Austin, TX



Dylan has been a Hydrogeological Engineer at Black & Veatch since 2021. Previously, he worked for GSI Environmental Inc. for over five years. His experience includes developing solutions to environmental engineering and hydrogeologic problems, field work including groundwater, surface water, soil and air quality sampling, remote sensing for water quality and meteorological sensors, subcontractor oversight and data analysis. Dylan earned his Bachelor of Science in Geosystems Engineering and Hydrogeology from The University of Texas at Austin.

Noah Heller, PG, President, BESST Inc., San Rafael, CA



Noah has been a practicing geologist for the past 35 years, has a MS in Geology and is a California registered geologist. In total, he has received 16 patents and has patents pending as well. Since 2005, Noah has focused much of his time on the commercialization and continuing technical development of the Tracer Flowmeter and Depth Dependent Sampler that was initially developed by the USGS and licensed exclusively to BESST. Over the past 15 years, BESST has profiled approximately 1,000 public supply wells, primarily for water quality and has amassed a large database of zonal geochemistry throughout California. BESST has applied this knowledge to better understand subsurface distribution patterns of naturally occurring and anthropogenic compounds. These insights have led to the development of a new application for the technology called Stacked Dynamic Profiling of Long Screened Test Wells. This technology and method are being applied at sites through the US.

Zachariah Hildebrand, PhD, Research Professor, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, UTEP, El Paso, TX



Zachariah is the Chief Science Officer of Infinity Water Solutions, a partner of Medusa Analytical, a director of the Curtis Mathes Corporation (OTC:CMCZ), and is an Adjunct Research Professor at the University of Texas at El Paso. His research has produced more than 70 peer-reviewed scientific journal articles and textbook chapters. He is also an editor of the textbook 'Advances in Chemical Pollution, Environmental Management and Protection: Environmental Issues Concerning Hydraulic Fracturing', and a co-chairman of the EARTHx - Cynthia and George Mitchell Foundation's 2017 and 2018 'Responsible Shale Energy Extraction'

Symposia, and a co-chairman of the 2020 Responsible Energy Acquisition Symposium presented by EARTHx. He has dedicated his career to unconventional fields of research and he relishes the opportunity to improve operational efficiency and environmental stewardship within the energy sector.

Russell Johnson, JD, Partner, McGinnis Lochridge, Austin, TX



Russell has a multifaceted water law practice, with an emphasis on matters involving land use, water rights and the Endangered Species Act (ESA). His clients are generally landowners, industries, mineral owners and developers seeking to acquire, safeguard, develop or convey water resources. Because Russ holds a B.A. in Biology and Chemistry, in addition to his law degree, he fully understands the technical and scientific complexities his clients face and can help them work more effectively towards achieving their goals. He is a Board Member of the Center for Water Law and Policy at Texas Tech University School of Law, as well as an adjunct professor at Texas State University teaching water policy. Russell's JD law degree is from St. Mary's University School of Law.

Kevin Krueger, PE, Senior Project Manager, Parkhill, Big Spring, TX



Kevin Krueger, PE is a senior project manager in Parkhill's Water Resources Sector. His civil engineering experience includes design and construction of water resource projects including regional water supply projects; water transmission pipelines; high service pump stations; water storage tanks; main replacements and operation of surface and groundwater supply and transmission systems. Wastewater experience includes state permitting; gravity and force main collection system improvements and rehabilitation; and digested sludge composting. Kevin earned a Bachelor of Science, Civil Engineering from Texas Tech University. He is a Licensed Professional Engineer in the State of Texas.

Jeremy Kuhn, Director of North America, Roscoe Moss Company, Phoenix, AZ



Jeremy Kuhn has been involved in the Groundwater Industry for over 20 years. Jeremy started his career as a Drillers Helper and has since held positions as a Driller, Operations Manager, Contracts Manager, and Business Development. He is currently the Director of North America at Roscoe Moss Company. In addition to serving on the Board of Directors for the American Groundwater Trust, he also serves on the boards of the National Groundwater Association, Arizona Water Well Association, and the Mountain States Groundwater Association.

Robert Mace, PhD, PG, Executive Director and Chief Water Policy Officer, Meadows Center, Texas State University, San Marcos, TX



Dr. Mace has over 30 years of experience in hydrology, hydrogeology, stakeholder processes, and water policy. Before joining Texas State University in 2017, Robert worked at the Texas Water Development Board for 17 years ending his career there as the Deputy Executive Administrator for the Water Science & Conservation office. While at the Board, Robert worked on understanding groundwater and surface water resources in Texas; advancing water conservation and innovative water technologies such as desalination, aquifer storage and recovery, reuse, and rainwater harvesting; and protecting Texans from floods. Prior to joining the Texas Water Development Board, Robert worked nine years at the Bureau of Economic Geology at The University of Texas at Austin as a hydrologist and research scientist. Robert has a B.S. in Geophysics and an M.S. in Hydrology from the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology and a Ph.D. in Hydrogeology from The University of Texas at Austin.

Jeremy Mazur, Senior Policy Advisor, Texas 2036, Austin, TX



Jeremy directs Texas 2036's work in the area of natural resources, which includes water, oil and gas, and energy. Since joining Texas 2036 in 2021, he has played a leading role in the energy expansion project, charting Texas' energy future that includes cleaner oil and gas and other sources of energy. He also directs research and policy development in water. His current projects include a study on water markets, developing a strategic implementation plan for recent federal water legislation, and improving the state's infrastructure and resilience to extreme weather. Drawing on over 20 years of experience working in the Texas legislature and critical state agencies, Jeremy works directly with state and legislative leaders on policy changes needed for Texas' energy and water future. His education includes LBJ School of Public Affairs, UT Austin. MPAff. Claremont McKenna College. BA. Magna cum Laude. London School of Economics. Coursework in Negotiation Strategies.

Edmond "Eddie" McCarthy III, JD, Partner, McCarthy & McCarthy, LLP, Austin, TX



Eddie has over a decade of experience practicing in the natural resources law with a focus on water and oil and gas matters. His practice has involved the preparation, defense and appeals of both surface water and groundwater permits for water development projects across the state. He has also worked on a number of waste water treatment and beneficial use projects for development clients in Central Texas. He regularly participates in the drafting and commenting on proposed rules affecting water related projects, as well as worked on legislation designed to facilitate the development of water supply opportunities to meet the growing statewide water demands in Texas. Eddie earned his J.D. from Southern Methodist University. He has received a basic Mediation Training Certificate from the Institute of Mediation Training sponsored by the University of Texas School of Law pursuant to the requirements of Section 154.052, Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code.

Edmond McCarthy Jr., JD, Partner, McCarthy & McCarthy, LLP, Austin, TX



Ed McCarthy's law practice is primarily in water and natural resources. His background is rooted in property rights and land titles, and the development of subsurface property rights, including mineral and groundwater rights. Mr. McCarthy was lead counsel on the first ASR project permitted in Texas to use state water rights, and subsequently worked on the development of legislation to codify the use of ASR as a water development resource. He also participated on an ad hoc committee to assist the predecessor agency to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to develop rules for ASR permitting and operations. Mr. McCarthy earned his J.D. in 1981 from St. Mary's University School of Law and his B.A. from the University of Notre Dame in 1978.

Kevin Morrison, PG, Project Coordinator, Water Resources Department, San Antonio Water System, San Antonio, TX

Kevin is registered Professional Geoscientist in Texas, with a Bachelor of Science degree in geology from the University of Texas at Austin. He spent twenty years working in the mining industry both domestically and international. In his twenty plus years with the San Antonio Water System, he's worked on numerous water supply projects including the feasibility, design, and construction of the SAWS Brackish Groundwater Desalination facility. Kevin is currently a Project Coordinator in the Water Resources Department where his duties include oversight of water supply project feasibility work, optimization of operational water projects, construction and maintenance of municipal supply wells, and oversight of all activities associated with SAWS Class I injection wells.

Dan Mueller, PE, Senior Manager, Client Resilient Water Systems, Environmental Defense Fund, Austin, TX



Dan is a registered professional engineer with over 40 years of experience in the environmental field encompassing water resource assessment, management, and policy. This includes surface water and groundwater hydrology, wastewater beneficial reuse, use of alternative water sources, and water conservation. His experience includes projects driven by a wide range of regulatory programs and water resource management issues. Dan provides technical and project leadership in developing and implementing sound water resource management policy based on sound engineering and science. This includes groundwater management projects addressing sustainability and resilience. Critical issues being addressed are groundwater over drafting (potentially jeopardizing long-term sustainability of this resource), groundwater/surface water interactions with potential adverse impacts to spring flow, surface water availability, and ecosystem viability dependent on these resources. Dan has significant experience in the oil and gas sector involving issues related to water use, recycling, and reuse. He has served as an expert witness in cases involving surface water hydrology, drinking water supply, fate and transport of contaminants, allocation of response action costs, and evaluation of effectiveness of remedial actions. Dan has a B.S. Degrees in Aquatic Biology and Civil Engineering from the University of Texas, Austin and M.S.in Civil Engineering from The University of Texas, Arlington.

Vanessa Puig-Williams, JD, Director, Texas Water, Environmental Defense Fund, Austin, TX



Vanessa joined Environmental Defense Fund in 2020, bringing over a decade of experience working with conservation and landowner groups to protect groundwater resources in Texas. As Director, she leads EDF's efforts to advance sustainable groundwater management. The program focuses on enabling the state's groundwater conservation districts to effectively manage groundwater resources, including rural communities, surface water users, and ecosystems that depend on groundwater or groundwater-dependent rivers and streams. Prior to EDF, she served as Executive Director and General Counsel of the Trinity Edwards Springs Protection Association, a nonprofit focused on legal and policy initiatives to protect Hill Country's groundwater resources. She spearheaded consensus-based legislation at the Texas Water Conservation Association and at the Legislature, initiating the development of stakeholder-driven science related to groundwater and surface water interactions in the Blanco River watershed, and developing joint funding proposals with conservation groups. She has served on numerous boards, water associations and stakeholder committees, including the Wimberley Valley Watershed Association, the Austin One Water Working Group Onsite Water Reuse Subcommittee and the Travis County Citizens Bond Advisory Committee. Vanessa received her J.D. from the University of Texas Law School, Austin and B.A. in History, and B.A. in Geography from the University of Texas, Austin.

Scott Reinert, PE, PG, Water Resources Manager, El Paso Water, El Paso, TX

Scott is the Water Resources Manager at El Paso Water Utilities, where he oversees well drilling, water supply projects and water resources planning. Mr. Reinert has 25 years of experience in water resources and water supply projects as a hydrogeologist and civil engineer. He is the Vice Chairman of the Far West Texas Regional Water Planning Group which is responsible for preparing the Far West Texas Regional Water Plan, the Chairman of the Multi State Salinity Coalition which promotes advancements in technologies for desalination and water reuse. Mr. Reinert earned a bachelor's degree in geology at McMurry College and a master's degree in civil engineering from Colorado State University. He is a registered Professional Geologist and Professional Engineer in Texas and a registered Certified Scientist in New Mexico.

Laura Rodriguez, Ph.D. Candidate, Water Management and Hydrological Science Program, College of Arts and Sciences, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX



Laura is a Ph.D. candidate in the interdisciplinary Water Management and Hydrological Science Program at the College of Arts and Sciences at Texas A&M University. She worked at the Texas Water Resources Institute on the Transboundary Aquifer Assessment Act Program to integrate research and data on transboundary aquifers between Mexico and Texas. Her research focuses on the development of numerical models for groundwater flow and contaminant transport, as well as remote sensor product analysis. Rodriguez's research aims to develop groundwater strategies that support policymaking, addressing challenges that accompany a growing population and agricultural expansion, with the latter being the greatest user of groundwater in southern Texas. She received an MSc in Water Management and Hydrological Sciences from Texas A&M, and before coming to Texas, she received her BSc in geology from the National University of Colombia and worked as a geophysicist for oil and gas companies.

Carlos Rubinstein, Principal, RSAH2O, Austin, TX



For over seven years as Principal at RSAH2O, Carlos has been providing expertise on environmental activities primarily related to consultation, assistance, and advice regarding water resource policy, permits, projects, or compliance. He has extensive experience working for the State of Texas in water planning, legislative efforts, policy decisions, water quality monitoring, and overseeing staff. Prior to RSAH2O, he was appointed by Governor Perry and served on the Texas Water Development Board in the capacity of member and Chairman. Previously, he was appointed by Governor Perry in 2009 as Commissioner of the Texas commission on Environmental Quality and served in this position for four years. He also held the positions as Rio Grande Watermaster, Deputy Executive Director, Area Director for the Border and Central Texas and Regional Director (Harlingen and Laredo) at TCEQ. Carlos earned his B.S. in Biology from The University of Texas, Pan American and A.S. in General Studies from Texas Southmost College.

Cole Ruiz, JD, Associate, Lloyd Gosselink, Austin, TX



Cole's practice focuses on counseling landowners and governmental and nonprofit client boards and management on natural resource-related legal and policy issues and governance, including statutory and regulatory compliance, water rights, water markets and security, water and land transactions, permitting, infrastructure finance, land use, water resource management and development, utility regulation, open government, contested cases, litigation and administrative proceedings, and governmental relations. He also serves as Chair of the University of Texas Environmental Science Institute's Advisory Council. Prior to joining the firm, Cole was a Project Manager for the South Texas Regional Water Planning Group (Region I) and the Regional Water Alliance. During his time at the River Authority, Cole was tapped as Program Leader, overseeing the implementation of various sustainability projects, which focused on low-impact develop and flood planning needs. He served as Legislative Intern and spent summers working on his grandfather's drilling rig, providing water well services across South Texas. Cole earned his J.D. from St. Mary's University School of Law, M.A. in International Relations from St. Mary's University and B.A. Double Major in Government and History from the University of Texas.

Mark Varhaug, PG, CPG, Member, Texas Board of Professional Geoscientists, President, Beacon Hill Energy, Dallas, TX



Mark was recently reappointed to the Texas Board of Professional Geoscientists by Governor Greg Abbott, with his term expiring in 2029. He was first appointed to the Board in 2018. Mark is the President of Beacon Hill Energy, an independent exploration firm located in Dallas. Mark has over 45 years of experience in the practice of geology in the U.S. and internationally, including China, India, Southeast Asia, Mexico, Trinidad and South America. He serves on the Board of the Southwest Section of AAPG and is a member of the Geological Societies of Dallas, Houston, and West Texas. Mark is a licensed Professional Geoscientist in Texas and Louisiana. He received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Geology from Southern Methodist University.

Todd H. Votteler, PhD, President, Collaborative Water Resolution LLC, Austin, TX



Dr. Votteler is a specialist in environmental mediation, water and environmental problem-solving and executive recruiting for water and environmental positions. He is the Editor-in-Chief of the Texas Water Journal and Texas+Water. Votteler is a Fellow of the Meadows Center for Water and the Environment at Texas State University. Previously, Votteler was Executive Manager of Science, Intergovernmental Relations, and Policy at the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority. He also served as the Chairman of the Guadalupe Basin Coalition. Todd was appointed as the Federal Special Master for the Endangered Species Act (ESA) litigation, *Sierra Club v. San Antonio*. Prior to that, he assisted Federal Court Monitor during the landmark ESA litigation over the Edwards Aquifer.

His previous experience also includes Research Scientist for the Battelle – Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, in Washington, D.C., Executive Director of the Guadalupe-Blanco River Trust, and Chairman of the Texas Land Trust Council. Todd has a BS in Natural Resources from The University of the South, an MS in Natural Resources from The University of Michigan, and a PhD in Environmental Geography from Texas State University.

Stephanie S. Wong, PhD, GIT, Staff Hydrogeologist II, LRE Water, Round Rock, TX

Dr. Wong is a specialist in applying physical and geochemical methods to monitor and investigate groundwater systems. As a staff hydrogeologist at LRE Water, Stephanie supports groundwater data collection and analysis, as well as public water supply development through well design and engaging in regulatory processes. Stephanie has a BS in Environmental Sciences from Carleton University (Ottawa, Ontario), as well as MS and PhD degrees from Baylor University where her research focused on characterizing groundwater systems in the Northern Segment of the Brazos Alluvium Aquifer and the Northern Segment of the Edwards BFZ Aquifer.

Andrew Worsley, PG, Senior Staff Hydrogeologist, Wet Rock Groundwater Services, LLC, Austin, TX



Andrew is a senior staff hydrogeologist at Wet Rock Groundwater Services in Austin, Texas and has worked for the organization for over 8 years. He is early into his career, but has already been a part of large-scale groundwater resource allocation and management projects across Texas. From field work to project management to client relations, Andrew studied environmental science and hydrogeology at Baylor University and earned his Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science.