Dear Colleague:

Streams, wetlands, and coastal resources—the lifeblood of our community, ecosystem, and industry alike—are in the headlines now more than ever. Join the debate over the push and pull of conservation, regulation, and development. Hurricanes, storms, and flooding appear with increased frequency and intensity. Protecting both natural resources and our communities is part of our collective challenge. Understanding the science of wetlands and water supplies is essential to managing, protecting, and restoring these resources.

Special attention, planning, and financial resources are being poured into the Texas and Gulf Coast. At this Conference, we will discuss the large-scale restoration and resiliency projects, ongoing regulatory uncertainty, and how to balance development and protection of wetlands and coastal resources.

For 30 years, CLE International and this Conference have brought together legal, environmental, and regulatory professionals from all points of view. These experts have kept you and your colleagues up-to-date on wetlands issues across Texas, from the bottomland hardwoods and coastal prairies in Eastern Texas, across riparian and spring-fed wetlands in the Hill Country and Great Plains regions, to the playa lakes, springs, and arroyos of West and Northwest Texas.

Join us in February 2020 to look back on recent developments and to learn what changes are coming in these areas:

- The massive effort to develop Texas’s Coastal Resiliency Master Plan
- Behind the scenes of large-scale stream and wetland mitigation/restoration projects
- The intersection between the Clean Water Act and the Endangered Species Act
- Innovative techniques for implementing Natural Channel Design to support flood control
- Regulatory enforcement
- Low Impact Development opportunities
- ... and much more!

CLE International’s faculty members are at the forefront of wetlands issues in Texas. Whether you are a consultant, engineer, planner, architect, ecologist, government official, real estate professional, or lawyer, this conference will keep you abreast of current and future issues.

We look forward to seeing you in February.

Sincerely,

Kenny Carothers, Program Co-Chair
SWCA Environmental Consultants, Austin

Brandon M. Tuck, Esq., Program Co-Chair
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- Roman Mayo, DESCO Environmental Consultants, Magnolia

“Great conference. Being new to the industry, this gave me a great overview of things to focus on moving forward.”
- Mikal Maxim, Wetlands Professional Services, Houston

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