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**8:30 Welcome and Introductions**  
Overview of the Day  
Russell S. Johnson, Esq., Program Chair  
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**8:45 Legislative Overview**  
Recent Legislation and Key Updates  
Morgan Johnson, Esq.  
McGinnis Lochridge, Austin

**9:30 Networking Break**

**9:45 Featured Presentation**  
Update from the Environmental Protection Agency: Waters of the US and Other Issues  
Anne Idsal, Esq., Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator  
US Environmental Protection Agency Office of Air and Radiation  
Washington, DC

**10:30 An Update from the Courthouses**  
The Latest News for Water Law Professionals  
Marvin W. Jones, Esq.  
Sprouse Shrader Smith, Amarillo  
Russell S. Johnson, Esq., Program Chair

**11:45 Lunch Break (on your own)**

**1:00 Water Transactions and Conveyance**  
Impacts on Texas Water Quality and Quantity  
Groundwater  
Edmond R. McCarthy III, Esq.  
McCarthy & McCarthy, Austin  
Surface Water  
Lynn Sherman, Esq.  
Lynn Sherman Law Firm and Consulting, Austin

**2:15 Preparing for Floods, Hurricanes, and Other Severe Weather Events**  
Lessons from Experience  
Michael J. Booth  
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**3:00 Networking Break**

**3:15 Water Conservation**  
Innovation for Sustainable Development  
Robert E. Mace, PhD, Chief Water Policy Officer  
The Meadows Center, San Marcos

**4:00 Public Engagement in Water Decisions**  
Requirements and Opportunities for Public Participation and Access to Information  
Kimberly Grinnan Kelley, Esq.  
Bickerstaff, Heath, Delgado, Acosta, Austin

**4:45 Adjourn**

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### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

**8:30 Welcome Back**  
Overview of Day Two  
Russell S. Johnson, Esq., Program Chair

**8:45 Big Picture Challenges and Opportunities in Texas Water Law**  
Groundwater and Surface Water Management  
Emily Lindley, Commissioner  
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Austin  
Leah Martinsson, Esq., Executive Director  
Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts, Austin

**10:00 Networking Break**

**10:15 Oil and Gas Law**  
Application to Groundwater  
Shauna Fitzsimmons Sledge, Esq.  
SledgeLaw Group, Austin

**11:00 Innovation in the Agricultural Sector**  
Strategies and Opportunities for Collaboration  
James D. Bradbury, Esq.  
James D. Bradbury, Fort Worth

**11:45 Lunch Break (on your own)**

**1:00 Development Impacts on Texas Water**  
Sustainable Responses to a Growing Population  
Rhonda Jolley, Esq.  
Branscomb, San Antonio  
Robert R. Puente, Esq., President and Chief Executive Officer  
San Antonio Water System, San Antonio

**2:15 Networking Break**

**2:30 The Endangered Species Act and Texas Water**  
Impacts on Texas Water Law  
Alan M. Glen, Esq.  
Smith Robertson, Austin

**3:15 Steering Clear of Hot Water**  
Legal Ethics in Public Policy  
Augustus “Auggie” Campbell, Esq.  
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**4:15 Evaluations and Adjourn**

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FEATURED PRESENTER
Anne Idsal is the Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator for the US EPA Office of Air and Radiation. She most recently served as EPA’s Region 6 Administrator. Prior to joining EPA, Ms. Idsal spent her career working for Texas state government and helped shape environmental policy for the state. Ms. Idsal is a lawyer with extensive government experience, first having served as the general counsel for the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. She then served as the first female Chief Clerk and Deputy Land Commissioner for the Texas General Land Office.

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