Agenda

10:00 a.m. .......................................................... Welcome
    Brian Sims, Houston-Galveston Area Council

10:05 a.m. .......................................... H-GAC’s Homeowner Wastewater Assistance Program
    Brian Sims, Houston-Galveston Area Council

10:20 a.m. ................................Hurricane Harvey Funding for Water Infrastructure
    Joshua Owens, Houston-Galveston Area Council

10:35 a.m. ................................U.S. Department of Agriculture - Rural Development
    Sabrina Glenn, U.S. Department of Agriculture

11:00 a.m. .......................................................... Break

11:05 a.m. ...................................... Show Me the Money: Infrastructure Project Financing
    Scott Galaway, Texas Water Development Board

11:45 a.m. .......................................................... Break

Noon-1:00 p.m. ............................... One-on-one conversations with presenters to answer questions and discuss project specifics

Upcoming CWI Workshops

H-GAC’s Clean Waters Initiative (CWI) program offers workshops that help local governments, landowners and residents develop effective strategies to reduce pollution in area waterways.

    Wednesday, May 22
    Wednesday, August 21
    Wednesday, November 20

    The topic and specific time for each will be announced.

To RSVP or to join our mailing list, e-mail Brian Sims at brian.sims@h-gac.com or visit www.h-gac.com/cwi.
Brian Sims

Brian Sims is a Senior Planner in water resources for the Community and Environmental Planning department of the Houston-Galveston Area Council. His primary roles are in the development of the regional Water Quality Management Plan and administering the Homeowner Wastewater Assistance program to repair or replace failing On-Site Sewage Facilities (OSSFs) within the region. Previous experience includes 14 years with the Angelina & Neches River Authority, where he was the Environmental Division Manager, overseeing the Clean Rivers Program, Environmental Laboratory, and OSSF Permitting and Enforcement. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from the University of Louisiana at Monroe and attended graduate school at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston.

Joshua Owens

Joshua Owens AICP, LEED-AP, is a Senior Regional Planner with the Houston-Galveston Area Council where he works on regional economic development. He is the administrator for the Gulf Coast Economic Development District. His work focuses on expanding the economic vitality and resiliency of the Houston-Galveston region. He holds a Masters of Urban and Regional Planning from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech) and Bachelors’ Degree from Pepperdine University. Previous work experiences include positions with the U.S. Green Building Council, Enterprise Community Partners, and service as a Peace Corps volunteer in Paraguay. He serves on the board of the Houston Section of the Texas Chapter of the American Planning Association.

Sabrina Glenn

Sabrina Glenn began her career with USDA in 1990 with the Farmers Home Administration in Jasper, Texas, and has 29 years of experience with Rural Development programs and working with rural communities. Over the years the agency changed names several times and today we are known as Rural Development. Ms. Glenn currently serves as the Area Director for the Lufkin, Bryan and Huntsville Area Offices whose combined service area covers 28 counties in deep southeast Texas. As Area Director, she is responsible for the programs administered by USDA Rural Development within her areas jurisdiction. She is a Texas native and resides just outside the small rural town of Kirbyville.
Scott Galaway

Scott Galaway is an Outreach Specialist with over 27 years of experience with the Texas Water Development Board. He is a graduate of Southwest Texas State University and is a licensed utility operator. His work experience includes water conservation program development and utility operations technical assistance. He is a former administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency State Revolving Fund infrastructure needs survey program and a construction project manager. For the past four years, he has focused on promoting the TWDB’s financial assistance programs.