

Texas Leadership Roundtable Series on Water

Dear Colleague:

Wye River Group with the active endorsement of Texas leadership has launched the Texas Leadership Roundtables on Water. This initiative is designed to bring disparate stakeholders together to discuss how the State of Texas will address this critical issue in the coming legislative session and beyond seeking to find those areas of consensus so as to drive public policy.

We are looking for engagement from a small invitational group of thought leaders that represent a cross section of stakeholders. We invite you to join our delegation composed of stakeholders in both public and private sectors. This multi-disciplinary group shares a commitment to promoting the balanced use of Texas' water resources. The TLR on water will conduct three meetings in 2012-2013 engaging state legislative leadership, private and public sector innovators and state and local agency executives to find pathways for long term solutions.

As a Delegate your will assist in the development of the roundtables dialogue and agenda through:

- Nomination of topics
- Recommendation of presenters
- Recommendation of venues
- Participation at meetings
- Input into the development of the meeting agenda
- Recommendation of participants
- Review and comment on final published recommendations

Texas challenges: Business, industry and communities cannot exist without reliable water resources. In Texas there is growing concern over dwindling water resources, in addition there is concern over the absence of key pieces to our long term water supply infrastructure and funding. The Texas Water Development Board estimates that by 2060 our demand for water is likely to increase by 27% compared to demand in 2000. The US census bureau predicts Texas will increase its population by 56% between 2000 and 2030. Texas must find workable long term solutions to its water supply infrastructure and funding challenges.

Texas Leadership Roundtable on water hosted by Wye River Group will work thoughtfully with a broad cross section of stakeholders to understand our water challenges and evaluate viable options. We will engage thought leaders on topics of water efficiency options, reuse, desalination, planning and approval processes, alternative sources, private and public sector concerns, conservation, and long term water infrastructure, funding and drought management. Through this deliberative process we will capture the best of thinking on water public policy for Texas. It is our hope that these dialogues will form the basis of a thoughtful making of a consensus toward public policy.

Sincerely,
Jon Comola, Founder, WRGH

Background on Wye River Group: Founded in 1997, Wye River Group (WRGH.org) is a nonpartisan, not for profit organization serving as a sounding board and ad hoc advisory panel to state and congressional leadership. As a trusted catalyst WRG has vetted many public policy issues on challenging topics related to public health and healthcare. Wye River Group maintains an intellectual exchange employing a dynamic process that stay's ahead of emerging trends. WRG works with private and public sector interests, across the spectrum to ensure broad base of understanding of complex social issues.