



# CENTRAL TEXAS SECTION OF THE WATER ENVIRONMENT ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS

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## WEAT Presents Austin City Council Member Daryl Slusher

**January 20, 2004 at 6:00 p.m.  
Joe C. Thompson Center – University of Texas at Austin**

This month, Austin City Council Member Daryl Slusher will give a presentation entitled “**Regional Planning for the Edwards Aquifer.**” The meeting is open to anyone in the Central Texas area interested in water and wastewater issues. The evening will include a social gathering and dinner followed by Council Member Slusher’s presentation and a short business meeting. The price of admission is only \$10.00.

Our November meeting had a record crowd in attendance and we expect a similar response this month. We need your help in getting an accurate count. **If you plan to attend the meeting, please contact Laura DiPasquale at (512) 322-5862 or at [central@weat.org](mailto:central@weat.org) by Wednesday, January 14, 2004.**

### **About Council Member Daryl Slusher...**

Daryl Slusher was involved in politics long before being elected to the Austin City Council. As an activist and a journalist, Daryl has followed Austin politics since moving to Austin in 1976 from Orange, Texas. He moved here to attend the University of Texas and graduated from the University with a degree in Radio, TV, and Film (Writing Sequence). In 1985 Slusher and veteran journalist Daryl Janes began a hard-hitting newsletter on city government and politics called the *Daryl Herald*. The Daryls worked together for three years before parting journalistic ways. Slusher then founded the *Austin Mirror*, which he published through 1988. In late 1988 he joined the weekly *Austin Chronicle* as a columnist and then took over as politics editor in March 1989. He held that post until 1994. Daryl was first elected to the Austin City Council in 1996 and re-elected to a second term in 1999.

Slusher’s interests as a council member include health and public safety, close monitoring of the budget, the environment, Smart Growth, mass transit, employment and social equity, and making government open and accessible to the citizens of Austin. His interest in the environment led Slusher to help spearhead the development of a regional approach to protecting the Edwards Aquifer for future generations. His efforts have led to the development of a Regional Planning Committee for the Barton Springs Segment of the Edwards Aquifer. The Committee is a group of elected and government officials spanning the entire Barton Springs Zone that have come together to discuss what the various jurisdictions already have in place to protect the aquifer, what more can be done, and how better to work together.

## NEWSLETTER NOTICE

Due to the decreased use of hard-copy newsletters, and to minimize expenses, the Central Texas Section of WEAT will be going to an all-electronic format for delivering its newsletter and other notices. If you would like to continue receiving a hard copy of this newsletter and future notices, please call Laura Di Pasquale at (512) 322-5862.

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The Central Texas Section normally meets at the Joe C. Thompson Conference Center at the University of Texas at Austin Campus. The meetings are usually held the third Tuesday of odd numbered months.

This newsletter is sent to more than 350 water professionals in the Austin area. If you are interested in sponsoring a meeting/newsletter, or if you have information for publication, contact Brad Castleberry at 512-322-5856.

### UPCOMING MEETINGS:

**Tuesday, Mar. 23, 2004, 6:00 pm, Dining Room, UT Thompson Center**  
**“VOC Emissions from WWTPs” - Chris Quigley, CH2M HILL**

**Tuesday, May 18, 2004, 6:00 pm, Dining Room, UT Thompson Center**  
**“Status of Chapter 210 Rule Revision” - Roger Schenk, CDM**

### OTHER EVENTS:

Water Sources Conference, Austin, Texas, January 11-15, 2004

WEAT Young Professionals Habitat for Humanity Work Day, February 28, 2004

Texas Water 2004, Arlington, Texas, April 7-9, 2004

