

Welcome to the Multi-State Working Group on Environmental Performance



Austin Environmental Stewardship Conference

April 19 - 20, 2010
Austin, Texas

**A Multi-State Working Group, Region 6 Pollution Prevention Roundtable
& Austin Eco Network Event
Lower Colorado River Authority Red Bud Center
3700 Lake Austin Blvd., Austin, TX 78703**

The Environmental Stewardship Roundtable brings together environmental leaders from business, government, academia and local communities to share learning about innovative sustainability practices. The second in a series, key recommendations from regional roundtable participants will be presented to national policy makers.

Sessions are designed to promote a fresh and innovative set of policies, programs and actions to address environmental, energy and economic challenges of this century. Entrepreneurs, industry, government, university and community leaders will explore ways to improve the economy through superior environmental performance. Attendees will participate in a national effort to retool our sustainability, resource management and energy strategies.

This is a joint conference hosted by MSWG, the [Austin Eco Network](#) and the [Region 6 P2 Roundtable](#).

AGENDA

8:00 – 9:00 Opening Welcome: Dr. Bob Stephens, MSWG; Thomas Vinson-Peng, Zero Waste Network, UT Arlington
and Region 6 P2 Roundtable; Brandi Clark, Austin Eco Network

9:30- 11:45 Breakout Sessions

- Energy, Economy and Environment
 - Natalie Marquis, Texas Solar Energy Society

 - Reagan Noll, Clean Energy
 - Mike Frisch, 1 House at a Time

- Zero Waste
 - Stacey Guidry, Texas Campaign for the Environment
 - Sarah Gibson, Dell
 - Andrew Mangan, US Business Council for Sustainable Development

11:45 – 12:15 Lunch

12:15 – 2:30 Breakout Sessions

- Water Resources
 - Darryl Slusher, City of Austin Water Conservation
 - Stacy Pandey, Lower Colorado River Authority Water Conservation Program
 - Dr. Jim Riley, University of Arizona
- Community Roles in the Environment

Brandi Clarke, Austin Eco Network

Susan Roothaan, Nurtured World

3:00 – 4:30 Group Discussion

4:30 – 5:00 Conclusion: Dr. Bob Stephens, MSWG; Thomas Vinson-Peng, Zero Waste Network, UT Arlington,
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Day 2:

8:00- 11:45 Breakout Groups

- P2 Roundtable – administrative issues
- MSWG

12:00 – 1:00 Lunch

1:00 – 2:00 Site Visits

- Home weatherization project

The Roundtable registration fee of \$50 includes lunch. Student scholarships are available.

LODGING: Habitat Suites, 500 East Highland Mall Blvd., Austin, TX 78752, (512) 467-6000 or (800) 535-4663. One bedroom suites are \$115. www.habitatsuites.com. Transportation to the Roundtable is provided from Habitat Suites.

RECEPTION AND BAT VIEWING: A sunset reception on Lady Bird Lake will feature local organic hors d'oeuvres, Milago Condos, 6 pm – 9 pm, Sunday, April 18, 2010, www.themilago.com. To attend you must be registered, there is limited space. Please RSVP to admin@ZeroWasteNetwork.org

SPONSORSHIPS: MSWG in a non-profit organization and welcomes sponsorships for its roundtable events. Please contact Nancy Girard, MSWG Executive Director for sponsorship opportunities at ngirard@nhecwb.com or 603-267-6558