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The hottest and driest topic in Texas: Water

The University of Texas at Austin hosts Water Technology and Policy Conference

AUSTIN, Texas – September 12, 2013 – The 2nd annual Water Technology and Policy Conference, featuring [Dr. Michael Webber](#), is coming up on Tuesday, October 22 through Wednesday, October 23, 2013 at the University of Texas at Austin.

“Water is certainly an issue in Texas right now. How drought and strained water supplies affect economic growth is at the forefront, and funding for water projects is also a continuing topic that Texas will face for decades in trying to balance water supply and demand,” said Ashlynn Stillwell, Ph.D.

The Water Technology and Policy Conference is structured to generate a dialog on new technology with regard to water conservation and distribution, including discussion about the latest legislative policies and water problems and solutions in Texas.

Due to the success of last year’s conference, The [Center for Lifelong Engineering Education](#) has extended the conference to two days this year to include new content that will focus on the role of water in society with an overview of water history.

New speakers have been invited this year including Amy Hardberger, Ken Rainwater, Kevin Wagner, Danny Reible, and Tom Mason who will cover new topics such as water and agriculture, water pollution and remediation, water governance and bottled water.

“Other big topics include \$2 billion of looming investment in the water sector from the state’s Rainy Day Fun,” said Dr. Michael Webber, Associate Director of the Center for International Energy and Environmental Policy and conference speaker, “How and where these investments will be made will remain an open question with effects that will last for decades.”

This course is appropriate for policy makers, engineers, government workers and business owners who are interested in understanding the water cycle, how it affects real life, and how to make decisions about it.

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"Water will be a continuing concern for Texans for the foreseeable future," said Cath Polito, Center for Lifelong Engineering Education Executive Director, "Dr. Michael Webber is an energetic and provocative leader in the field of water technology and policy and is eager to return again this year."

Groups of 3 or more from the same company, seniors and government agencies receive \$225 per person discount off the registration price, and for those who are unable to attend the conference in person, an interactive online video is available for \$250.

The 2013 Water Technology and Policy Conference is sponsored by Austin Energy.

For additional information and registration please visit:

<http://www.utclee.org/water>

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