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**EARTH DAY TEXAS ANNOUNCES LINEUP FOR GREEN SPEAKER SERIES**

*Business leaders, public officers and celebrities will discuss environmental issues at two-day event*

**Dallas** (April 22, 2014) – Earth Day Texas ([EDTx](#)) is proud to announce the lineup for its Green Speaker Series at the annual two-day event on April 26 and 27 at Fair Park in Dallas. Attendees will have the opportunity to attend more than 20 presentations and panels about worldwide environmental issues.

The Green Speaker Series will be held on the event's main stages in the Automobile Building. Speakers and panelists\* include:

**Saturday, April 26**

- Noon-12:30 p.m.**      **Water Infrastructure Panel** – Ben Grumbles, president of U.S. Water Alliance; Ken Kirk, executive director of the National Association of Clean Water Agencies; Michael Deane, executive director of the National Association of Water Companies; and Kevin Ward, general manager of the Trinity River Authority will discuss America's water.
- 12:30-1:30 p.m.**      **Chad Pregracke** – The 2013 CNN Hero of the Year organizes cleanups across the country through his nonprofit, Living Lands & Waters. About 70,000 volunteers have pitched in, helping Chad Pregracke collect more than 7 million pounds of trash in the past 15 years.
- 1:30-2 p.m.**      **EDTx Alternative Energy Panel** – Bob Inglis, executive director of Energy and Enterprise Initiative; Larry Howe, co-founder of Plano Solar Advocates; and David Pressman, development manager at OCI Solar Power will discuss alternative energy across Texas and the U.S.
- 2-3 p.m.**      **David Mizejewski** – A lifelong naturalist, animal-lover and self-professed nature geek, David Mizejewski is a TV and radio personality, author and blogger who uses his knowledge and enthusiasm to get people excited about joining National Wildlife Federation in its mission to protect wildlife and connect with nature. Come see Mizejewski and his wildly entertaining animals!
- 3-4 p.m.**      **Ed Begley Jr.** – Ed Begley Jr. has been considered an environmental leader in the Hollywood community for many years. Filming the construction of his LEED Platinum- certified home for “*On Begley Street*” and writing multiple eco-friendly guidebooks, Begley embraces the do-it-yourself outlook when it comes to environmental conservation.
- 4-4:30 p.m.**      **North Texas Mayor's Panel** – This is the first of two panels featuring North Texas leaders. Mayors Todd Meier of Addison, Mark Burroughs of Denton, Doug Athas of Garland and Robert Cluck of Arlington will discuss pressing water issues.

**Sunday, April 27**

- 4-4:30 p.m.**      **North Texas Mayor Panel** This is the second of two panels featuring North Texas leaders. Mayors Rob Franke of Cedar Hill, Bill Glancy of Farmers Branch and Beth Van Dyne of Irving will discuss pressing water issues.

*Media interested in attending these events should contact Alex Yap at alex\_yap@richards.com or 214-891-2844.*

EDTx (formerly Earth Day Dallas) is a free two-day event featuring entertainment, education and inspiration for the whole family. As it moves into its fourth year, Earth Day Dallas, founded by Trammell S. Crow, has engaged more than 150,000 attendees. This year's Eco Expo, which will boast about 800 hands-on exhibits, is the largest of its kind.

EDTx 2014, and the organization's community outreach efforts, would not be possible without the generous support of its 2014 partners including BMW of America, NBC 5, The Home Depot, Samsung, DART, Radio Disney, Sewell Automotive Companies, U.S. Trust and many others.

For more information, visit <http://earthdaytx.org/event/all>.

### **About Earth Day Texas**

Earth Day Texas (formerly Earth Day Dallas), a nonprofit organization, hosts an annual indoor/outdoor event and seeks to elevate awareness and influence the way Texans think, live and work. Each year, the event showcases the world's largest public exhibition of environmental initiatives of businesses, environmental nonprofits, schools and colleges and governmental agencies. Earth Day Texas also provides eco-friendly family activities, presents enlightening talks and hands-on workshops provided by environmental leaders and much more.

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