
SPEAKER INFORMATION

Date: *Thursday, October 29, 2015*
Event: *Panel Discussion – “The Future of Water: Wins, Woes and Worries”*
Time: *9:30 am – 11:30 am*

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Carole Baker was the Director of Intergovernmental Relations at the Harris Galveston Subsidence District (HGSD) for the past 21 years, serving as their Legislative Liaison to the Texas Legislature’s Senate and House Natural Resources Committees and her accomplishments have yielded water conservation legislation that is now included in the state water planning efforts. During this time, her activities have included numerous statewide and national roles. She is the Chair Emeritus of the Board for the Alliance for Water Efficiency (AWE), a national non-profit organization working to enhance the more efficient use of water. AWE has offices in Chicago and Washington, DC. In her statewide role, she is currently the Executive Director of the Texas Water Foundation, whose mission is to maintain and enhance the quality of life for all Texans by mobilizing Texans to recognize the vital role water plays in protecting human health, supporting economic growth and safeguarding natural resources. She is an active public speaker on water issues around the country, including a presentation at the International Water Conference in Paris in 2009 and she presented at the 2011 United Nations Global Water Initiative Conference in New York.

She also holds Board positions and is active in the following organizations and associations:

- Member of Water Conservation Advisory Council – HB4 & SB3 (Created by 80th Legislature)
- Chair Emeritus, Board, Alliance for Water Efficiency
- Member of Water Conservation Implementation Task Force – SB 1094 – TWDB
- Director - Board of Pecan Street Project

She is the recipient of the following awards:

2011 Greg Cooke Memorial Award for Exceptional Environmental Excellence – TCEQ
2007 Water Savers Award – San Antonio Water Systems
2004 Public Policy Award for Excellence in Environmental Awareness –Texas League of Women Voters
2002 Rainmaker Award – Texas Water Foundation
1999 George Fuller Award – American Water Works Association
1998 National Public Service Award – Universities Council on Water Resources/Texas Water Resource Institute – Texas A&M
1997 Environmental Excellence in Education – Governor Bush/Clean Texas 2000