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EXHIBITOR HOURS (preliminary schedule)

Tuesday, May 4	Noon–3 p.m. Set up
Tuesday, May 4	Evening Welcome Reception
Wednesday, May 5	Breakfast, Breaks & Social Hour
Thursday, May 6	Breakfast, Breaks
Thursday, May 6	12:30–4 p.m. Break down

SCHOLARSHIP FUND: Deadline—March 1, 2010

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Conference Agenda

• OPENING SESSION BEGINS TUESDAY AT 3:30 P.M. •

MONDAY, May 3, 2010 — PRE-CONFERENCE SESSIONS

- 8 a.m.–5 p.m. Registration Open
- 8:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. (optional) **Mitigation & Conservation Banking Primer 101 Workshop** [includes materials & online proceedings]
 Early registration fee: \$135 (by 1/25/10)
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 FACILITATORS: Robert W. Brumbaugh, Senior Policy Analyst, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Alexandria, Va. ; Craig Denisoff and Greg Sutter, Vice Presidents, Westervelt Ecological Services, Sacramento, Calif.
- 12:30–5:30 p.m. (optional) **3rd Annual MBEC Golf Tournament** (1:30 p.m. Start)
 HOSTED BY JT&A, inc. (*Bus departs Hotel at 12:30 p.m.*)
 \$95 per person (by 3/24/10)
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 Optional Golf Club Rentals (limited supply): \$55
 Enjoy an afternoon of fun on the golf course at Grey Rock Golf Course! ALL skill levels are welcome! Price includes green fees w/ cart, transportation, box lunch and fun prizes!
- 1:30–5:30 p.m. (optional) **FIELD TRIPS** [more details in side bar, next page] (*Bus departs Hotel at 1:30 p.m.*)
 ▶ Hickory Pass Conservation Bank.
Hosted by Hickory Pass Conservation Bank
 ▶ Driftwood and Salt Lick BBQ.
Hosted by Scott Roberts, Owner
 ▶ Twin Springs Preserve.
Hosted by Williamson County Conservation Foundation
- 2–5:30 p.m. (optional) **Stream Mitigation Banking Workshop** [includes materials & online proceedings]
 Early registration fee: \$135 (by 1/25/10)
 Pre-conference fee: \$195 (by 3/24/10)
 Late/Onsite fee: \$225 (after 3/24/10)
 FACILITATORS: George Howard, Vice President, and Tara Allden, Director of Operations, Restoration Systems, Raleigh, N.C., and Steve Jones, Vice President, Environmental Services, Inc., Stone Mountain, Ga.

TUESDAY, May 4, 2010

- 7 a.m.–11 a.m. (optional) **FIELD TRIPS** [more details in side bar, next page] (*Bus departs Hotel at 7 a.m.*)
 ▶ Hickory Pass Conservation Bank.
Hosted by Hickory Pass Conservation Bank
 ▶ Twin Springs Preserve.
Hosted by Williamson County Conservation Foundation
- 8:30–10 a.m. ▶ Pineywoods Mitigation Bank Classroom Style Field Trip Using PBS&J's BUZZ.TV
Hosted by PBS&J, Houston, Texas — [at Hotel]
- 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m. **Business of Banking Primer 102**
Sponsored by NMBA
 MODERATOR: George Platt, General Counsel & Partner, The Wetlandsbank Group, Deerfield Beach, Fla.
 ▶ **Surviving the Crash and Growing a Mitigation Banking Company in Tough Economic Times.** Craig Denisoff, Vice President, Westervelt Ecological Services, Sacramento, Calif.

- ▶ **Private Equity Investment in Mitigation and Conservation Banking Opportunities.** Charlie Thompson, Vice President and Portfolio Manager, Timbervest, LLC, Atlanta, Ga.
- ▶ **Has the New Federal Compensatory Mitigation Rule Affected Sales & Marketing?** Sheri Lewin, President, Environmental Resource Marketing, Clermont, Fla.

11 a.m.–1 p.m.

SESSION NOT RECORDED.

No fee, but registration is required.

National Corps Workshop (only for U.S. Army Corps staff involved in the IRT process)
FACILITATED BY Meg Gaffney-Smith, Chief, Regulatory Program and David Olson, Regulatory Program Manager, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Washington, D.C., and Robert Brumbaugh, Senior Policy Analyst, Institute for Water Resources, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Alexandria, Va.

Corps staff involved in the IRT process will address concerns, share experiences and learn more about the IRT process. (*Corps IRT staff may submit questions and/or concerns for discussion to cbahler@comcast.net.*)

11 a.m.–1 p.m.

SESSION NOT RECORDED.

No fee, but registration is required.

National USFWS-NOAA Workshop—New in 2010 (This workshop is for USFWS and NOAA staff involved in the conservation banking permitting process.)
MODERATORS: Deborah Mead, National Conservation Banking Coordinator, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Arlington, Va., and Angela Somma, Chief, Endangered Species Division, NOAA, Silver Spring, Md.

New in 2010, USFWS and NOAA staff involved in the conservation banking regulatory process will address concerns, share experiences and learn more about the process. (*USFWS-NOAA staff may submit questions and/or concerns for discussion to cbahler@comcast.net.*)

12–3 p.m.

Exhibit Set-up

1–3 p.m.

Users' Forum

SESSION NOT RECORDED.

No fee, but registration is required.

FACILITATED BY Dennis Durbin, Ecologist, Federal Highway Administration, Washington, D.C. and Susan Asmus, Staff Vice President for Environmental Regulatory Affairs, National Home Builders Association, Washington, D.C.

A gathering of those involved in the use of mitigation and conservation banks and other ecosystem programs throughout the United States in an effort to share experiences and address special concerns to users. (*User attendees may submit questions and/or concerns for discussion to cbahler@comcast.net.*)

1–3 p.m.

Bankers' Forum & National Mitigation Banking Association Meeting (NMBA)

SESSION NOT RECORDED.

No fee, but registration is required.

FACILITATED BY George Kelly, President, National Mitigation Banking Association

The National Mitigation Banking Association will hold its annual meeting with the last part devoted to a forum to address questions and concerns from bankers. (*Attendees may submit questions and/or concerns for discussion to cbahler@comcast.net.*)

1:15–3 p.m.

Regulators' Forum

SESSION NOT RECORDED.

No fee, but registration is required.

FACILITATED BY Robert Brumbaugh, Senior Policy Analyst, Institute for Water Resources, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Alexandria, Va. and Steve Martin, Environmental Planner, Institute for Water Resources, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Norfolk, Va.

This forum is only for regulators involved in regulating mitigation and conservation banking in an effort to share their experiences and address special concerns. (*Regulator attendees may submit questions and/or concerns for discussion to cbahler@comcast.net.*)

FIELD TRIPS (optional): Early Registration Deadline: January 25, 2010.

Choose from field trips on Monday, May 3 or Tuesday, May 4. Early registration fee: \$45 by Jan. 25; \$55 by March 24; \$80 after March 24. No onsite registration.

FIELD TRIP #1

Hickory Pass Conservation Bank

Hosted by Hickory Pass Conservation Bank

Monday, May 3, 1:30–5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 4, 7–11 a.m.

Hickory Pass Ranch Conservation Bank, established in 2002, is a 3,000+ acre species conservation bank benefitting the endangered Golden Cheeked Warbler. It was the first of its kind in the region and has been lauded by the US Fish and Wildlife Service as a model for species conservation banks around the country. Less than an hour away from Austin, Texas, the ranch is situated in the beautiful Texas Hill Country and is located within the acquisition boundary of the Balcones Canyonlands National Wildlife Refuge. The conservation bank has been successful, both environmentally and economically, with almost 2,400 acres preserved with permanent conservation easements and over 1,800 credits sold to private and public entities. See 10 mile ranch views from the main compound while hearing more banking details from the owners. Refreshments served.

FIELD TRIP #2

Driftwood & Salt Lick BBQ

Hosted by Scott Roberts, Owner

Monday, May 3, 1:30–5:30 p.m.

In the Hill Country of northern Hays County, a rapidly growing county just to the southwest of Austin, Driftwood is a planned 500-acre development with a little over 10% impervious cover and best management plans (including rainwater harvesting) that attenuates over 90% of the nonpoint source pollution, and is considered a model for how to develop low density, minimal footprint subdivisions. Driftwood has over 50 acres of vineyards planned with over 30 acres already producing red wine. Most of the 90 homes will be situated (with minimal disturbance) along Onion Creek. Five and one-half miles of the planned nine miles of trails have been constructed. There is a buffer area along the creek where the property owner (he is not a developer) wants to initiate a stream side restoration banking project. The owner is Scott Roberts. His family has been in the area since 1867 and he wants to maintain the rural lifestyle in the area just outside Austin. The small town center will emphasize this rural concept by encouraging the trading of locally grown organic farm products through the center. There will also be a small lodge on the property to facilitate retreats for people from the urban areas of Texas.

In addition to the tour of the property and future bank site, we'll stop at the owner's Salt Lick BBQ, one of the nation's most legendary BBQ restaurants — a very rustic place located on the 500 acres in Driftwood. The Salt Lick has been featured on the Food Channel, the Discovery Channel, NBC (Today Show), ABC Nightly News, the New York Times, and even the History Channel. People come from all over the world to experience the Salt Lick.

FIELD TRIP #3**Twin Springs Preserve**

Monday, 1:30–5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, 7–11 a.m.

Hosted by Williamson County Conservation Foundation

Visiting cave and spring sites — this field trip will take you on a walking tour of a variety of endangered species habitat. Twin Springs Preserve is a 170-acre preserve located on the north side of Lake Georgetown, about 35 miles north of downtown Austin. Twin Springs is home to two endangered species, the Golden-Cheeked Warbler and karst habitat including the Bone Cave Harvestman. In addition, the preserve consists of two springs that are habitat for the rare Georgetown salamander (threatened *Eurycea*), a species that is a candidate for listing as endangered. Another interesting component is the agreement Williamson County has with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to allow public access under a permitted training regime modeled after the Center for Outdoor Ethics' Leave No Trace program. Williamson County is presently working with a landscape architect to develop low impact pathways which may be in place by March 2010.

FIELD TRIP #4 — CLASSROOM STYLE**Pineywoods Mitigation Bank**

Tuesday, 8:30–10 a.m.

Hosted by PBS&J at the Hilton Austin

Classroom Style Using PBS&J's BUZZ.TV

Using the latest T.V. technology, come along on a classroom tour of the largest Mitigation Bank in Texas. The Pineywoods Mitigation Bank is also one of the largest in the nation, containing approximately 13,432.08 acres of bottomland forested wetlands. These vast forested wetlands are supplemented by scrub/shrub wetlands, emergent wetlands, and open water areas that add to the diversity of the property. The property is situated along the Neches River in Angelina, Jasper, and Polk Counties, and provides a wildlife corridor that connects the Davy Crockett and Angelina National Forests. This unique area forms the eastern edge of the northern geographic extent of the Big Thicket. The restoration of the bottomland hardwood forest ecosystem will occur through the removal of exotic and undesirable species, followed by the reintroduction of desirable native tree species throughout the property. To put in perspective, the Davy Crockett National Forest is 160,000 acres, and the Angelina National Forest is 153,000 acres. The land contains over 45 miles of the Neches River. And as part of the mitigation bank's formation, the Texas Land Conservancy holds a conservation easement on the property.

With revenue from mitigation credits, the Pineywoods Mitigation Bank will restore more than 13,000 acres of bottomland forested wetlands and an additional 6,000 acres upland to original condition as a self-sustaining forest indigenous to the Neches River Basin. That effort involves removing exotic and weedy plant species, replanting native trees and performing related restoration work. In addition, the bank will maintain and enhance scrub/shrub wetlands, emergent wetlands and areas of open water on the property. The Pineywoods Mitigation Bank was approved to sell mitigation credits during the fourth quarter of 2008. The consulting firm PBS&J is overseeing the restoration work and administration of banking credits.

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3:30–5 p.m.

OPENING SESSION PLENARY

MODERATOR: George Kelly, President, National Mitigation Banking Association

► **Welcome – Judith F. Taggart**, Chairman, JT&A, inc., Chantilly, Va.

► **The Honorable Jo-Ellen Darcy**, Assistant Secretary for Civil Works, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Washington, D.C.

► **The Honorable Ken Salazar**, Secretary of the Interior, Washington, D.C. (invited)

5–6:30 p.m.

Welcome Reception, Exhibit Area

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WEDNESDAY, May 5, 2010

7 a.m.–6:30 p.m. Registration Open

7:15–7:50 a.m. Continental Breakfast in Exhibit Area

8–9:30 a.m.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS**SESSION 1. Evaluating & Managing Risk**

MODERATOR: George I. Platt, General Counsel & Partner, The Wetlandsbank™ Group, Deerfield Beach, Fla.

► **Quantifying the Fiscal Risks of Ecological Restoration.** Randy Wilgis, President, Environmental Banc & Exchange, LLC, Owings Mills, Md.

► **Regulatory Risk – Banker and Investor Perspectives.** Dan Spethmann, Managing Partner, Working Lands Investment Partners, Alexandria, Va.

► **Casualty Insurance — Meeting the Short-Term Financial Assurance Requirement.** Robert Spoth, Senior Vice President, Hays Companies, Washington, D.C.

SESSION 2. Conservation and Species Banking

MODERATOR: Michael McCollum, President, McCollum Associates, Sacramento, Calif.

► **Overview of Conservation Banking from the Sacramento Fish and Wildlife Office, 1994–2010.** Valerie Layne, Conservation Banking Coordinator, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Sacramento, Calif.

► **Species Conservation Banking in Texas: Practical Experiences and Future Opportunities.** Alan M. Glen, Partner, Smith, Robertson, Elliott, Glen, Klein & Bell, L.L.P., Austin, Tex.

► **10 Costly Delays to Conservation Bank Approval and How To Avoid Them .** Deborah Mead, National Conservation Banking Coordinator, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Arlington, Va.

9:30–10 a.m.

Break in Exhibit Area

10–11:30 a.m.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS**SESSION 3. Emerging Markets**

MODERATOR: Rebecca Madsen, Biodiversity Program Manager, Ecosystem Marketplace, Washington, D.C.

► **Water Quality Trading — It's in NC.** Richard Mogensen, Director of Environmental Services, EarthMark Mitigation Services, LLC, Concord, N.C.

► **The FHWA Carbon Sequestration Pilot Program: Economics, Environment and Policy.** Stephen D. Earsom, Ecologist, Federal Highway Administration, Washington, D.C. (session continued on next page)

▶ **Voluntary Gopher Tortoise Habitat Credit Trading System.** Todd Gartner, Manager, Conservation Incentives, American Forest Foundation, Washington, D.C.

SESSION 4. Tracking & Assessment

MODERATOR: Stacie Craddock, Environmental Protection Specialist, Wetlands Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Washington, D.C.

▶ **RIBITS Implementation and Analysis of National Mitigation Banking Status and Trends.** Steven M. Martin, Environmental Planner, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Institute for Water Resources, Norfolk, Va.

▶ **The Conservation Registry: Tracking and Assessing Mitigation Banks in the Conservation Context.** Gina LaRocco, Conservation Program Associate, Defenders of Wildlife, West Linn, Ore.

▶ **Critical Infrastructure: A Credit Registry for Tracking Mitigation Markets.** Nathaniel Carroll, Director, Biodiversity Markets, Ecosystem Marketplace, Washington, D.C.

11:30 a.m. – 1:45 p.m. **LUNCHEON**

PLENARY Maximizing Ecosystem Market Value: Multiple Uses

MODERATOR: Royal C. Gardner, Professor and Director of Institute for Biodiversity Law and Policy, Stetson University College of Law, Gulfport, Fla.

A moderated interactive panel discussion following brief presentations.

▶ Jessica A. Fox, Senior Project Manager, Electric Power Research Institute, Palo Alto, Calif.

▶ Sally D. Collins, Director, Office of Ecosystem Service and Markets, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C.

2–3:30 p.m. **CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

SESSION 5. Alternatives to Banking

MODERATOR: Robert Kessler, President & CEO, Environmental Heritage Investors, LLC, St. Augustine, Fla.

▶ **The Changing Face of In Lieu Fee.** Doug Lashley, President & CEO, GreenVest, LLC, Annapolis, Md.

▶ **Alabama General Conservation Plan.** Darren LeBlanc, Fish & Wildlife Biologist, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Daphne, Ala.

▶ **Trends in Banking and Alternatives in the Savannah District Before and After the New Rule.** Greg Smith, Vice President, Wildlands, Inc., Lawrenceville, Ga.

SESSION 6. Partnerships

MODERATOR: Vicki K. Tauxe, Environmental Manager, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Tallahassee, Fla.

▶ **Building Partnerships with Land Trusts.** Terrence Nolan, Senior Project Director, The Trust for Public Land, Morristown, N.J.

▶ **Hackensack Meadowlands, N.J. Partnership.** Margaret (Peg) McBrien, Manager, Ecological Engineerings, The Louis Berger Group, Inc., Morristown, N.J.

▶ **Mitigation For-profit Partnerships with Non-profit Organizations.** Tina Yerkes, Director of Conservation Programs, Ducks Unlimited, Inc., Ann Arbor, Mich.

3:30–4 p.m. Break

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Wednesday, May 5 — continued)

4 – 5:30 p.m.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

SESSION 7. Banking Across the U.S. Corps Districts

MODERATOR: Brent J. Jasper, Regulatory Project Manager, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth, Tex.

- ▶ **Credit Sale History of Mitigation Banks within the USACE Galveston District.** Michele Wilkins, Greens Bayou Wetlands Mitigation Bank Manager, Harris County Flood Control District, Houston, Tex.
- ▶ **Banking Templates and Conversion of In-Lieu Fees.** Thomas Cavanaugh, Administrative Appeal Review Officer, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, South Pacific Division, San Francisco, Calif.
- ▶ **Mitigation Banking Guidelines for Georgia.** Justin Hammonds, Project Manager, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Savannah District, Buford, Ga.

SESSION 8. Stewardship & Sustainability

MODERATOR: Erik J. Meyers, Vice President for Sustainable Programs, The Conservation Fund, Arlington, Va.

- ▶ **Avoiding Financial Calamity in Your Future: Appropriately Utilizing Endowments and Trust Agreements.** Hal Holland, Bank Entitlement Manager, Westervelt Ecological Services, Sacramento, Calif.
- ▶ **Tracking the Long-term Status of Transportation Bank Sites in the Upper Midwest.** Thomas S. Mings, Senior Ecologist, Bank Coordination, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, St. Paul, Minn.
- ▶ **Stewardship & Sustainability — The Texas Experience.** Mark Steinbach, Executive Director, Texas Land Conservancy, Austin, Tex.

5:30–6:30 p.m. **Social Hour**, HOSTED BY JT&A, inc.

Thursday, May 6, 2010

7:30–9 a.m.

BREAKFAST

Plenary Legislative and Regulatory Update

MODERATED BY David Urban, incoming President, National Mitigation Banking Association

Brief presentations followed by moderated Q&A and discussion.

- ▶ Margaret (Peggy) N. Strand, Esquire, Venable LLP, Washington, D.C.
- ▶ Rick Sayers, Chief, Division of Consultation, HCPs, Recovery and State Grants, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Arlington, Va.
- ▶ Brian Frazer, Chief, Wetlands & Aquatic Resources Regulatory, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Washington, D.C.
- ▶ Margaret (Meg) Gaffney-Smith, Chief, Regulatory Program, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Washington, D.C.

9–9:15 a.m. **Break**

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9:15–10:45 a.m.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

SESSION 9. Emerging Markets II

MODERATOR: Aynsley Toole, Associate, Head of Acquisitions, Equator, LLC, New York, N.Y.

- ▶ **Stacking Ecosystem Service Credits in the Upper Mississippi River Basin.** Mark S. Kieser, Senior Scientist, Kieser & Associates, LLC, Kalamazoo, Mich.
- ▶ **Update on Climate Change Legislation (Carbon and Wetlands).** Radha Kuppalli, Director, New Forests, Inc., Washington, D.C.
- ▶ **Habitat Banking, Compensation and Offsetting—A UK Perspective.** Bob Edmonds, Principal, SLR Consulting, Ltd., Cambridge, England

SESSION 10. The Science of Banking

MODERATOR: Stephen Collins, Chief Executive Officer, The Wetlandsbank™ Group, Deerfield Beach, Fla.

- ▶ **Invasive Plant Coverage in Wetland Mitigation Areas — A FHWA Study.** Dennis Durbin, Ecologist, Federal Highway Administration, Washington, D.C.
- ▶ **Use of Reference Sites in Determining Performance Standards for Fire-adapted Plant Communities Undergoing Restoration in Northern Florida.** John David Tobe, Director of Ecological Restoration and Conservation, Ecological Resource Consultants, Inc., Tallahassee, Fla.
- ▶ **Different Approaches Used in Determining Service Areas.** Steven M. Martin, Environmental Planner, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Institute of Water Resources, Norfolk, Va. (co-author Robert W. Brumbaugh, Senior Policy Analyst, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Alexandria, Va.)

10:45–11 a.m. **Break**

11 a.m.–12:30 p.m. **CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

SESSION 11. New Ground in Conservation Banking

MODERATOR: Wayne White, Director of Business Development, Wildlands, Inc., Rocklin, Calif.

- ▶ **Relocations in Conservation Banking: Considerations for Credit Methodology and Climate Change.** Shauna M. Ginger, Wildlife Biologist, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Jackson, Miss.
- ▶ **NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service Salmonid Banks.** Howard L Brown, Fisheries Biologist, National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration, NMFS, Sacramento, Calif.
- ▶ **South Carolina Heelsplitter Conservation Bank.** Lora Zimmerman, Biologist, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Arlington, Va.

SESSION 12. Stream Banking

MODERATOR: Adam Riggsbee, Partner, Riverbank Ecosystems, Austin, Tex.

- ▶ **NC Wetland and Stream Functional Assessment.** Matthew Cusak, Group Manager/Senior Scientist, PBS&J Mid Atlantic Sciences, Raleigh, N.C.
- ▶ **Flat Out Wonderful: Katy Prairie Conservancy Brings Stream Mitigation Banking to Houston.** Mary Anne Piacentini, Executive Director, Katy Prairie Conservancy, Houston, Tex.
- ▶ **Stream Restoration in Arid Regions: A Review of Regulatory and Mitigation Issues.** Matt Stahman, Professional Wetland Scientist, SWCA Environmental Consultants, Houston, Tex.

12:30 p.m. **Conference Adjourned**

12:45– 1:45 p.m. **Texas Mitigation Bankers Inaugural Meeting**

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Speaker Participant	<input type="checkbox"/> no charge		
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Stream Mitigation Banking Workshop	<input type="checkbox"/> \$135	<input type="checkbox"/> \$195	<input type="checkbox"/> \$225
Banking Primer 101 Workshop	<input type="checkbox"/> \$135	<input type="checkbox"/> \$195	<input type="checkbox"/> \$225
FIELD TRIPS (optional)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$45	<input type="checkbox"/> \$55	<input type="checkbox"/> \$80 (if room available)

Hickory Pass Conservation Bank Monday, May 3, 1:30–5:30 pm Tuesday, May 4, 7–11 am

Twin Springs Preserve Monday, May 3, 1:30–5:30 pm Tuesday, May 4, 7–11 am

Driftwood & Salt Lick BBQ Monday, May 3, 1:30–5:30 pm [no Tuesday trip available]

CLASS ROOM FIELD TRIP (optional) \$25 \$35 \$45 (if room available)

Pineywoods Mitigation Bank (CLASSROOM STYLE FIELD TRIP) Tuesday, May 4, 8–10:30 am

I will attend the **Business of Banking Primer 102** on May 4 (11 am–12:30 pm) [no additional charge]

I'm with **U.S. Army Corps** & will attend the Corps Regulatory Workshop on May 4 (11 am–1 pm) [no additional charge]

I'm with **USFWS or NOAA** & will attend the USFWS–NOAA Workshop on May 4 (11 am–1 pm) [no additional charge]

I will attend the **User's Forum** on May 4 (1–3 pm) [no additional charge]

I'm a **Banker** & will attend the Banker Forum on May 4 (1–3 pm) [no additional charge]

I'm a **Regulator** & will attend the Regulator Forum on May 4 (1:15–3 pm) [no additional charge]

GOLF TOURNAMENT (Mon., May 3, 1:30 p.m.) \$95 (PRE-CONF) \$125 (LATE) \$55 Club Rentals ORH OLH

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"Overture of Austin" City Tour (Tuesday, May 4, 10–11:30 am) \$25 \$35

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