AGENDA

7:30 - 8:00  Registration & Continental Breakfast sponsored by CoBank

8:00 - 8:15  Welcome & Opening Remarks
Speaker: Michael Canales, Community Programs Director, USDA

8:15 – 9:15  Federal Environmental Regulatory Updates
Speaker: Terry Czerwien, State Environmental Coordinator, USDA

9:15 – 10:00  Acquiring Easements for Pipeline Projects
Speaker: James D. Bradbury, PLLC

10:00 – 10:15  Break

10:15 - 11:15  Engineering a Successful Project
Life-Cycle Cost Analysis
Speakers: Dagmar Babcock and Robert Green, Civil Engineers, USDA

11:15 - 11:30  RD Apply (online application process)
Speaker: Benjamin Shuman, PE, PMP, Senior Engineer, USDA

11:30 – 12:00  Introduction to Electronic Preliminary Engineering Report (ePER)
Speaker: Benjamin Shuman, PE, PMP, Senior Engineer, USDA

12:00 - 1:00  Effective Project Management to Bring a Loan to Closure
Speaker: Betty Soto, Area Specialist, USDA
*Session includes a boxed lunch

1:00 - 2:00  Financial Review & Rates Considerations
Speakers: Connie Petru, Community Programs Specialist, USDA; Larry Bell, Technical Services Director, TRWA; Celia Eaves, Environmental Services Director, TRWA

2:00 – 2:30  Submitting Plans to TCEQ to Address Water Quality Issues
Speakers: Robert Sims and Yadhira Resendez, TCEQ

2:30 – 3:30  Texas Board of Professional Engineers: Priorities, Updates & Ethics
Speaker: Lance Kinney, P.E., Executive Director, Texas Board of Professional Engineers

3:30 – 4:30  Closing Remarks
Speaker: Michael Canales, Community Programs Director, USDA

5:30 – 6:30  RuralWaterCon Welcome Reception sponsored by CoBank