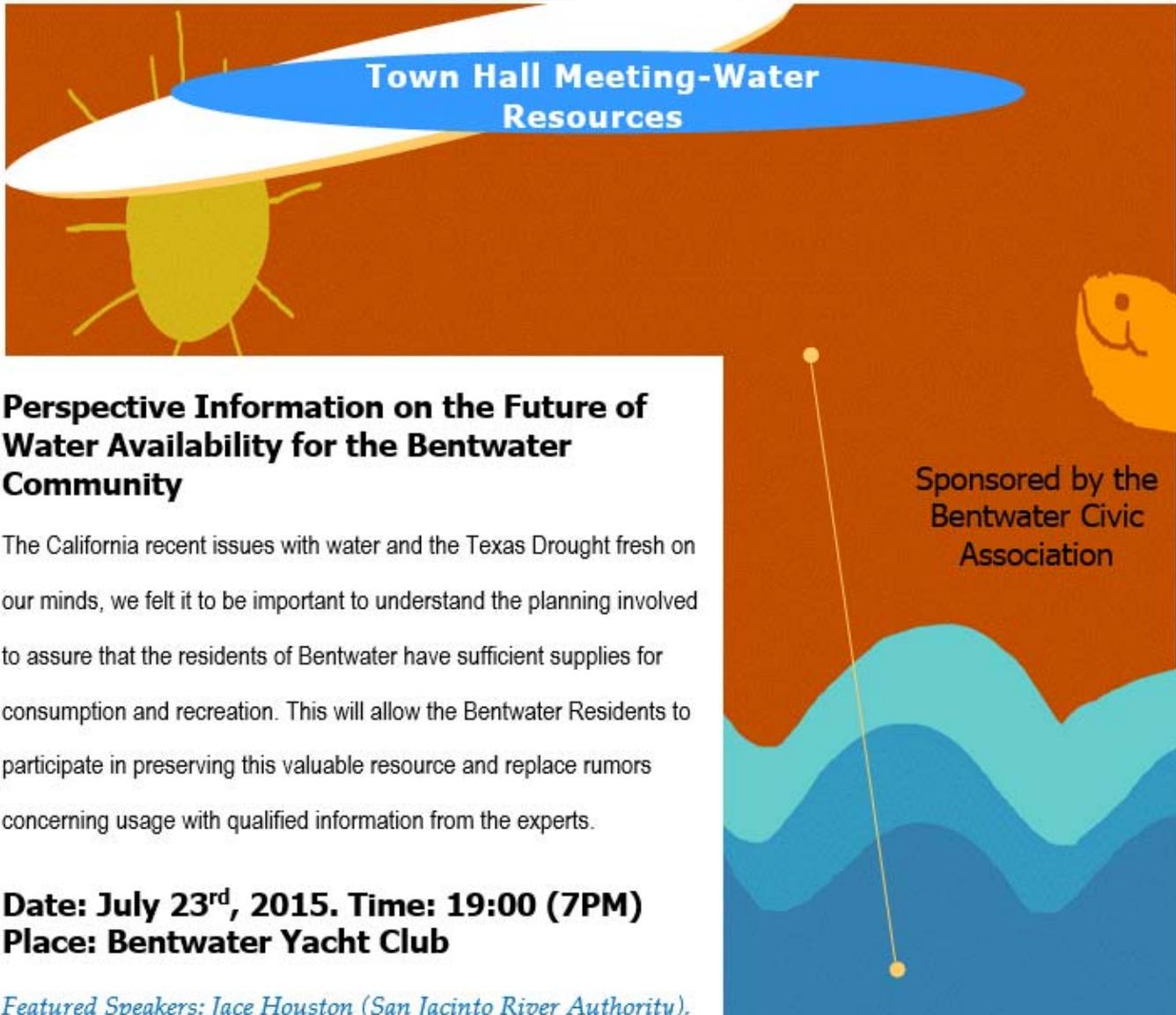


**Bentwater Civic Association Town Hall Meeting:** The following announcement was provided by the BCA.

A graphic with a brown background. At the top, a white and yellow sun is partially visible. A blue oval contains the text "Town Hall Meeting - Water Resources". Below the oval, a yellow sun is on the left and a yellow moon is on the right. At the bottom, there are wavy blue and teal shapes representing water. A thin yellow line with a dot at the top and bottom connects the moon to the water. The text "Sponsored by the Bentwater Civic Association" is on the right side.

**Town Hall Meeting - Water Resources**

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### **Perspective Information on the Future of Water Availability for the Bentwater Community**

The California recent issues with water and the Texas Drought fresh on our minds, we felt it to be important to understand the planning involved to assure that the residents of Bentwater have sufficient supplies for consumption and recreation. This will allow the Bentwater Residents to participate in preserving this valuable resource and replace rumors concerning usage with qualified information from the experts.

**Date: July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015. Time: 19:00 (7PM)**  
**Place: Bentwater Yacht Club**

*Featured Speakers: Jace Houston (San Jacinto River Authority),*

*Rex Cambern (Municipal Utility District 18) and John Bleyl*

*(Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District.*

**Bentwater's Recycling Performance - We Can Do Better:** Bentwater began curbside recycling in January 2011. In 2013, we successfully diverted 25% of solid waste away from landfills. We recycled a total of 443 tons of waste to new uses, which is equivalent to conserving 132,475 gal of gasoline, or removing 232 cars off the road.



In 2014, our diversion rate was slightly less with 23% (438 tons of waste) being diverted from landfills. While this rate still results in positive benefits to the environment, a look at the first few months of 2015 shows a slight, but continuing decline in our diversion rate. The average monthly diversion rate for January through April is 22%. Let's join together to reverse this trend. With our conscientious effort, a reasonable goal is to achieve a 30% diversion rate. A reminder of the recycling guidelines may be helpful.

If you are receiving this by E-Blast, you can see a copy of Waste Management's Guidelines for Garbage Collection and Recycling by clicking on the web site link in this E-Blast. These Guidelines are always available on our web site. Your July bill will include a copy of the Guidelines.

### Summary of the Recycling Guidelines:

These items can be thrown into your recycle bin rather than into your trash can, thus diverting them away from a landfill:

- Metal cans: Steel, tin, aluminum. Includes soda, vegetable, fruit, tuna etc. cans. Also empty aerosol cans.
- Plastics: Nos. 1-5 and No7. Bottles and containers.
- Glass bottles and jars.
- Laminated cartons: Milk cartons, dairy and juice containers.
- Paper: Newspapers, magazines, catalogs, brown paper bags, non-confidential paper and mailings.
- Flattened cardboard and paperboard. Broken down to 3ft by 3ft.



### Do Not Include:

- Tissues, paper towels or other paper that has been in contact with food is not acceptable.
- No soiled pizza boxes.
- Food waste or polystyrene foam cups or containers.
- Plastic bags. Even though the bags have a recycling symbol, they cannot be recycled curbside. Large food stores (e.g. Kroger and HEB) provide containers for recycling plastic bags. Do not put your recyclable items into your recycle bin in plastic bags.

### Helpful practices:

- Set your recycle bin curbside by 7 AM on Fridays.
- Remove caps from cans, bottles and plastic containers. They are often made of different materials.

**Think twice as you toss items into a garbage can.  
Make the choice to recycle rather than add to a landfill.  
Think green. Recycle Often. Recycle Right.**

**Need a Recycle Bin?** If you do not have a recycle bin and want to have one, call MUD Board member Rex Cambern at 936-449-5761 and he will be happy to arrange delivery.

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**Need to Report a Problem?** Don't assume the problem has already been identified or reported. If you observe a water leak, sewer odor, discolored water, open manholes, alarms are sounding, or other problems, please help us by calling:

**Hays Utility Service @ 936-588-1166.**

Hays has someone in Bentwater every day, seven days a week. They can and will respond 24 hours a day. Their general office hours are from 8:00AM to 4:30PM Monday through Friday.

### **Meetings Open to the Public:**

Our regularly scheduled monthly meetings are the **2nd Tuesdays at 2:30PM** in the Country Club Board Room. Meetings are open to the public. The agenda is posted on our web site and the message board in the breezeway entrance to the Country Club Grill near the Golf Pro-shop.

Sincerely,

Your MUD Board:

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**Please recycle this newsletter.**