

**SANTA CRUZ IRRIGATION DISTRICT #15**  
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**TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY KINGSVILLE**  
**HOLLIS RUTLEDGE & ASSOCIATES, INC.**  
**TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

**SAVE THE DATE**

**INVITE YOU TO ATTEND A**  
**WATER WORKSHOP AND FORUM**

**A discussion on strategic planning, infrastructure needs, and water management.**

**December 9, 2015**  
**11:45 am – 3:35 pm**  
**(Lunch provided 11:45 am – 1:00 pm)**

**TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-KINGSVILLE CITRUS RESEARCH CENTER**  
**312 NORTH INTERNATIONAL BLVD.**  
**WESLACO, TEXAS**

**Keynote Speaker:**

**Texas Department of Agriculture Commissioner Sid Miller**



Sid Miller is serving as the 12th Texas Commissioner of Agriculture, with his first term beginning in January 2015. Commissioner Miller brings a wealth of knowledge to the Texas Department of Agriculture. He is recognized as one of the state's most dynamic and effective conservative leaders, as well as one of the state's staunchest defenders of constitutional freedoms. During his six terms as a member of the Texas House of Representatives, Commissioner Miller brought his real world agricultural experience to the table. He's your everyday man who's made a difference in his community and for the Lone Star State by working as a small businessman, community leader, school teacher, agriculturist and former school board member. In every aspect of his work, Commissioner Miller has proven his convictions in being pro-business and pro-job creation.

As the leader of the Texas Department of Agriculture, Commissioner Miller is working to safeguard water resources to ensure access for farmers and ranchers, as well as fighting to secure our nation's porous border with Mexico. A true Texan through-and-through, Commissioner Miller is focused on promoting the best Texas-grown and Texas-made products through the GO TEXAN program. Additionally, Commissioner Miller will push for policies to continue growing the Texas economy and creating jobs. Commissioner Miller was born in De Leon, Texas, and is an avid rodeo and horseshow participant who holds nine World Championships. He is a graduate of Tarleton State University in Stephenville, where he received a Bachelor of Science in Vocational Agriculture Education. Commissioner Miller maintains close ties to Stephenville, where he owns and operates a nursery business. Commissioner Miller and his wife, Debra, have been married for 36 years. The Millers have two sons and two grandchildren.

**Other invited guest speakers will discuss topics on strategic planning, automation, infrastructure, funding opportunities, local needs, water management and water conservation. A forum facilitated by TAMU-K researchers will allow attendees to provide feedback, identify issues, share concerns, and seek assistance with local needs and resources.**

TENTATIVE AGENDA  
Water Workshop and Forum  
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Producers/Land Owners

11:45-1:00 pm - Lunch

1:00-1:05 pm – Welcome

**Joe Hinojosa**, General Manager  
Santa Cruz Irrigation District #15)

1:05-1:35 pm – **Sid Miller**

Commissioner  
Texas Department of Agriculture

1:35-2:00 pm – Q/A Discussion, facilitated by TAMUK

**Dr. Kim D. Jones, P.E.** - Texas A&M University-Kingsville  
TAMU-K will encourage attendees to provide feedback, identify issues, share concerns, and identify assistance needs.

2:00-2:20 pm – **Shad D. Nelson, Ph.D.**

Dept Chair and Professor of Plant Sciences  
College of Agriculture  
Texas A&M University-Kingsville

2:20 -2:45 pm – **Sonny Vela**

Program Liaison  
USDA-NRCS Corpus Christi Zone Office

2:45- 3:05 pm – **Roel Gomez**

Area Director, Area 8  
Texas Development Office  
U.S. Dept. of Agriculture Rural Development

3:05-3:35 pm – Q/A Discussion, facilitated by

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