

Saving Family Lands Seminar Agenda

8:30 am **Registration**

9:00 – 9:30 am **Welcome**

Blair Fitzsimons, CEO, Texas Agricultural Land Trust

Laura Reyna, County Extension Agent Ag/NR and 4H, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, Matagorda County

Session I Moderator- Ken Cearley, Stewardship Director, Texas Agricultural Land Trust

9:30 – 10:10 am **The Impact of Land Fragmentation in the Coastal Bend: Emerging Trends From the Texas Land Trends Study**

Dr. Roel Lopez, Director, Texas A&M Natural Resource Institute

10:10 – 10:50 am **The Conservation Easement: A Tool to Help Save Family Lands**

James Oliver, COO, Texas Agricultural Land Trust

10:50 – 11:20 **Break**

11:20 – 12:00 pm **Minimizing the Impact of Oil and Gas Development and Updates on the Coastal Prairie Native Seeds Project**

Forrest Smith, Dan L Duncan Endowed Director of South Texas Natives and Texas Native Seeds, Caesar Kleberg Wildlife Research Institute

12:00 – 12:30 pm **Lunch**

Session II Moderator – James Oliver, COO, Texas Agricultural Land Trust

12:30 – 1:00 pm **Returning Former Rice Fields to Rangeland Productivity**

Stephen Deiss, Rangeland Management Specialist, USDA-NRCS Texas Grazing Land Coalition, Coastal Prairie

1:00 – 1:30 pm **Sources for Conservation Easement Funding**

Ken Cearley, Stewardship Director, Texas Agricultural Land Trust

1:30 – 2:15 pm **Landowner Panel**

James Oliver, COO, Texas Agricultural Land Trust

2:15 – 3:00 pm **Wrap-up/Q&A**

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3:00 pm **Adjourn Saving Family Lands Seminar**

4:30 pm **Regional Cattlemen's Workshop Convenes** | [Click here for more information about this workshop hosted by the Matagorda County Cattlemen's Association and the Texas & Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association.](#)