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WATER RIGHTS EXPERT CHARLES PORTER ON “THE NEXT TEXAS WATER WAR?”

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AUSTIN – Charles R. Porter, Jr. will present, “**The Next Texas Water War?**” on **March 7 at 6 p.m. at the Lorenzo de Zavala State Archives and Library Building, 1201 Brazos St., Austin.** Porter, a water rights expert and St. Edward’s University history professor will speak as part of the Texas State Library and Archives Commission’s Speaker Series. A book signing and reception will follow.

The battle over water rights in Texas began in 1718 when the Spanish established San Antonio’s municipal water system. With a view to the past and an eye on the future, historian and water expert Porter examines water use, its limited supply, and implications for conflicting claims today. Porter is the author of *Spanish Water, Anglo Water*; and the upcoming *Water Rights in Texas*, published by Texas A&M University Consortium Press.

The talk is free but space is limited. Advance RSVPs are requested and may be made by e-mailing rsvp@tsl.state.tx.us or calling (512) 463-5460. Porter will sign copies of his book, and refreshments will be made available by the Friends of Libraries & Archives of Texas, the event co-sponsor.

“Addressing the history of Texas water rights and possible future implications could not come at a more critical time,” says Peggy Rudd, TSLAC Director and Librarian. “I think many, especially our lawmakers and landowners, will benefit from Mr. Porter’s knowledge and ideas on water shortage solutions.”

A resident of Austin, Porter has testified as an expert in more than 200 water rights, real estate ethics and property/construction cases. He graduated from the University of Texas at Austin with a degree in Finance in 1974 and from St. Edward’s University with an MLA in History in 2007.

ALSO OF INTEREST:

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[Desperate Times/Desperate Measures](#)

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[Water in Texas](#)

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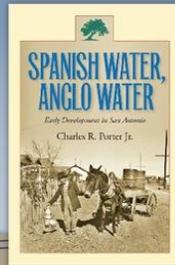
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Co-sponsored by the Friends of Libraries & Archives of Texas

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