



### Newsletter April 2016

#### **1. EPA's Food Recovery Challenge (FRC)**

Any business or organization can join the FRC as a participant or endorser. Organizations pledge to improve their sustainable food management practices and report their results. The FRC is part of EPA's Sustainable Materials Management Program (SMM), which seeks to reduce the environmental impact of materials through their entire life cycle: extraction, manufacture, distribution, use, reuse, recycling, and disposal.

- Participants prevent and divert wasted food in their operations, following the Food Recovery Hierarchy recommendations of prevention, donation, and composting or anaerobic digestion.
- [Endorsers promote sustainable management of food](#) by educating organizations and businesses about the environmental costs of wasted food and recruiting organizations and businesses to join the FRC.

**Food Recovery Challenge participants and endorsers** include groups such as grocers, educational institutions, restaurants, faith organizations, sports and entertainment venues, and hospitality businesses.

More information: <https://www.epa.gov/sustainable-management-food/food-recovery-challenge-frc#infoendorsers>

#### **2. Nexus Poster Showcase Event: April 26, 9:30-11:30 (CST) CVLB 217 (WebEx access: [Join](#)**

**WebEx meeting** meeting #: 646 021 860, password 1234; problem? [marysch@tamu.edu](mailto:marysch@tamu.edu)) Topics:

- i. Water-Energy-Food tradeoffs for Matagorda County
- ii. Mekong River: Water-Energy-Food Nexus tradeoffs
- iii. Sustainable Development Goals & Water-Energy-Food Nexus in Morocco

#### **3. Opportunities to become involved:**

- *Multi Stakeholder Dialogue Symposium: Moving from Science to Policy in Texas* (fall 2016). (Proposed date: Oct, 2016) contact [mohtar@tamu.edu](mailto:mohtar@tamu.edu) The symposium is intended to foster new collaborations (including international) and interdisciplinary topics in preparation for the 2017 NSF and DoE agendas. **Assistance needed** to define the workshop focus, partners, and organization – please if you are interested in being part of the planning team.
- ***Support the science for energy-water planning in San Antonio and surrounding regions, as climate alters water supplies.*** Launch of San Antonio Case study Fall 2016, intended to position us for upcoming large proposals including NSF ERC/STC/RCN and DoE opportunities. Please notify [mohtar@tamu.edu](mailto:mohtar@tamu.edu) if you are interested in contributing.