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# Arkansas Water Laws and Regulations Webinar: An Introduction to Arkansas Water Law - Edward Swaim (Bayou Meto Water Management District) Presentation

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Ed Swaim undertook a presentation as part of the Arkansas Water Laws and Regulations webinar titled:  
*An Introduction to Arkansas Water Law ("Presentation")*

Ed is the Executive Director of the Bayou Meto Water Management District.

The Presentation undertook a detailed review of issues related to water quantity/supply such as:

- Arkansas status as a water rich state
- Arkansas common law/riparian doctrine
- History of the doctrine
- Historical problems with natural flow
- Horseshoe Lake case example
- Key Arkansas case law
- Arkansas legislation to manage water
- Historical development
- Rationale for legislation
- Requirements (such as registration/reporting/allocation during shortage/minimum streamflow)
- Fayetteville shale
- Interstate transfer issues
- Dam regulation
- Groundwater
- Groundwater data
- Severe groundwater overdraft issues
- Critical groundwater areas
- Arkansas groundwater case law
- Overview of Bayou Meto Water Management project

A copy of the slides from the Presentation can be downloaded [here](#).