

PROGRAM

*Seventy-first
Annual State Meeting
Of
District Directors*

**TEXAS SOIL AND WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICTS**

October 24-26, 2011

**Hyatt Regency Hill Country Resort
San Antonio, Texas**

ROOM DIRECTORY

Registration:

- *Pre-registration* pick-up is located in the Hill Country Foyer
- *On-site registration* is located in the in the Hill Country Foyer

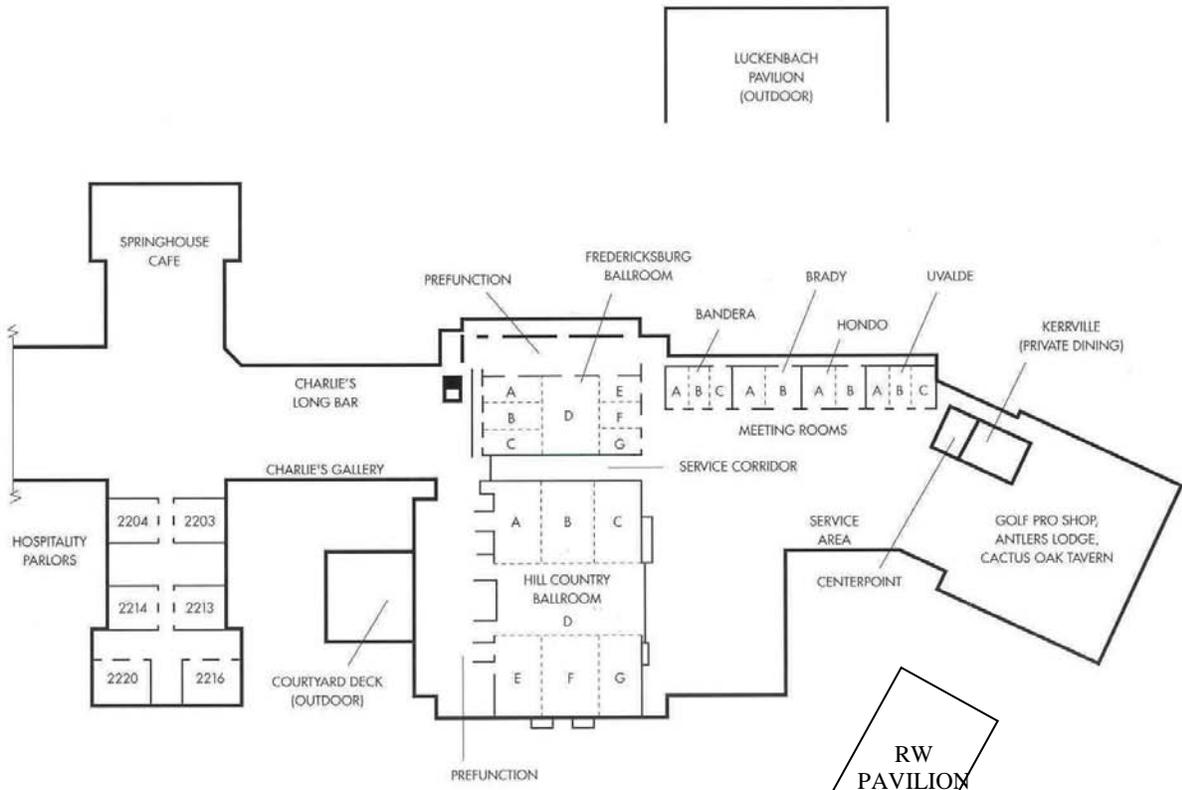
Headquarters Room: Located in Hospitality Parlor #2204

*Spouses Luncheon and Program tickets may be purchased
at the On-site State Meeting Registration Desk.*

DOOR PRIZES

Door prizes are provided by the Area Associations of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts. Drawings will be held at the “Legislative Appreciation Banquet” on Monday evening, at various times during the General Session on Tuesday and at functions for the spouses.

You must be present at the drawing to win. Persons are eligible for one (1) Door Prize only.



MONDAY

October 24, 2011

10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Pre-registration Pick-up and On-site Registration
in the Hill Country Foyer

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

11:00 a.m. Association Board of Directors – Uvalde Room A - B

12:30 p.m. Resolutions Committee – Bandera Room A - B

1:00 p.m. Soil and Water Stewardship Committee – Brady Room A

1:00 p.m. Texas Association of Watershed Sponsors – Fredericksburg Room D

2:00 p.m. Public Information Committee – Brady Room B

2:00 p.m. District Director Workshop – Fredericksburg Room A – B - C
NRCS Programs and Services – Tomas Dominguez, Assistant State Conservationist for Field
Operations, Corpus Christi
Texas Well Owners Network – Kristine Uhlman, Program Specialist, Texas AgriLife Extension
Service, College Station

3:00 p.m. Association of Texas Conservation District Employees Meeting –
Hill Country Room E

3:30 p.m. Invitational Meeting - “Legislation Committee” – Hill Country
Room A - B

5:00 p.m. Area Discussion Sessions

Area I – Hill Country A – B

Area II – Hill Country E

Area III – Hill Country F

Area IV – Hill Country G

Area V – Hill Country C

MONDAY

October 24, 2011

7:00 p.m.

**Legislative Appreciation Banquet
RW Pavilion**

Keynote Speaker

**Honorable Francisco R. “Quico” Canseco
U.S. Congressman, District 23
San Antonio**

Menu

Caesar Salad with Romaine Hearts and Croutons
Grilled Medallion of Beef and Pan Seared Breast of Chicken
Whipped Yukon Gold Potatoes with Roasted Garlic, Rosemary Jus
Roasted Seasonal Vegetables
Flourless Chocolate Cake

Following the Appreciation Banquet – Please remain and participate in an Auction to benefit the Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

Tuesday

October 25, 2011

7:30 a.m.

Resolutions Committee – Hondo Room B

8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Pre-registration Pick-up and On-site Registration
Hill Country Foyer

8:30 a.m.

General Session – Hill Country A - D

Presiding – Barry Mahler, Chairman, Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board, Iowa Park

National Anthem –

Presentation of Colors – San Antonio Southwest High School Air Force Junior ROTC

Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and Texas Flags

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
TO
UNITED STATES FLAG**

**“I pledge allegiance to the flag
of the United States of America
and to the Republic for which it stands,
one Nation under God, indivisible,
with Liberty and Justice for all.”**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
TO
TEXAS STATE FLAG**

**“Honor the Texas flag;
I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas,
one state under God, one and indivisible.”**

TUESDAY

October 25, 2011

Invocation – Melvin Reynolds, Chairman, Upshur-Gregg SWCD #417, Gilmer

Welcome – Gary Schott, Chairman, Alamo Soil and Water Conservation District #330, Helotes

Welcome – Lauren Graham, Miss Rodeo Texas

Address – Texas Commissioner of Agriculture – Honorable Todd Staples (9:00a.m.)

Presentation of the FFA Soil and Water Stewardship Public Speaking Leadership Development Award – Caitlyn Brown – Valley High FFA Chapter, Turkey – Hall-Childress SWCD #109

Presentation of Outstanding SWCD Award – Tom Green SWCD #248
Award Sponsored by **Agricultural Workers Mutual Auto Insurance Company**

Presentation of Outstanding Teacher Award – Nancy Cavallin – Bee SWCD #344
Award Sponsored by **HOLT AgriBusiness**

Presentation of State Poster Award – Hannah Dunaway – Andrews SWCD #246

Address – Honorable Susan Combs; Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts (10:00a.m.)

Special Presentation – Jule Richmond, President, Association of Texas SWCDs, Blanket

Address – Honorable Jeff Wentworth, State Senator, District 25, San Antonio (10:30a.m.)

Address – Mr. Gary Joiner, CEO; Texas Wildlife Association; San Antonio

Address – Honorable Bryan Hughes, State Representative; District 5; Marshall

Address – Mr. Tom Christensen, Regional Conservationist/Central Region Chief; USDA – Natural Resources Conservation Service; Washington D.C.

Presentation of State Essay Award – (Ages 13 and under) – Callie Crum – Lamb County SWCD #130

Presentation of State Essay Award – (Ages 14 to 18) – Ryan Autry – Frio SWCD #325

Address – Jule Richmond, President, Association of Texas SWCDs, Blanket

Address – Salvador Salinas, State Conservationist, USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Temple

TUESDAY

October 25, 2011

12:00 Noon

Lunch on Your Own

**Association Board of Directors' Invitational Lunch with
Area Association Officers – Hill Country Room E**

1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Concurrent Workshops #1

Feral Hog Control – What's Legal & What's Not – Billy Higginbotham, Professor & Extension Specialist; Texas A&M University; Overton - Hill Country Room A-C
(One CEU Accreditation for Integrated Pest Management)

National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) – Charles Maguire, Division Director for Water Quality Division, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Austin - Hill Country Room D
(One CEU Accreditation for Laws/Regs)

2:45 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

Concurrent Workshops #2

Fracking and Water Concerns – James Aldredge, Attorney; Environmental Law Division; Texas Commission of Environmental Quality, Austin and Richard Eyster, Hydrologist, Texas Department of Agriculture, Austin – Hill Country A- C
(One CEU Accreditation for Laws/Regs)

Fire Ant/Raspberry Ant Control– Molly Keck, Extension Program Specialist, Texas AgriLife Extension Service, San Antonio - Hill Country D
(One CEU Accreditation for Integrated Pest Management)

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

**Business Session – Association of Texas Soil and Water
Conservation Districts – Hill Country A- C**

Election of Officers

Resolutions

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

District Employee Consultation – Hondo Room A

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

NRCS Employees Meeting – Hill Country D

TUESDAY

October 25, 2011

12:00 noon

Spouses Luncheon and Program

Luncheon will be held at the Hyatt Regency – Hill Country E

Luncheon Menu

*Texas Ranch Salad with Cucumbers and Tomato
Spice Rubbed Chicken Breast served on a Bed of Saffron-Herb Orzo
With Broccolini
Seasonal Fruit Tart*

Auxiliary Business Session

A short business session will be conducted following the luncheon.

2:00 p.m. Shopping Tour

Buses will depart from the Hyatt Regency to The Shops at La Cantera and shuttle back to the contracted hotels and the Hyatt Regency.

2:00 P.M. Shopping Trip - Buses will depart from the Hyatt Regency Hill Country Resort at the Courtyard Deck for The Shops at La Cantera. The Shops at La Cantera, are a unique collection of the latest retail offerings and restaurants.

The Shops at La Cantera, offers visitors over 150 shops! Upscale shopping, restaurants and first class office space overlooking Main Street and pedestrian walkways of this spectacular streetscape development.

So relax, enjoy and take in some of San Antonio's more luxurious shopping. Visit stores like aerie*, American Apparel, Barnes & Noble, Burberry, Coldwater Creek, Francesca's Collections, Free People*, Gilly Hicks*, Gymboree, Grimald's*, J. Crew, Jos A Bank, Rejuvenation Nails & Spa, Solstice Sunglass Boutique, Toni&Guy, Urban Outfitters*, Vans*, Vera Bradley*, Z'Tejas Southwestern Grill* and Zara*.

*Stores new or exclusive to the San Antonio.

The last bus run from shopping will be returning to the hotels by 5:45 p.m.

Please be aware that shopping will involve walking – as little or as much as you determine appropriate.

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WEDNESDAY

October 26, 2011

7:30 a.m. – Noon

Tour

Agricultural Tours

7:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Conservation Tour – STAY-TUFF Fence Mfg.Inc.

Attendees will tour the STAY-TUFF Fence factory to see fencing material being manufactured. Tour will include a fence building seminar with fence being constructed on site for attendee's inspection and questions. While on the tour attendees can register for Door Prizes .STAY-TUFF will provide a lunch before returning to the Hyatt Regency Hill Country Resort.

Limited to 1 Bus - \$15.00 per person

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon

Conservation Tour – Sandy Oaks Olive Orchard

Attendees will tour the Sandy Oaks Olive Orchard. The tour will include education on Olive culture in Texas, the benefits and various uses of Olive oil. Attendees will have the opportunity to visit the Sandy Oaks nursery and gift shop with olive products.

Limited to 2 Buses - \$15.00 per person

MEETING EXHIBITORS

**Capitol Farm Credit
STAY-TUFF Fence Mfg. Inc.
HOLT Agribusiness
Agricultural Workers Mutual Auto Insurance
Texas Brigades & Texas Wildlife Association
USDA – Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)
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US Geological Survey
Texas AgriLife Extension – Texas Well Owners Network
Texas Water Development Board
Frontier Hybrids
Long Life Watering System
North Star VMS Helicopters**

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Texas Association of Conservation District Employees
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Western Peanut Growers Association, Inc.
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