

PROGRAM

*Seventy-fifth
Annual State Meeting
of
District Directors*

**TEXAS SOIL AND WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICTS**

October 26-28, 2015

**AmericanBank CENTER
Corpus Christi, Texas**

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ROOM DIRECTORY

Registration:

- *Pre-registration* pick-up is located
- *On-site registration* is located

Headquarters Room: Located

*Coffee and soft drinks courtesy of
Capital Farm Credit*

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

Please visit the Exhibitors located

DOOR PRIZES

Door prizes are provided by the Area Associations of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts. Drawings will be held at the “Conservation Winners 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 drawings to win. Persons are eligible for one (1) Door Prize only.

MONDAY

October 26, 2015

10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Pre-Registration Pick-up and On-Site Registration

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

11:00 a.m. Association Board of Directors

1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. NRCS Workshops (Discuss with Sal)

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1:00 p.m. Soil and Water Stewardship Committee

1:00 p.m. Texas Association of Watershed Sponsors

1:00 p.m. Public Information Committee

1:00 p.m. Texas Conservation Association for Water and Soil

2:00 p.m. Resolutions Committee

2:00 p.m. District Director Workshop: Gulf of Mexico Program

3:00 p.m. Association of Texas Conservation District Employees Meeting

3:30 p.m. Invitational Meeting "Committee of 100"

5:00 p.m. Area Discussion Sessions

Area I –

Area II –

Area III –

Area IV –

Area V –

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MONDAY

October 26, 2015

7:00 p.m.

Conservation Winners Appreciation Banquet

Sponsored by Ag. Workers Insurance

Your name badge is your ticket for admission

Menu

Salad

Entrée

Dessert

Beverages

Starbucks Coffee and Iced Tea

Presentation of State Poster Award

Presentation of 13 & Under State Essay Award

Presentation of 14- 18 State Essay Award

Presentation of Outstanding Farmer Award

Presentation of Outstanding Rancher Award

Presentation of Friend of Conservation Award

Presentation of Outstanding Teacher Award

Presentation of Outstanding SWCD Award

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Invitations for Speaker: Laura Bush (has not responded to invite)

Drew DeBarry (needs letter for invite)

Backups: Carlos Rubenstein, or Mike Conaway

Following the Appreciation Banquet

**Please remain and participate in an Auction to benefit the
Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts.**

TUESDAY

October 27, 2015

7:30 a.m. Resolutions Committee

8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Pre-Registration Pick-up and On-Site Registration

8:30 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. General Session

Presiding – Scott Buckles; Chairman, Texas State
Soil and Water Conservation Board;

National Anthem – Kenda Mahaffey

Presentation of Colors – Naval Academy for their services

Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and Texas Flags

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
TO THE
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 THE
TEXAS STATE FLAG**

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

Invocation –

Welcome – Mayor of Corpus Christi

TUESDAY

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8:30 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. General Session (continued)

Address –

Presentation of FFA Soil and Water Stewardship Public Speaking Leadership Development Award – Kara Harris, Idalou FFA Chapter

Special Presentation – Ricky James; President, Association of Texas SWCDs; Plainview

Special Presentation – Larry Butler – RFD Out on the Land
<http://www.rfdtv.com/story/22874909/out-on-the-land>

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8:30 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. **General Session (continued)**

Earth Team Volunteer Award –

Address – Ricky James; President, Association of Texas Soil And water Conservation Districts; Plainview

~~Address: Salavador Salinas – State of Texas Conservationist for the
USDA-NRCS~~

10:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. **Panel Discussion –** Moderated by _____, Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board

~~*Endangered Species–*~~

~~*Texas Water Needs –*~~

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12:00 Noon

Lunch on Your Own

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TUESDAY

October 27, 2015

12:00 Noon Association Board of Directors' Invitational Lunch with Area Association Officers

1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Concurrent Workshops #1

- Cattle and Wildlife
- Solar Water Pumping Systems

2:45 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. Concurrent Workshops #2

- Current Legal Issues
- Legislature Importance

4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Business Session

-Texas Conservation Association for Water and Soil

- Election of Officers
- Resolutions

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4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. NRCS Employees Meeting

TUESDAY

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12:00 noon Spouses Social and Program

Program will be held at the

Auxiliary Business Session

A business session will be conducted during the event.

1:00 p.m. and 2:45 p.m. Spouse's Tour

Tickets: \$_____ per person
This tour is limited to __

Buses will load and unload in front of the

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

WEDNESDAY
October 28, 2015

8:00 a.m. - Noon

Conservation Tour

This tour is limited to

Tickets: \$____ per person

BUSES WILL LOAD AT THE

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MEETING EXHIBITORS

Bamert Seed Company	Texas Water Resources Institute
HOLT AgriBusiness	TeraGanix, Inc.
Texas Brigades Texas Wildlife Association	Capital Farm Credit
TML Intergovernmental Risk Pool	Texas Water Development Board
Turner Seed Company	U.S. Geological Survey Texas Water Science Center
Houston-Galveston Area Council	Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
Seabreeze Culvert, Inc.	Moir Watershed Services, LLC
Lower Colorado River Authority	North Star VMS/Helicopters
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Take Care of Texas	USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
Truax Company, Inc.	Plum Creek Watershed Partnership
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service	Frontier Hybrids, Inc.
Lampasas River Watershed Partnership	Association of Texas Conservation District Employees
Agricultural Workers Mutual Auto Insurance Company	Auxiliary of the Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts

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The following businesses and organizations provided significant contributions in support of this meeting

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Capital Farm Credit	Northeast Texas Association of SWCDs
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Dow AgroSciences	South Central Texas Association of SWCDs
USDA – Natural Resources Conservation Service	South Plains Association of SWCDs
Texas Poultry Federation	South Texas Association of SWCDs
Texas Farm Bureau	West Texas Association of SWCDs
Texas Association of Dairyemen	Hall-Childress SWCD #109
North Star VMS/Helicopters	Palo Duro SWCD #147
Moir Watershed Services, LLC	Gaines County SWCD #166
Texas Peanut Producers Board	Medina Valley SWCD #226
Western Peanut Growers Association	Coastal Plains SWCD #317
Association of Texas Conservation District Employees	Foote Insurance
Central Texas Association of SWCDs	Rex and Nancy Isom
Deep East Texas Association of SWCDs	Galveston Island Convention and Visitors Bureau
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Gulf Coast Association of SWCDs	

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