

# PROGRAM

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*Seventy-fifth  
Annual State Meeting  
of  
District Directors*

## **TEXAS SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS**

**October 26-28, 2015**

**American Bank Center  
Corpus Christi, Texas**

**The Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board would like to thank the following Sponsors:**



**Rex & Nancy Isom**

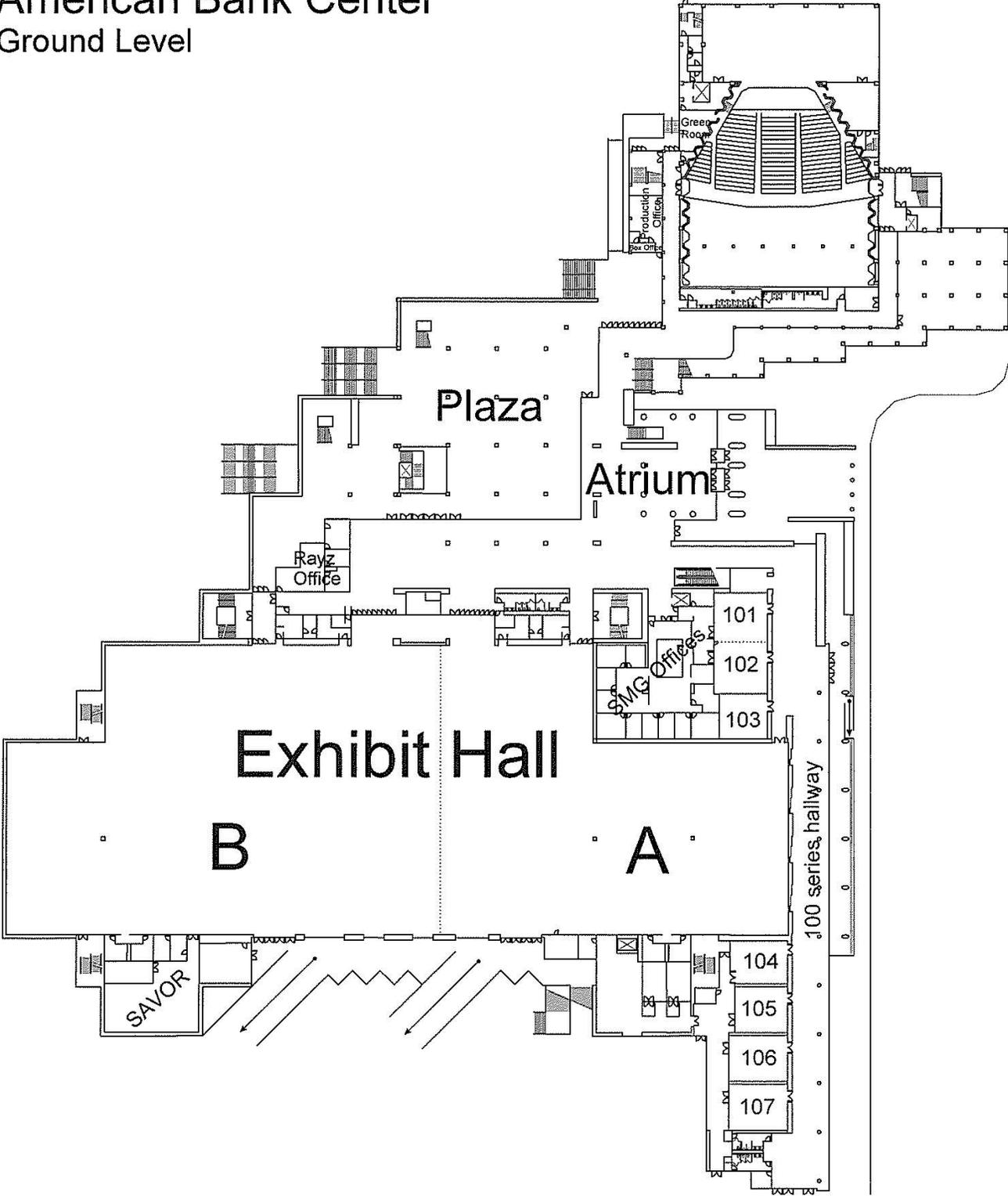


**James Moir, Moir Watershed Services LLC**

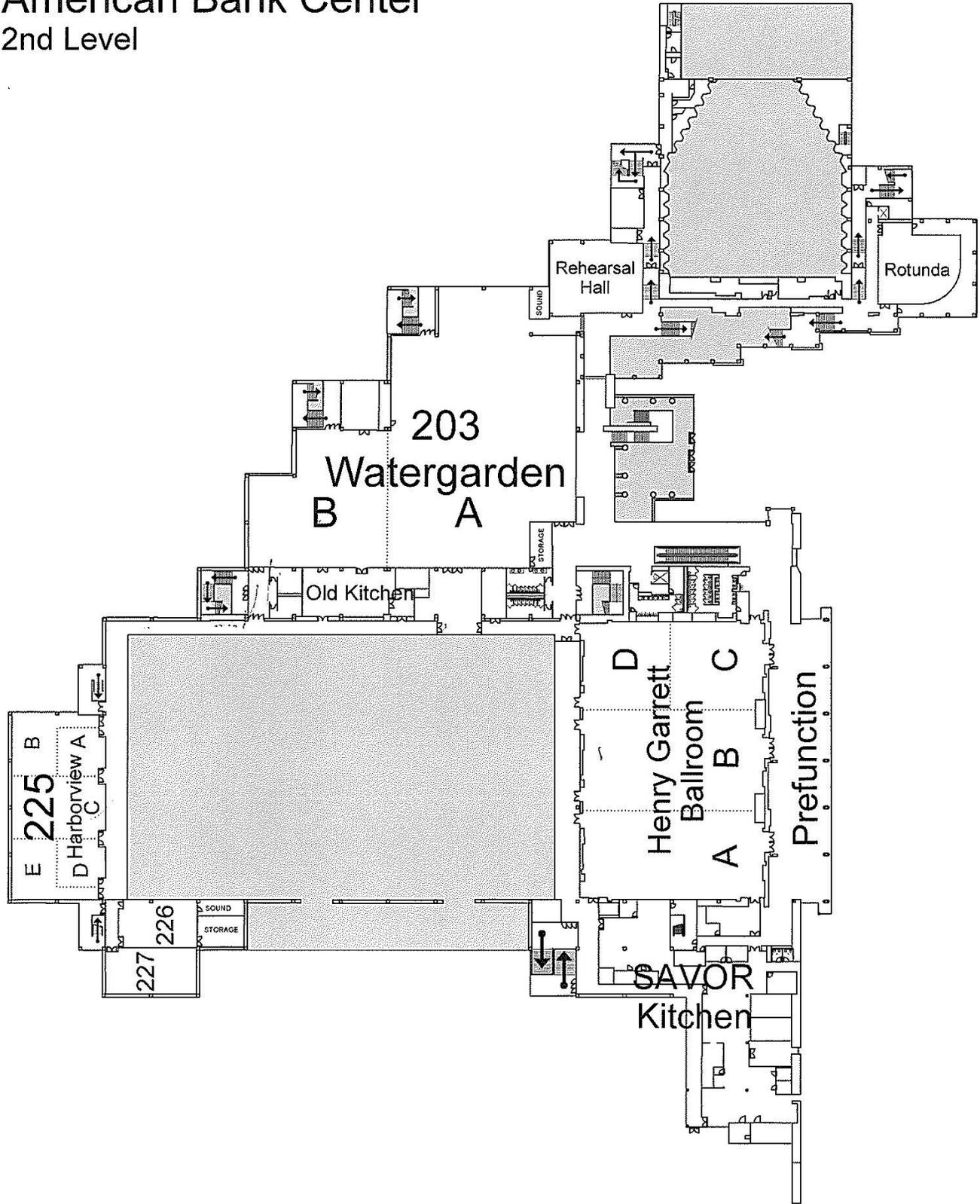


## NOTES

# American Bank Center Ground Level



# American Bank Center 2nd Level



# ROOM DIRECTORY

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## Registration:

- *Pre-registration* pick-up is in the Grand Lobby located on Ground Level
- *On-site registration* is in the Grand Lobby located on Ground Level

Headquarters Room: Located in the Show Manager Room on Ground Level

*Coffee and soft drinks courtesy of  
Capital Farm Credit*

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

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Please visit the Exhibitors located in Watergarden B located on Level 2

## **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*

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

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**COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**11:00 a.m. Association Board of Directors – Room 101 – Ground Level**

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**1:00 p.m. Soil and Water Stewardship Committee – Room 104 – Ground Level**

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**1:00 p.m. Texas Association of Watershed Sponsors – Henry Garret A Room – Level 2**

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**1:00 p.m. Public Information Committee – Room 105 – Ground Level**

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**1:00 p.m. Texas Conservation Association for Water and Soil - Room 106 – Ground Level**

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**2:00 p.m. Resolutions Committee – Room 102-Ground Level**

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**2:00 p.m. District Director Workshop: Henry Garrett C Room – Level 2  
Flood Control Program**

**3:00 p.m. Association of Texas Conservation District Employees Meeting – Room 107- Ground Level**

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**3:30 p.m. Invitational Meeting “Committee of 100” – Henry Garrett B Room – Level 2**

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**5:00 p.m. Area Discussion Sessions**

**Area I – Henry Garrett D Room – Level 2**

**Area II – Room 225 A & B – Level 2**

**Area III – Henry Garrett C Room – Level 2**

**Area IV – Room 225 D & E – Level 2**

**Area V – Room 225 C – Level 2**

# MONDAY

*October 26, 2015*

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7:00 p.m.

**Conservation Winners Appreciation Banquet**

Located in

Watergarden A Room – Level 2

**Sponsored by Ag. Workers Insurance**

Your name badge is your ticket for admission

## **Menu**

*Spring Salad*

*Porcini Dusted Beef Tenderloin and Pecan Crusted Chicken Breast with Roasted*

*Tomato Butter Sauce, Garlic Roasted Potato Medley, Season Vegetables*

*NY Cheesecake with Caramel and Chocolate Sauce*

*Coffee and Iced Tea*

## **Conservation Awards Ceremony**

*Presentation of Special Conservation Award*

*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*

**Master of Ceremonies will be Barry Mahler, Board Member of TSSWCB**

## **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*

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**7:30 a.m.**                      **Resolutions Committee** – Room 101 – Ground Level

**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** – Henry Garrett A & B – Level 2

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

**National Anthem** – Kenda Mahaffey, District Employee of Bedia Creek SWCD and Freestone SWCD

**Presentation of Colors** – Naval Air Station Color Guard in Corpus Christi

**Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and Texas Flags**

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**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.”

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**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.”

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**Invocation** – Nelda Garcia, Chairman of Jim Wells SWCD

**Welcome** – The Honorable Loyd Neal, Nueces County Judge

# **TUESDAY**

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

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

**Address – Rickey James; President, Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts; Plainview**

**Special Presentation– Larry Butler – RFD Out on the Land**  
Out on the Land is a series of shows on RFDtv that showcase farmers and ranchers who are excellent stewards of their land and its resources.

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

**Earth Team Volunteer Award –**

**Special Presentation –** Rickey James; President, Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts; Plainview

**Address –** Salvador Salinas; Texas State Conservationist, USDA-NRCS

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

***Endangered Species***

- Dr. Joy Nicholopoulos; Deputy Regional Director of US Fish and Wildlife Region 2 Office
- Dr. Robert Gulley; Texas Comptroller's Office
- Gene Richardson; Texas Farm Bureau

***Texas Water Needs***

- Representative Tracy O. King; Chairman Agriculture and Livestock Committee
- Scott Bledsoe; Director, Nueces River Authority
- Jim Bradbury, James D. Bradbury Law Firm PLLC

**12:00 Noon**

**Lunch on Your Own**

*American Bank Center concession in Lobby will be open*

# **TUESDAY**

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- 12:00 Noon**                      **Association Board of Directors Invitational Lunch with Area Association Officers – Room 102 – Ground Level**
- 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.**        **Concurrent Workshops #1 – Henry Garrett A & B - Level 2**
- **Cattle and Wildlife**
  - **Solar Water Pumping Systems**
- 2:45 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.**        **Concurrent Workshops #2 – Henry Garrett C & D Level 2**
- **Landowner Liability**
  - **Legislature Importance**
- 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.**        **Business Session – Henry Garrett A & B – Level 2**
- Texas Conservation Association for Water and Soil**
    - Election of Officers
    - Resolutions
  - Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts**
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    - Resolutions
- 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.**        **NRCS Employees Meeting – Henry Garrett C & D – Level 2**

# TUESDAY

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**12:00 noon**

**Spouses Social and Program – Pre Function Area – Level 2**

## **Menu**

*Garden Salad*

*Roasted Loin of Pork with Garlic and Fresh Herbs, Roasted Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables*

*Fruit Tart with Vanilla Bean and Toasted Almonds*

*Coffee and Iced Tea*

## **Auxiliary Business Session**

A business session will be conducted during the event.

**Spouses Tour – Buses at Front of Convention Center**

**2:00 p.m.**

One of the Coastal Bend's major visitor destinations and leading nature tourism facilities, the South Texas Botanical Gardens & Nature Center is strategically situated along Oso Creek on Corpus Christi's upscale south side. This unlikely blend of beauty in the wild nearly touches the northern reaches of the world-famous King Ranch, in an intriguing wildlife corridor. A 'Walk on the Wild Side' with Gator Lake, shaded nature trail, birding tower, Palapa Grande, wetlands boardwalk and Oso Loop Trail make this a key site on the Great Texas Coastal Birding Trail. This unique botanical destination has been featured in media across Texas, including Texas Highways, Texas Monthly, Houston Chronicle, San Antonio Express News, Austin American Statesman and Dallas Morning News.

For more information, please go to [www.stxbot.org](http://www.stxbot.org),

Tickets: \$30.00 per person

# **WEDNESDAY**

## *October 28, 2015*

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**8:00 a.m. - Noon**                      **Conservation Tour**

### King Ranch Tour and Barbeque Lunch

Founded by legendary Captain Richard King, in 1853, King Ranch is known as the birthplace of the ranching industry in America and is a National Historic Landmark. Today King Ranch, operating as a single producer, owns one of the largest beef cattle herds in the United States. This tour is an opportunity to look at this very historic ranch. The journey begins at the historic Santa Gertrudis Creek where Captain King first camped in 1852. Nearby, modern brush clearing equipment, land-going leviathans conceived and developed on King Ranch to clear mesquite and huisache from the pastures, has found a permanent parking place. Continuing your trip, your guide will explain the history and the modern day workings of the Ranch. You will see the Calera Pens where at roundup time the cattle are vaccinated, branded, and tagged. Keen eyes will spot wildlife along the way, and our wildlife tours are a totally separate program. Tours will pass the auction arena, the horse cemetery, and the Colony – home of the Kinenos or King’s Men. Historic buildings include Mrs. King’s carriage house, the Commissary with its lookout tower, the show barn, and the grand home built in 1912 by Captain King’s widow, Henrietta. Don’t miss out on this wonderful opportunity. There is also a tour of the King Ranch museum, and saddle shop. Lunch will be served at the King Ranch Cowboy Camphouse Barbeque this includes beef brisket and smoked sausage prepared over a mesquite wood fire, potato salad or coleslaw, campbeans, relishes, and beverage

Tickets: \$35 per person

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# MEETING EXHIBITORS

**Bamert Seed Company**

**HOLT AgriBusiness**

**Texas Brigades  
Texas Wildlife Association**

**TML Intergovernmental Risk Pool**

**Turner Seed Company**

**Houston-Galveston Area Council**

**Seabreeze Culvert, Inc.**

**Lower Colorado River Authority**

**Texas Commission on Environmental  
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**Truax Company, Inc.**

**Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service**

**Lampasas River Watershed Partnership**

**Agricultural Workers  
Mutual Auto Insurance Company**

**Texas Water Resources Institute**

**TeraGanix, Inc.**

**Capital Farm Credit**

**Texas Water Development Board**

**U.S. Geological Survey  
Texas Water Science Center**

**Texas Parks and Wildlife Department**

**Moir Watershed Services, LLC**

**North Star VMS/Helicopters**

**USDA Natural Resources  
Conservation Service**

**Plum Creek Watershed Partnership**

**Frontier Hybrids, Inc.**

**Association of  
Texas Conservation District Employees**

**Auxiliary of the Association of Texas  
Soil and Water Conservation Districts**

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# **SPECIAL THANKS**

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

<b>Agricultural Workers Mutual Auto Insurance Company</b>	<b>Gulf Coast Association of SWCDs</b>
<b>Capital Farm Credit</b>	<b>Hill Country Association of SWCDs</b>
<b>HOLT AgriBusiness</b>	<b>North Central Texas Association of SWCDs</b>
<b>MillerCoors</b>	<b>Northeast Texas Association of SWCDs</b>
<b>Dow AgroSciences</b>	<b>Panhandle Association of SWCDs</b>
<b>USDA – Natural Resources Conservation Service</b>	<b>Rolling Plains Association of SWCDs</b>
<b>Texas Poultry Federation</b>	<b>South Central Texas Association of SWCDs</b>
<b>Texas Farm Bureau</b>	<b>South Plains Association of SWCDs</b>
<b>Texas Association of Dairymen</b>	<b>South Texas Association of SWCDs</b>
<b>North Star VMS/Helicopters</b>	<b>West Texas Association of SWCDs</b>
<b>Moir Watershed Services, LLC</b>	<b>Hall-Childress SWCD #109</b>
<b>Texas Peanut Producers Board</b>	<b>Palo Duro SWCD #147</b>
<b>Western Peanut Growers Association</b>	<b>Gaines County SWCD #166</b>
<b>Association of Texas Conservation District Employees</b>	<b>Medina Valley SWCD #226</b>
<b>Central Texas Association of SWCDs</b>	<b>Coastal Plains SWCD #317</b>
<b>Deep East Texas Association of SWCDs</b>	<b>Foote Insurance</b>
<b>Far West Texas Association of SWCDs</b>	<b>Rex and Nancy Isom</b>

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*Stratford*

José Dodier, Vice Chairman  
*Zapata*

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*Rocksprings*

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*Telephone*

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*Montgomery*

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