

Press Release



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South Plains Assn. of SWCDS to Meet in Lubbock

TEMPLE, TX (February 10, 2016)-- The South Plains Association of Soil and water Conservation Districts (SPASWCDS) will meet February 17, at PYCO Industries located at 2901 Ave. A in Lubbock. The meeting will begin with registration at 9 a.m.

Featured program speakers will be Rick Kellison, project director of Texas Alliance of Water Conservation (TAWC). Kellison will be speaking about water conservation projects that TAWC is implementing on 6,000 acres in nine counties of the region.

“TAWC’s mission is to conserve water for future generations by collaborating to identify those agricultural production practices and technologies that, when integrated across farms and landscapes, will reduce the depletion of ground water while maintaining or improving agricultural production and economic opportunities,” said Kellison.

Speakers from the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board, Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts, Texas Conservation Association for Water and Soil, and the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service will update SWCD directors on state and national soil and water conservation programs and issues.

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Twenty-four soil and water conservation districts in the South Plains region of the state are members of the SPASWCDS. Counties which the SWCDS serve include Bailey, Lamb, Hale, Floyd, Motley, Cottle, Hardeman, Foard, Cochran, Hockley, Lubbock, Crosby, Dickens, King, Yoakum, Terry, Lynn, Garza, Kent, Stonewall, Gaines, Dawson, Borden, Scurry and Fisher.

Local Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDS) coordinate the implementation and deliverance of corresponding natural resource conservation programs to farmers and ranchers throughout the state. Additionally, SWCDS participate in planning, implementing, and managing programs for preventing and abating agricultural and silvicultural nonpoint sources of water pollution.

In other areas of responsibility, SWCDS participate in a state water supply enhancement program through the targeted control of water-depleting brush. An added area of responsibility permits SWCDS to engage in work to ensure local flood control dams are protecting lives and property by providing operation, maintenance, and structural repairs.

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