

PROGRAM

*Seventy-fourth
Annual State Meeting
of
District Directors*

**TEXAS SOIL AND WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICTS**

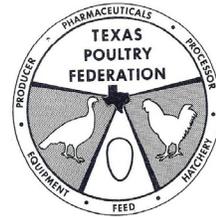
October 27-29, 2014

**Galveston Island Convention Center
Galveston, Texas**

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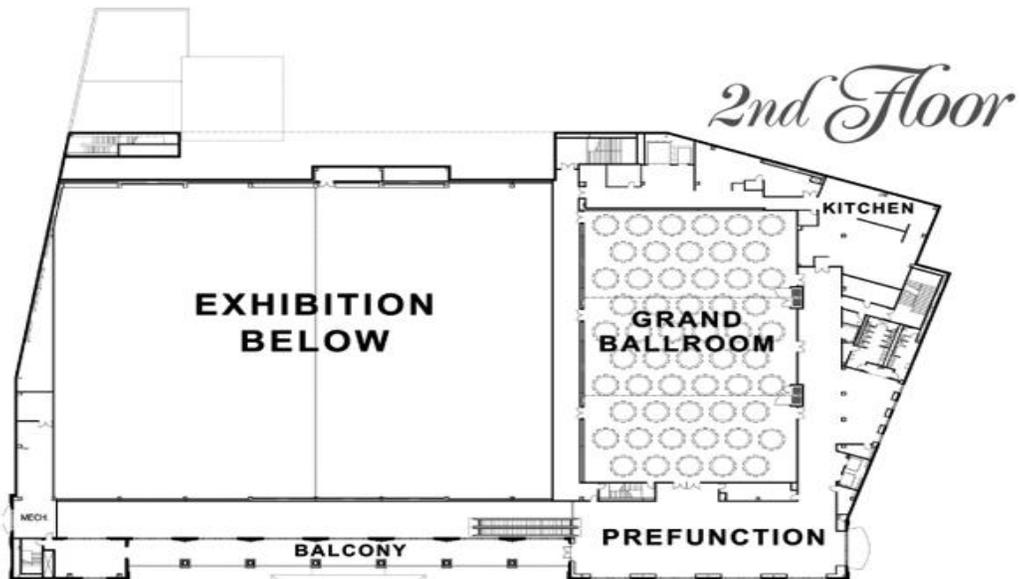
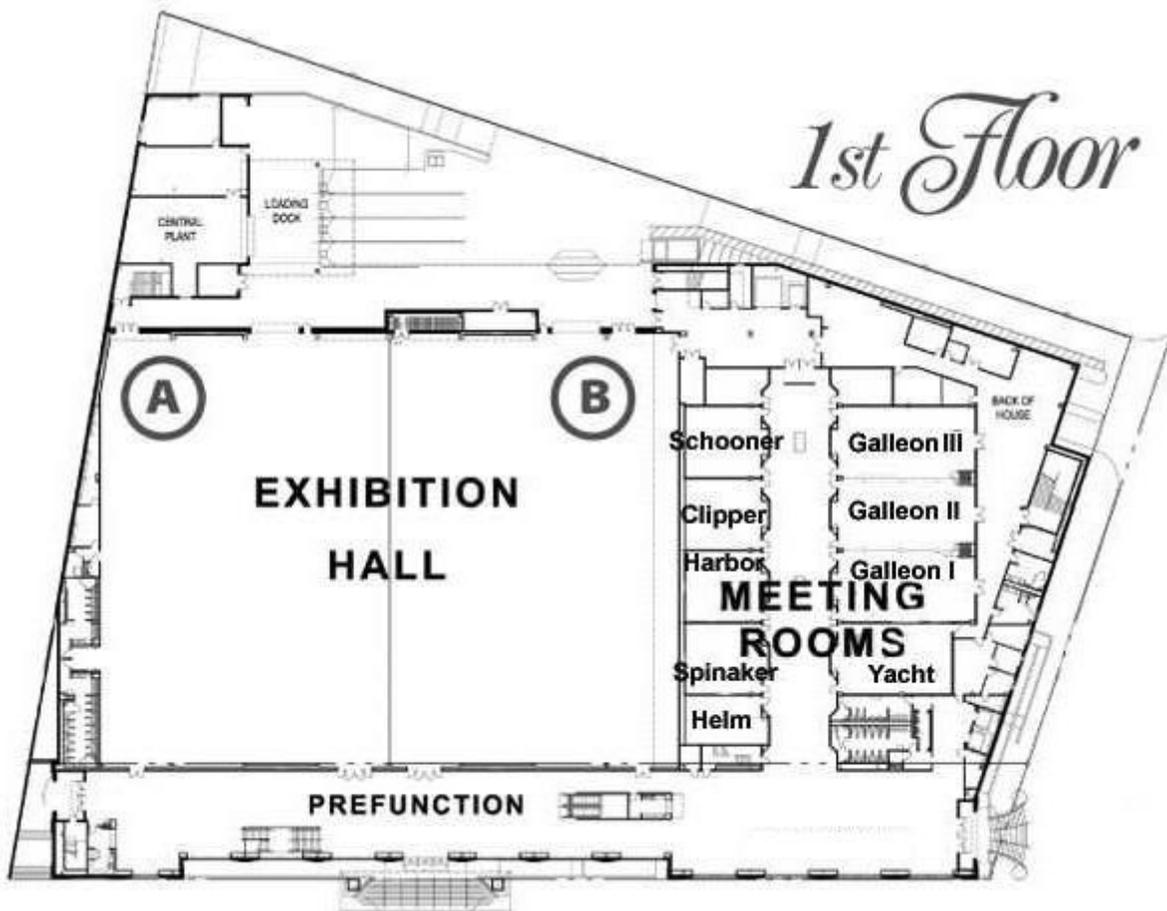


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NOTES

Galveston Island Convention Center Layout/Floor Plan



ROOM DIRECTORY

Registration:

- *Pre-registration* pick-up is located in the PreFunction Area First Floor
- *On-site registration* is located in the PreFunction Area First Floor

Headquarters Room: Located in the Helm Room First Floor

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 in the PreFunction Area First Floor

DOOR PRIZES

Door prizes are provided by the Area Associations of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts. Drawings will be held at the “District Director 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 27, 2014

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

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

11:00 a.m. Association Board of Directors
Schooner Room First Floor

1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. NRCS Workshops
Galleon II Room First Floor

- 1) 2014 Farm Bill Program
Mark Habiger; NRCS Assistant State Conservationist, Programs; Temple
- 2) Gulf of Mexico Issues and Opportunities
Tomas Dominguez; NRCS Assistant State Conservationist, Field Operations; Corpus Christi
- 3) Watershed Rehab Program
Lori Ziehr; NRCS Soil Conservationist; Temple

1:00 p.m. Soil and Water Stewardship Committee
Leeward Boardroom First Floor

1:00 p.m. Texas Association of Watershed Sponsors
Galleon I Room First Floor

1:00 p.m. Public Information Committee
Clipper Room First Floor

1:00 p.m. Texas Conservation Association for Water and Soil
Clipper Room First Floor

2:00 p.m. Resolutions Committee
Harbor Room First Floor

2:00 p.m. District Director Workshop: Working with the Legislature
Galleon III Room First Floor

3:00 p.m. Association of Texas Conservation District Employees Meeting
Spinnaker Room First Floor
Presentation Amy Campbell of the Texas County and District Retirement System

3:30 p.m. Invitational Meeting “Committee of 100”
Galleon III Room First Floor

5:00 p.m. Area Discussion Sessions

- Area I** – Galleon I Room First Floor
- Area II** – Spinnaker Room First Floor
- Area III** – Galleon II Room First Floor
- Area IV** – Yacht Room First Floor
- Area V** – Galleon III Room First Floor

MONDAY

October 27, 2014

7:00 p.m.

District Director Appreciation Banquet

Grand Ballroom A & B Second Floor

Sponsored by Ag. Workers Insurance

Your name badge is your ticket for admission

Dan K. Utley

Lecturer and Chief Historian,

Center for Texas Public History at Texas State University

Historian and Published Author

Menu

Salad

Galveston Island Caesar

*Romaine Hearts, Romano Cheese, Garlic Croutons,
Grape Tomatoes, Zesty Homemade Caesar Dressing*

Entrée

Chipotle-Glazed Fire-Grilled Shrimp and Grilled Filet Mignon

Tomatillo Cream Sauce

Dessert

Triple Chocolate Cheesecake

Beverages

Starbucks Coffee and Iced Tea

Following the Appreciation Banquet

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

TUESDAY

October 28, 2014

7:30 a.m.

Resolutions Committee

Harbor Room First Floor

8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Pre-Registration Pick-up and On-Site Registration

PreFunction Area First Floor

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

General Session

Grand Ballroom A & B Second Floor

Presiding – Marty H. Graham; Chairman, Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board; Rocksprings

National Anthem – Galveston Ball High School Choir Octet

Presentation of Colors – Galveston Ball High Junior ROTC,
Senior Army Instructor Major Knight

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 – Johnny Sawyer; Secretary, Llano SWCD #233

Welcome – Honorable Kenneth Clark, Galveston County Commissioner

TUESDAY

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

Grand Ballroom A & B Second Floor

Presentation of State Poster Award – Jasmine Chapa, Kleberg-Kenedy SWCD #356

Presentation of 13 & Under State Essay Award – Miranda Schott, Bandera SWCD #229

Presentation of 14- 18 State Essay Award – Talli Morrison, San Saba SWCD #250

Address – Honorable Pete Laney, Former Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives

Presentation of FFA Soil and Water Stewardship Public Speaking Leadership Development Award – Breanthy Baker, Sulpher-Cypress SWCD #419

Presentation of Outstanding Farmer Award – Andy Popp, Upper Elm Red SWCD #524

Presentation of Outstanding Rancher Award – Bob McCan of McFaddin Ranches, Victoria SWCD #346

Presentation of Friend of Conservation Award – Ellen & Buddy Temple of Temple Ranch, Aqua Poquita SWCD #321

Presentation of Outstanding Teacher Award – Sonya Young, Yoakum SWCD #150

Presentation of Outstanding SWCD Award – Edwards – Plateau SWCD #222

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

TUESDAY

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8:30 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. General Session (continued)
Grand Ballroom A & B Second Floor

Address – Honorable Kathleen Jackson, Texas Water Development Board

Earth Team Volunteer Award – Russell “Russ” Dorrough, Red River County SWCD #423

Address – Ricky James; President, Association of Texas SWCDs; Plainview

10:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Panel Discussion – Moderated by Scott Buckles, Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board
Grand Ballroom A & B Second Floor

Waters of the U.S.

*Eugene Thilsted, Ph.D, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency,
Special Policy Advisor for Agriculture, Dallas*

James D. Bradbury, Attorney, PLLC, Fort Worth

Farm Bill

*Dr. Joe Outlaw, Co-Director, Agricultural and Food Policy Center,
Department of Agricultural Economics, Texas A&M University,
College Station*

*Bob McCan, McFaddin Enterprises of Victoria, and President of
the National Cattlemen’s Beef Association*

12:00 Noon Lunch on Your Own

TUESDAY

October 28, 2014

12:00 Noon

Association Board of Directors' Invitational Lunch with Area Association Officers
Yacht Room First Floor

1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Concurrent Workshops #1

- **Hassel-Fire Habitat: Endangered Species Act**
Grand Ballroom A Second Floor
Tim Anderson, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Biologist, Partners of Fish and Wildlife and Coastal Programs, Corpus Christi Field Office
Edith Erling, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Team Leader, Texas Coastal Ecological Services, Corpus Christi Field Office
- **NRCS Report**
Grand Ballroom B Second Floor
John Mueller; NRCS Civil Engineer; Temple

2:45 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.

Concurrent Workshops #2

- **Border Patrol: Detain, Deport, Defend**
Grand Ballroom A Second Floor
J.D. Robertson, Commander, Texas Rangers, Special Operations Group, Border Security
- **NRCS Administrative Convergence**
Grand Ballroom B Second Floor
Wayne Jipsen; NRCS Management Analyst; Temple

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

Business Session

Grand Ballroom A Second Floor

-Texas Conservation Association for Water and Soil

- Election of Officers
- Resolutions

-Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts

- Election of Officers
- Resolutions

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

NRCS Employees Meeting

Grand Ballroom B Second Floor

TUESDAY

October 28, 2014

12:00 noon

Spouses Social and Program

Program will be held at the Hilton Galveston Island Resort

THE BROOKLYN DELI BUFFET

*Basket of Fresh Garden Greens,
Cherry Tomatoes, Mushrooms, Cucumbers, Alfalfa Sprouts,
Grated Cheese, Crumbled Bacon, Chopped Eggs,
Garlic Croutons and a Selection of House made Dressings,
Pasta Salad, Potato Salad and Creamy Coleslaw*

*Deli Display Including:
Honey Glazed Ham, Smoked Turkey, Roast Beef,
Salami, Aged Cheddar and Swiss Cheeses
and Assorted Bakery Basket*

*Display of Sliced Red Onions, Green Leaf Lettuce,
Sliced Vine-Ripened Tomatoes, Kosher Pickles, Cherry Peppers
and Pepperoncini Peppers*

Freshly Baked Chocolate Cookies and Fudge Brownies

Auxiliary Business Session

A business session will be conducted during the event.

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

Cool Tours' **East End Historic City Tour** is Galveston Island's most comprehensive sightseeing tour of the Historic East End. The tour covers Seawall Blvd where we provide live narration of the history of Galveston Island and the City of Galveston including Galveston's heyday as the Wall Street of the Southwest, the Great Storm of 1900, the building of Seawall Blvd, and the grade-raising of the Island; then you will see the mansions of Broadway Ave; the 19th century homes and tree sculptures of the East End Historic District; Pier 21 amusement attractions; Historic Strand District with its shopping, museums, and restaurants; the art galleries, cafes and night life of Post Office Street; The Grand 1894 Opera House; the Historic Downtown District; and the Silk Stocking Historic District, and more!

Tickets: \$20.00 per person
This tour is limited to 40

Buses will load and unload in front of the Hilton Galveston Island Resort

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at the On-site Registration Desk*

WEDNESDAY

October 29, 2014

8:00 a.m. - Noon Conservation Tour

Haak Vineyards & Winery

Galveston County's first and only winery is located in Santa Fe, Texas and has become a destination winery and a major tourist attraction. Mr. Haak began growing grapes in 1969 as a hobby. He experimented with numerous grape varietals to determine which varieties would survive the climatic conditions along the Gulf Coast of Texas. After more than 25 years, the Haaks decided to turn their wine and grape growing passion into a commercial operation. They planted additional acres of grapes and a few years later designed and built a modern, Mediterranean style facility which reflects the winery's mission statement of offering "A Taste of the Old World in Galveston County".

This tour is limited to 1 (two) bus.

Tickets: \$20.00 per person

BUSES WILL LOAD AT THE HILTON GALVESTON ISLAND RESORT

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
Quality
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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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Texas Farm Bureau	South Texas Association of SWCDs
Texas Association of Dairymen	West Texas Association of SWCDs
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