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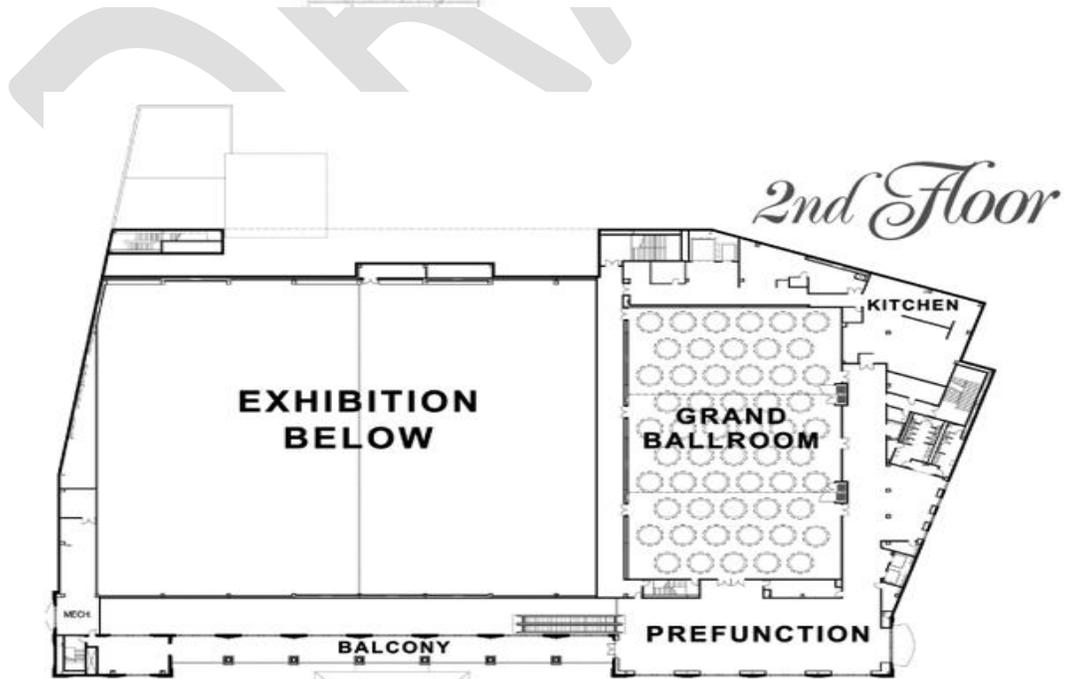
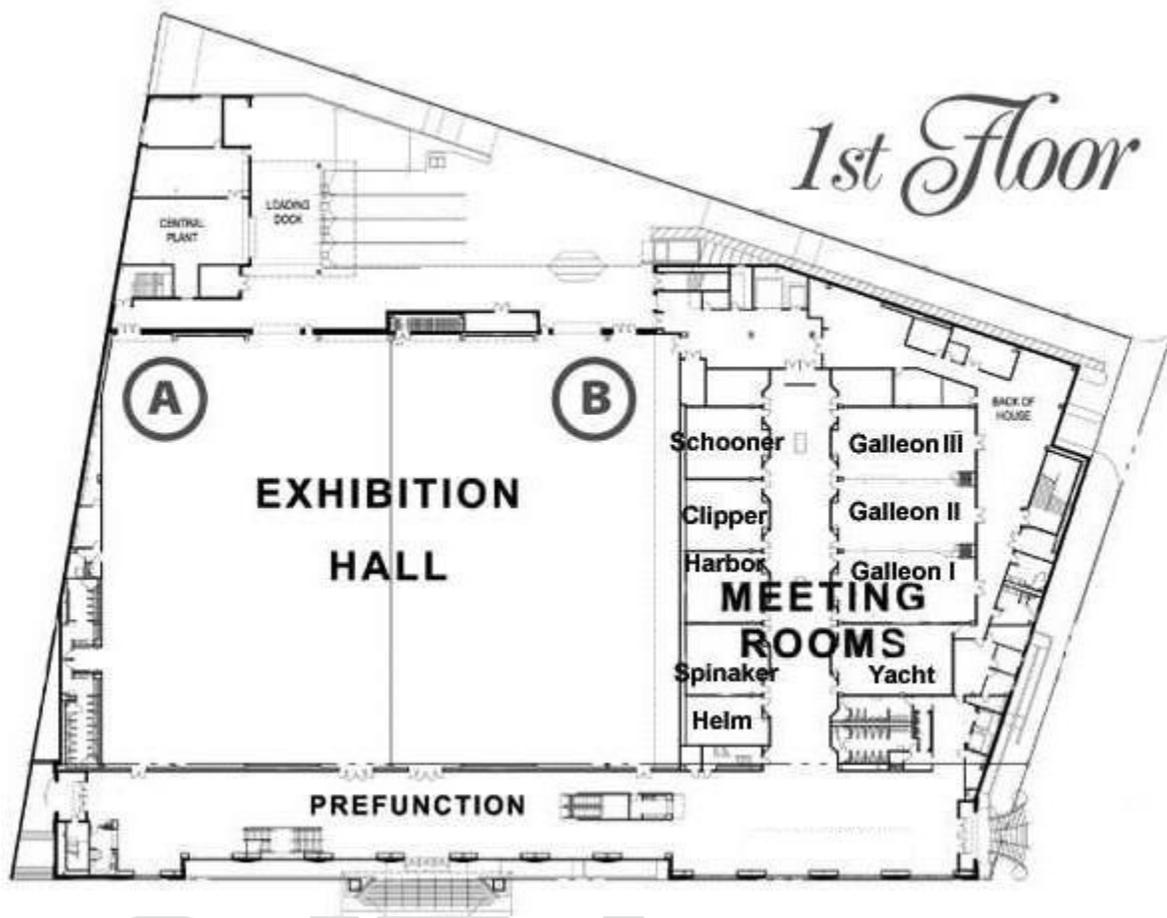
*Seventy-fourth
Annual State Meeting
of
District Directors*

**TEXAS SOIL AND WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICTS**

October 27-29, 2014

**Galveston Convention Center
Galveston, Texas**

Galveston Convention Center Layout/Floor Plan



ROOM DIRECTORY

Registration:

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

Headquarters Room: Located in

Coffee and soft drinks courtesy of

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

Please visit the Exhibitors located in

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 27, 2014

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 Workshop –

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 –

2:00 p.m. Texas Conservation Association for Water and Soil –

2:00 p.m. Resolutions Committee –

2:00 p.m. District Director Workshop: Working with the Legislature –

**3:00 p.m. Association of Texas Conservation District Employees Meeting –
Presentation Amy Campbell of the Texas County & District Retirement System
(TCDRS)**

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 –

MONDAY

October 27, 2014

7:00 p.m.

Director Appreciation Banquet –

Your name badge is your ticket for admission

Dan K. Utley
Lecturer and Chief Historian, Center of Texas Public History
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 for music 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

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

National Anthem –

Presentation of Colors – Ball High JROTC, the 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 –

Welcome – Honorable Kenneth Clark, Galveston County Commissioner

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

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

TUESDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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Address – Honorable Kathleen Jackson, Texas Water Development Board

10:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Panel Discussion

Waters of the U.S.:

*W. Eugene Thilstad, Ph. D, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency,
Special Policy Advisor – Agriculture*

James D. Bradbury, PLLC, Fort Worth

Farm Bill:

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

*Bob McCann, McFaddin Enterprises of Victoria, Texas
President of the National Cattlemen’s Beef Association*

12:00 Noon Lunch on Your Own

TUESDAY

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- 12:00 Noon** **Association Board of Directors' Invitational Lunch with Area Association Officers –**
- 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.** **Concurrent Workshops**
- Hassel-Fire Habitat: Endangered Species Act - Don Wilham, USFWS, State Partners Program Coordinator
- 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.** **NRCS Workshop –**
- 2:45 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.** **Concurrent Workshops #2**
- Border Patrol: Detain, Deport, Defend – J. D. Robertson, Commander, Texas Rangers, Special Operations Group, Border Security
 - NRCS Workshop –Sal Salinas, USDA-NRCS State Conservationist
- 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.** **Business Session –**
- Texas Conservation Association for Water and Soil**
 - Election of Officers
 - Resolutions
 - Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts**
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- 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.** **NRCS Employees Meeting –**

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.

Spouse's Tour

2:00 p.m.

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 Galveston Convention Center

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at the On-site Registration Desk*

WEDNESDAY

October 29, 2014

Conservation Tour

8:00 a.m. – Noon

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 varieties 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 2 (two) busses.

Tickets: \$20.00 per person

BUSES WILL LOAD AT THE GALVESTON CONVENTION CENTER

MEETING EXHIBITORS

Bamert Seed Company	TeraGanix, Inc.
HOLT AgriBusiness	Capital Farm Credit
Texas Brigades/Texas Wildlife Association	Texas Water Development Board
TML Intergovernmental Risk Pool	Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Wildlife & Fisheries Sciences
Turner Seed Company	Texas Parks & Wildlife Department
Brown Bear Corp.	Moir Watershed Services, LLC
Seabreeze Culvert, Inc.	North Star VMS/Helicopters
Toby Globy Eco Action	USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality – Take Care of Texas	Plum Creek Watershed Partnership
Truax Company, Inc.	Frontier Hybrids, Inc.
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service	Association of Texas Conservation District Employees
Texas A&M Forest Service	Auxiliary of the Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts
Agricultural Workers Mutual Auto Insurance Company	

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Texas Association of Dairymen	Northeast Texas Association of SWCDs
North Star VMS/Helicopters	Panhandle Association of SWCDs
Moir Watershed Services, LLC	Rolling Plains Association of SWCDs
Texas Peanut Producers Board	South Central Texas Association of SWCDs
Western Peanut Growers Association	South Plains Association of SWCDs
Association of Texas Conservation District Employees	South Texas Association of SWCDs
Central Texas Association of SWCDs	West Texas Association of SWCDs
Deep East Texas Association of SWCDs	

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