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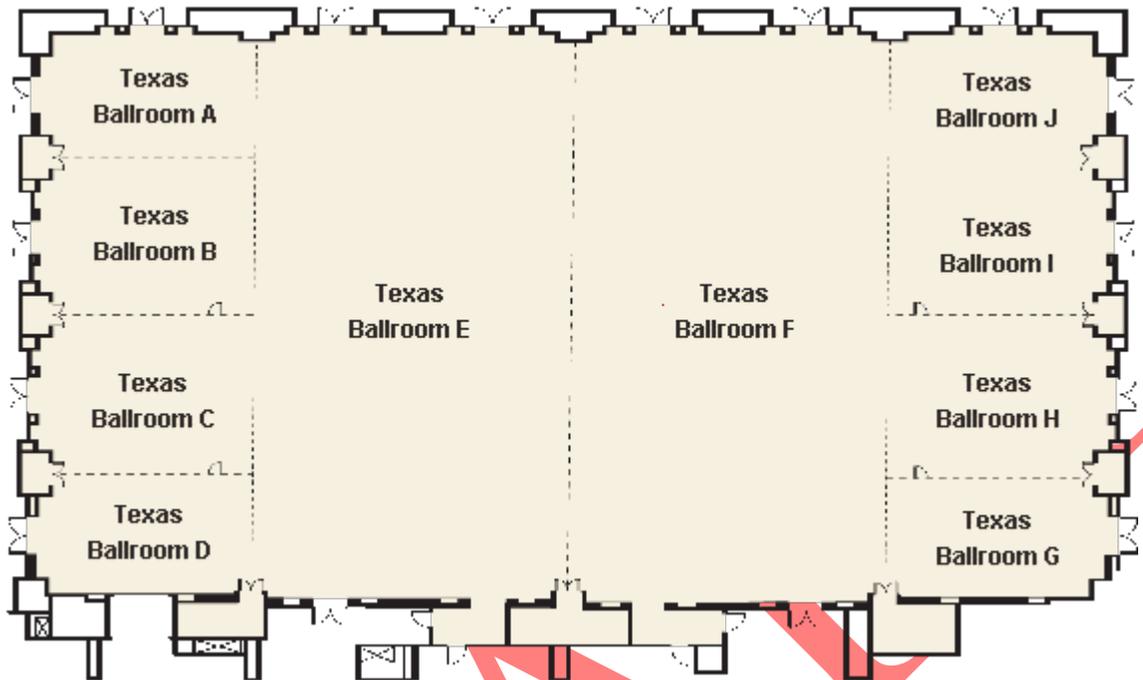
*Seventy-third
Annual State Meeting
of
District Directors*

**TEXAS SOIL AND WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICTS**

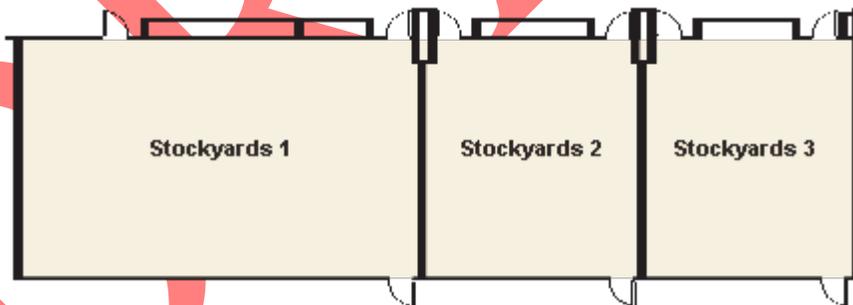
October 28-30, 2013

**Omni Hotel
Fort Worth, Texas**

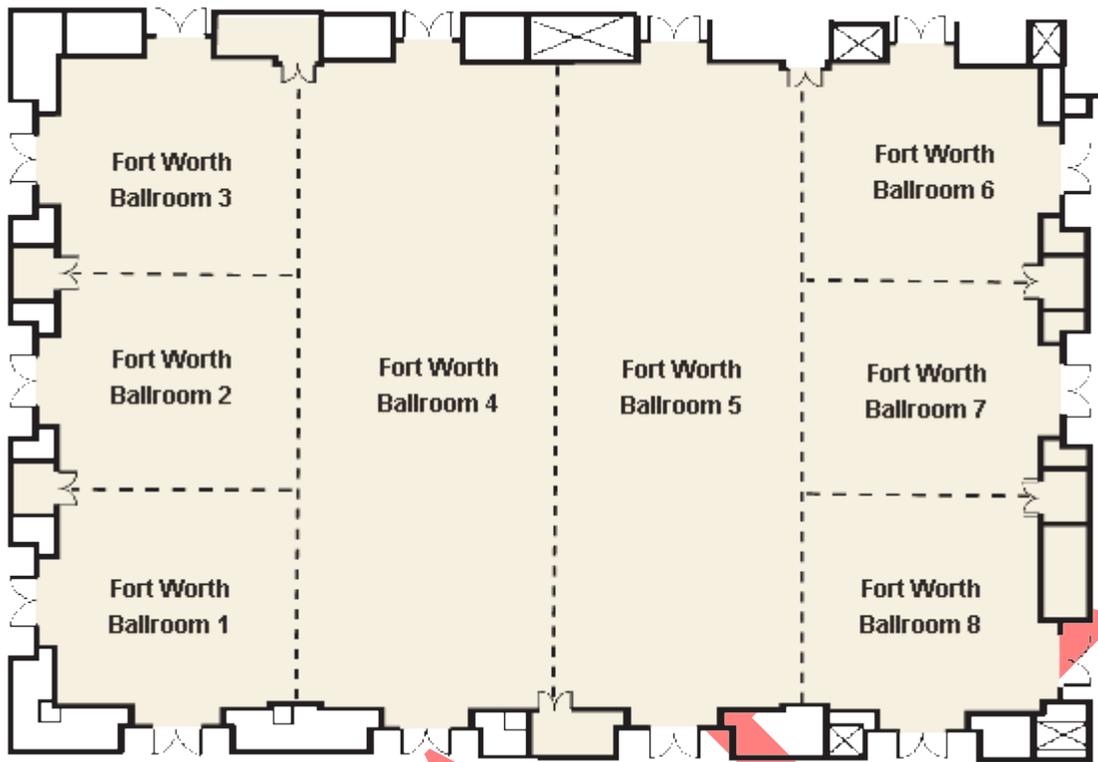
Hotel Layout/Floor Plan



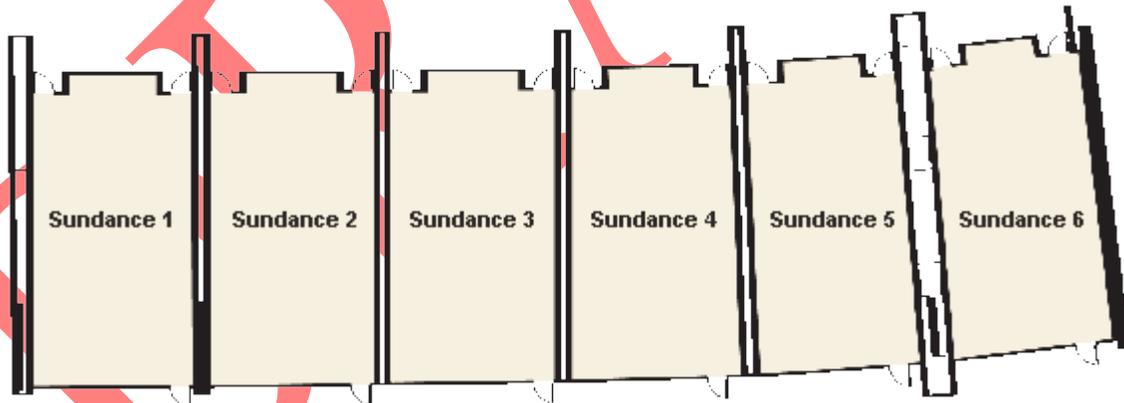
2nd Floor Texas Ballroom



2nd Floor Stockyard Rooms



2nd Floor Fort Worth Ballroom



3rd Floor Sundance Rooms

ROOM DIRECTORY

Registration:

- *Pre-registration* pick-up is located in the Texas Ballroom Foyer (2nd Floor)
- *On-site registration* is located in the Texas Ballroom Foyer (2nd Floor)

Headquarters Room: Located in Sundance 5 (3rd Floor)

*Coffee and soft drinks courtesy of
Texas Poultry Federation and Texas Farm Bureau*

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

Please visit the Exhibitors located in the Texas Ballroom Foyer

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 28, 2013

10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Pre-Registration Pick-up and On-Site Registration – Texas Ballroom Foyer (2nd Floor)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

11:00 a.m. Association Board of Directors – Sundance 1 (3rd Floor)

1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Various NRCS Workshops – Sundance 4 (3rd Floor)

- New Engineering Tools, John Mueller and Brian Wenberg
 - 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- Soil Health and Organic Production, TX NRCS Ecological Sciences Staff
 - 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
- Success Stories from National and State Farm Bill Initiatives, NRCS and TSSWCB Staff
 - 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

1:00 p.m. Soil and Water Stewardship Committee – Sundance 3 (3rd Floor)

1:00 p.m. Texas Association of Watershed Sponsors – Texas AB (2nd Floor)

1:00 p.m. Public Information Committee – Sundance 1 (3rd Floor)

2:00 p.m. Texas Conservation Association for Water and Soil – Sundance 1 (3rd Floor)

2:00 p.m. Resolutions Committee – Sundance 2 (3rd Floor)

2:00 p.m. District Director Workshop – Working with the Legislature – Texas CD (2nd Floor)

3:00 p.m. Association of Texas Conservation District Employees Meeting – Sundance 4 (3rd Floor)

3:30 p.m. Invitational Meeting “Committee of 100” – Texas CD (2nd Floor)

5:00 p.m. Area Discussion Sessions –

Area I – Texas AB (2nd Floor)

Area II – Stockyards 1 (2nd Floor)

Area III – Sundance 6 (2nd Floor)

Area IV – Texas CD (2nd Floor)

Area V – Fort Worth 6 & 7 (2nd Floor)

MONDAY

October 28, 2013

7:00 p.m.

Legislative Appreciation Banquet

Texas Ballroom E-J (2nd Floor)

Your name badge is your ticket for admission

Keynote Speaker

Honorable Craig Estes

State Senator

State Senate District 30

Wichita Falls

Menu

Salad

Baby Iceberg Wedge with Oven Dried Roma Tomatoes, Deep Ellum Blue Cheese, Pickled Red Onions, Candied Pecans, with Cream Peppercorn Dressing

Dinner Entrée

*Beef Tenderloin Medallion, Wholegrain Mustard Sauce Paired with Chicken Roulade, Herbed Cream Seasonal Vegetables, Bleu Cheese Potato Pie
Artisan Bread Basket*

Dessert

Texas Pecan and Chocolate Chip Torte

Beverages

Starbucks® Coffee Service, Tazo® Hot Tea 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 29, 2013

7:30 a.m.

Resolutions Committee – Texas Ballroom A (2nd Floor)

8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Pre-Registration Pick-up and On-Site Registration –
Texas Ballroom Foyer (2nd Floor)

8:30 a.m.

General Session – Texas Ballroom E& F (2nd Floor)

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

National Anthem – Kenda Maheffey; District Employee of Bedias Creek SWCD #428 and Freestone County SWCD #424

Presentation of Colors – G.B. Trimble Technical High School, Fort Worth ISD

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.”

TUESDAY

October 29, 2013

Invocation –

Welcome – Bobby Waddle; Chairman, Dalworth SWCD; DeSoto

Address – Honorable Wendy Davis, State Senator; State Senate District 10;
Fort Worth

Presentation of State Poster Award – Emma Milam, Victoria SWCD #346

Presentation of State Essay Award – (Ages 13 and Under) - Alley Johnson,
Bosque SWCD #555

Presentation of State Essay Award – (Ages 14 to 18) – Morgan Jackson,
Brazos Valley SWCD #557

Address – Honorable Tommy Williams; State Senator; State Senate District 4;
The Woodlands

**Presentation of the FFA Soil and Water Stewardship Public Speaking
Leadership Development Award** –

Presentation of Outstanding SWCD Award – Gillispie County SWCD #220
Award Sponsored by Agricultural Workers Mutual Auto Insurance Company

Address – Earl Garber; NACD President; Acadia Parish, Louisiana

Presentation of Outstanding Teacher Award – Nancy Oertli, Washington
SWCD #348 – *Award Sponsored by HOLT AgriBusiness*

Address – Heather Harward; Executive Director, H2O 4 Texas; Austin

Address – Tom Christensen; Acting Associate Chief of Operations; USDA
Natural Resources Conservation Service; Washington D.C.

Special Presentation – Jule Richmond, President, Association of Texas SWCDs;
Blanket

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Address – Salvador Salinas, State Conservationist, USDA-Natural Resources
Conservation Service; Temple

TUESDAY

October 29, 2013

12:00 Noon

Lunch on Your Own

Association Board of Directors' Invitational Lunch with Area Association Officers – Sundance #3 (3rd Floor)

1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Concurrent Workshops #1 – Texas Ballroom E (2nd Floor)

Underground Water Laws and Private Property
Meadows Center for Water and the Environment

Estate Planning – Texas Ballroom F (2nd Floor)

Gina Bono Andrews; Attorney, Oaks, Hartline & Daly, L.L.P.; Houston and
Karen Dalton Walker; Attorney; Oaks, Hartline & Daly, L.L.P.; Houston

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

NRCS Workshop – Texas Ballroom D (2nd Floor)

- Field Office Management Topics, NRCS SAO Staff
 - 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Update on Farm Bill Programs, Mark Habiger
 - 2:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

2:45 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

Concurrent Workshops #2 – Texas Ballroom E (2nd Floor)

“A Brief History of Pesticide Use”

Laura M. Miller; County Extension Agent, Commercial Horticulture;
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service; Tarrant County

Pesticide Applicators Credit (1 hour CEU credit)

“Agricultural/rural impacts of funding: Water for Texas”

Cameron Turner, TWDB Agricultural Water Conservation

2:45 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

NRCS Workshop - Texas Ballroom D (2nd Floor)

- Soil Presentations, SCAN sites, gamma ray mapping, etc, James Gordon
 - 2:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Public Affairs Presentations, Texas NRCS Public Affairs Specialists
 - 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Business Sessions - Texas Conservation Association for Water and Soil –
Texas Ballroom E (2nd Floor)

-Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts

Salvador Salinas, Texas State Conservationist; USDA-NRCS; Temple

Election of Officers

Resolutions

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

NRCS Employees Meeting – Texas Ballroom F (2nd Floor)

TUESDAY

October 29, 2013

12:00 noon

Spouses Social and Program

Program will be held at the Omni Hotel – Fort Worth 6-8 (2nd Floor)

Appetizer Menu

Roasted Fresh Baby Vegetables
White Bean Hummus and Yellow Tomato Bruschetta
Grilled Wild Mushroom Relish on Whole Grain Crostini
Carrot Chips, Baked Zucchini Chips, and Beet Chips
Caramelized Onion and Roasted Tomato Pie, Micro
Arugula
Warm Spiced Poached Apples, Low Fat Vanilla
Cottage Cheese
Pumpkin Granola Bars
Spicy Popcorn
Lavender- Blueberry Iced Tea
Peach Melba Milkshakes

Auxiliary Business Session

A business session will be conducted during the event.

2:00 p.m. **Tour**

National Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame- honors and celebrates women, past and present, whose lives exemplify the courage, resilience, and independence that helped shape the American West, and fosters and appreciation of the ideals and spirit of self-reliance they inspire.

The Montgomery Street Antique Mall - is Fort Worth' Largest Antique Mall, with 61,000 sq. feet of quality antique booths. It is voted "BEST ANTIQUES" in the Fort Worth Star Telegram's "Readers' Choice Awards" year after year!

\$ 20 per person

Bus will load and unload in front of the Omni Hotel

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WEDNESDAY

October 30, 2013

7:30 a.m. – Noon

Agricultural Tours

The Bear Creek Ranch is a sheep and cattle operation utilizing native pasture to produce organic beef and mutton. Cross fencing and water distribution to control and maintain a healthy grazing system is strictly utilized to maintain the vitality and sustainability of grasses.

The ranch is also used by researchers to analyze and measure the carbon sequestration potentials of native grasses.

The tour will be returning to the Omni Hotel.

Limited to 2 Buses - \$20 per person

Buses will load and unload in front of the Omni Hotel

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MEETING EXHIBITORS

**Bamert Seed Company
Holt AgriBusiness
TX Brigades/TX Wildlife Association
TML Intergovernmental Risk Pool
Turner Seed Company
Brown Bear Corp.
Seabreeze Culvert, Inc.
Toby-Globy
TCEQ- Take Care of Texas
Truax Company, Inc.
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension
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TeraGanix, Inc.
Capital Farm Credit
Texas Water Development Board
Texas A&M AgriLife Wildlife & Fisheries
Texas Parks and Wildlife**

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Texas Pork Producers Association
Texas Peanut Producers & Western Peanut Growers
Texas Association of Conservation District Employees
Central Texas Association of SWCDs
Coastal plains Association of SWCDs
Deep East Texas Association of SWCDs
Far West Texas Association of SWCDs
Gulf Coast Association of SWCDs
Hill Country Association of SWCDs
North Central Texas Association of SWCDs
Northeast Texas Association of SWCDs
Panhandle Association of SWCDs
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South Central Association of SWCDs
South Plains Association of SWCDs
South Texas Association of SWCDs
West Texas Association of SWCDs**

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