

# PACD/SCC Joint Annual Conference



Genetti Hotel, Williamsport, PA  
July 17-18, 2019

# Meet Our Presenters

## Concurrent Sessions

July 17, 2019 | 4:30 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.

### Farm Bill Update



United States  
Department of  
Agriculture

#### **Denise Coleman**

##### **State Conservationist, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)**

Denise Coleman has served as NRCS state conservationist for Pennsylvania since April 2010. In this capacity, she manages the overall technical and financial assistance operations for Pennsylvania. She began her career in natural resources conservation in 1992 with the Wyoming County Conservation District as an educational coordinator and Chesapeake Bay watershed assessment technician. Before becoming state conservationist, she was chief of staff for the regional conservationists at the NRCS National Office in Washington, DC, where she served as national farm and ranch lands protection program manager, conservation technical assistance program manager, performance and budget coordinator, and Farm Bill liaison.

#### **Natural Resources Conservation Service**



National Association of  
Conservation Districts

#### **Eric Hansen**

##### **Government Affairs Manager and Northeast Region Representative, National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD)**

Eric Hansen works with the NACD government affairs team to represent America's 3,000 conservation districts and the 17,000 men and women who serve on their governing boards. In addition, he works with NACD's Northeastern states, ensuring they are supported at the national level. Previously, he led the National Young Farmers Coalition's (NYFC) federal policy work. At NYFC, he primarily focused on access to credit, farmland transition, and agricultural easement programs. He also held a fellowship with the Senate Agriculture Committee during the development and passage of the 2014 Farm Bill. He holds a bachelor's degree from Colby College and a master's from Duke University in environmental policy.

### Pennsylvania's Energy Horizons



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#### **Tom Murphy**

##### **Director, Penn State's Marcellus Center for Outreach and Research**

As Director of Penn State's Marcellus Center for Outreach and Research, Tom Murphy supports the Center's mission to pursue science-based research and understanding for the many issues surrounding the development of shale energy in PA and around the world. His current work centers on educational consultation in natural resource development, with an emphasis on natural gas exploration and related topics. He lectures globally on natural gas development from shale, the economics driving the process, and its broad impacts. He is a graduate of Penn State.



#### **Adam Walters**

##### **Senior Energy Advisor, Governor's Office of Energy**

Adam is Senior Energy Advisor serving in Governor Wolf's Office of Energy where he is committed to developing an integrated approach to energy matters across commonwealth agencies. He works with public, nongovernmental, and the private sectors to assist in planning, implementing, and promoting energy-related projects and initiatives. Previously, Adam was a William Penn Fellow with the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development, where he supported the agency's goals of developing business investment and recruitment strategies for the commonwealth in the energy sector. He earned his Master of Public Administration from Penn State and holds a bachelor's degree in International Relations.



#### **Denise Brinley**

##### **Executive Director, Governor's Office of Energy**

Denise Brinley coordinates energy-related matters between state agencies and serves as the first point of contact for federal agencies, businesses, nonprofits, and other organizations in the energy sector. Prior to this role, she was Senior Energy Advisor at the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development, where she focused on Pennsylvania's energy advantages both by working with economic development partners to retain and grow our energy industry, and by attracting potential investors to the commonwealth. She holds a bachelor's degree in geoscience from Franklin and Marshall College, and a master's degree in geology from the University of Maryland at College Park.

## Wednesday, July 17

9:00 am	<b>Registration Opens—50/50 Raffle Tickets Go on Sale (Hotel Lobby)</b> <i>Proceeds from the raffle benefit the PACD Poster Contest.</i>
10:00 am to 11:00 am	<b>Concurrent Activities</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✧ PACD District Employees Committee (Lycoming Room)</li><li>✧ PACD Legislative Committee (Garden Room)</li></ul>
10:00 am to Noon	<b>State Conservation Commission Briefing Session (Washington Room)</b>
11:00 am to 11:15 am	<b>Break (Hotel Lobby)</b>
11:15 am to 12:15 pm	<b>Concurrent Activities</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✧ PACD Ways and Means Committee (Jefferson Room)</li><li>✧ PACD Conservation Committee (Garden Room) <i>Eric Hansen with NACD will be on-hand to discuss the 2018 Farm Bill.</i></li><li>✧ PACD Education and Outreach Committee (Lycoming Room) <i>Tammie Peffer, Environment &amp; Ecology Content Advisor for the PA Department of Education (PDE) will speak about her role at PDE and opportunities for districts.</i></li></ul>
12:30 pm to 2:00 pm	<b>PACD/SCC Awards Luncheon (Grand Ballroom)</b>
2:15 pm to 4:15 pm	<b>State Conservation Commission Meeting (Terrace Room)</b>
4:30 pm to 5:15 pm	<b>Concurrent Sessions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✧ <b>2018 Farm Bill Update (Terrace Room)</b> Denise Coleman, State Conservationist, USDA NRCS Eric Hansen, Government Affairs Manager, NACD <i>The National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) considers the Farm Bill the single largest funding program for private land conservation in the United States, providing support for conservation programs, commodity programs, crop insurance, and food security. During this session, Denise Coleman and Eric Hansen will work together to discuss how changes in the 2018 Farm Bill might affect Pennsylvania.</i></li><li>✧ <b>Pennsylvania's Energy Horizons (Washington Room)</b> Denise Brinley, Executive Director, Governor's Office of Energy Adam Walters, Senior Energy Advisor, Governor's Office of Energy Tom Murphy, Director, Penn State Marcellus Center for Outreach and Research <i>How might Pennsylvania's energy system evolve in 25 years, and what might it mean for Pennsylvanians? Pennsylvania Energy Horizons seeks to answer this question by exploring two alternative pathways for how social, political, and economic drivers could shape the state's energy future, ultimately providing a tool for thinking through how today's decisions regarding energy can shape our future. Please join us for a session to learn about the project.</i></li></ul>
5:30 pm to 6:00 pm	<b>PACD Operations Committee (Garden Room)</b>
6:00 pm to 7:00 pm	<b>Banquet (Grand Ballroom)</b> Welcome: The Honorable Richard Mirabito, Lycoming County Commissioner
7:00 pm	<b>Evening On Your Own</b> <i>Participants are free to enjoy all that downtown Williamsport has to offer.</i>

Thursday, July 18

- 8:00 am to 9:30 am**      **District Directors Breakfast (Terrace Room)**  
*National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) Government Affairs Manager Eric Hansen will provide an update on NACD activities.*
- 8:00 am to 9:30 am**      **District Managers Breakfast (Washington Room)**
- 9:45 am to 11:45 am**      **PACD Executive Council Meeting (Grand Ballroom)**  
*The 50/50 raffle drawing will take place during the meeting.*
- 11:45 am**      **Meeting Concludes**  
*Thank you for attending this year's conference. We wish you safe travels!*

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