

Arizona Association of Conservation Districts

2019 Summer Conference Training and Board of Directors Meeting

SUCCESS – Stories & Steps

July 9th – 11th, 2019 * Little America * Flagstaff, Arizona

Tuesday - July 9th, 2019

9:00 REGISTRATION OPENS *TRADE SHOW & EDUCATION CENTER SET UP*

10:00 – 12:00 AACD BOARD OF DIRECTORS - EXECUTIVE SESSION (CLOSED Meeting – BOD ONLY)

OPENING SESSION – ARIZONA ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

12:00-1:30 PRESIDENTS RECOGNITION & AWARDS LUNCHEON

Keynote Speaker – Natural Resources Conservation Service Chief Matthew Lohr

1:30-2:45 CONSERVATION DISTRICTS OUTLOOK ON CONSERVATION

Arizona Association of Conservation Districts President – Frank Krentz
National Association of Conservation Districts President – Tim Palmer

ARIZONA'S OUTLOOK ON CONSERVATION

Arizona Legislator – Honorable Gail Griffin
Arizona Legislator – Honorable Timothy Dunn

2:45-3:15 TRADE SHOW BREAK – Visit with folks that have what you need!

3:15-5:00 AGENCY OUTLOOK ON CONSERVATION IN ARIZONA

Arizona Natural Resource Commissioner – Lisa Atkins
USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service State Conservationist – Keisha Tatem
USDI - Bureau of Land Management State Director - Ray Suazo
USDA-Forest Service Regional Forester – Cal Joyner
Arizona Department of Agriculture Director – Mark Killian
AZ State Historic Preservation Office Cultural Resources Compliance Manager – Mary-Ellen Walsh

5:30-9:30 TRADE SHOW RECEPTION & DINNER – Meet vendors that have the answers!
(Cash Bar with Happy Hour Pricing)

EVENING SPOTLIGHT – Meet the AACD Interns! – NRCS/AACD Partnership

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7:00 – 8:00 CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

8:00 – 12:00 DISTRICT SUCCESS: Nuts & Bolts

Statutory Issues Facing Districts – AZ Assistant Attorney General – Paul Katz

Conservation Delivery Model – Natural Resources Conservation Service

Keisha Tatem, State Conservationist

Rebecca de la Torre, Assistant State Conservationist Partnerships

Emily Fife, Assistant State Conservationist Programs

Steve Smarik, State Resource Conservationist

District Guide and Toolkit for Locally Led Conservation

Apache NRCD – Daric Knight, Chairman

10:00-10:30 TRADE SHOW BREAK – Visit with folks that have what you need!

10:30-12:00 DISTRICT SUCCESS STORIES: Breaking Down the Steps

Winkelman NRCD – Bill Dunn

Willcox San-Simon NRCD – Tina Thompson

Chino Winds/Triangle – Dawn Salcito

Big Sandy NRCD – Anita Waite

CONSERVATION FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Arizona Department of Water Resources Water Protection Fund Director – Reuben Teran

Arizona Game & Fish Access Program Coordinator – Troy Christensen

Arizona Department of Agriculture Marketing Manager – Sharma Torrens

12:00 – 1:30 TOUR LUNCH & USFS Flagstaff Watershed Protection Project Documentary

12:00 – 5:00 **ARIZONA NRCS MANAGEMENT TEAM MEETING (Working Lunch)**

1:30-5:00 **COCONINO TOURS – Picture Canyon or Fort Tuthill Thinning Project**

5:30 – 9:30 **TRADE SHOW RECEPTION & DINNER**

AUCTION - SUPPORT EDUCATION CENTERS & ENVIROTHON!!!

(Cash Bar with Happy Hour Pricing)

Thursday – July 11th, 2019

8:00 – 8:30 National Association of Conservation Districts Western Issues Specialist – Jeff Burwell

8:30 – 9:30 Arizona NRCD Program Manager – Jackie Thomas

9:30-10:00 TRADE SHOW BREAK – Last chance to get that contact you need!

10:00-12:00 WORKING SESSION WITH BODS, CLERKS, ED CENTER DIRECTORS

12:00 – 3:30 BODs Meeting with Lunch

12:00 – 3:30 AACD Education Committee Meeting with Lunch & Presentation to BODs

AACD Mission: To support Conservation Districts in providing conservation leadership and education, and in addressing local conservation priorities in partnership with landowners, federal and state agencies, tribal & local governments and other partners.