

Arizona Association of Conservation Districts
2019 Summer Conference Training and Board of Directors Meeting

SUCCESS – Steps & Stories

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

Tuesday, July 9, 2019

9:00 REGISTRATION OPENS

10:00 – 12:00 AACD BOARD OF DIRECTORS: EXECUTIVE SESSION (Closed Meeting, Supervisors Only)

NOON OPENING SESSION

PRESENTATION OF COLORS – Marine Corps League “San Francisco Peaks” Detachment 912 Color Guard

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

Keynote Speaker – Natural Resources Conservation Service Chief, Matthew Lohr
Conservation Awards Presentation – Awards Committee
Members and Supporters Recognition – Frank Krentz

1:30-2:45 NRCD OUTLOOK ON CONSERVATION

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

ARIZONA 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 AGENCIES 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 MIXER – Fun Food & Drinks – 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 BREAKFAST
- 8:00 – 12:00 DISTRICT SUCCESS: Nuts & Bolts
Statutory Issues Facing Districts: AZ Assistant Attorney General, Paul Katz
Locally-Led 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 NRCD, Dawn Salcito
- CONSERVATION FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES
Arizona Department of Water Resources Water Protection Fund Director, Reuben Teran
Arizona Game & Fish Access Program Coordinator, Steve Cassidy
Arizona Department of Agriculture Marketing Manager, Sharma Torrens
- 12:00 – 1:30 LUNCH & USFS Flagstaff Watershed Protection Project Documentary
- 12:00 – 5:00 ARIZONA NRCS MANAGEMENT TEAM MEETING (Working Lunch)
- 1:30-5:00 COCONINO NRCD TOURS – Picture Canyon or Fort Tuthill Thinning Project
- 5:30 – 9:30 TRADE SHOW MIXER & AUCTION – Fun Food & Drinks
SUPPORT EDUCATION CENTERS & ENVIROTHON
(Cash Bar with Happy Hour Pricing)

Thursday – July 11, 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 Lunch, Committee Meetings & Board of Director's Meeting
(Government Affairs, Rangeland & Forestry, Cropland, Education)