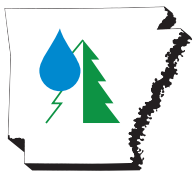


# 2017 Annual Meeting



## Arkansas Association of Conservation Districts



February 7–8, 2017  
Wyndham Hotel  
NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARK.



TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2017 3:00 p.m.	Executive Board Pre-Annual Meeting Review	TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2017 Razorback Room
7:00 a.m.	<b>Continental Breakfast</b>	<b>Silver City 1 &amp; 2</b>
8:00 a.m.	<b>Registration Opens</b>	<b>DeCantillon</b>
8:30 a.m.	<p><b>Plenary Opening Session</b> Rocky Harrell, AACD President</p> <p><b>Posting of Colors</b> James Mitchell, West Central Area President James Widner, Northwest Area President</p> <p><b>Pledge of Allegiance</b> Amy Cowling, Southwest Area President</p> <p><b>Invocation</b> John Harrington, Faulkner County District Director</p>	<b>Silver City 5, 6 &amp; 7</b>
8:45 a.m.	<p><b>Partnerships Reports</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Arkansas State Water Plan Update</b> Edward Swaim, Water Resources Division Manager, ANRC</li> <li>• <b>Natural Resources Conservation Service</b> Mike Sullivan, State Conservationist</li> <li>• <b>Partners for Conservation</b> Steve Jester, Executive Director &amp; Bill Sproul, Sproul Ranch</li> </ul>	
8:45 a.m.	<p><b>Water Well Registration Training</b> Mike Guess, ANRC</p>	<b>Razorback Room</b>
9:45 a.m.	<b>BREAK</b>	
10:00 a.m.*	<p><b>Water Conservation &amp; Management</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Irrigation Management</b> Mike Hamilton, Irrigation Specialist, NRCS/U of A DOA</li> <li>• <b>The New CSP</b> Jena Moore, NRCS Resource Conservationist</li> <li>• <b>Private Lands Programs</b> Ted Zawislak, Statewide Private Lands Supervisor, AGFC Bubba Groves, Assistant Private Lands Supervisor, AGFC James Baker, Wildlife Specialist, NRCS Joe Krystofik, PFW State Coordinator, USFWS</li> <li>• <b>AACDE Business Session</b> Jeanette Hale, AACDE President</li> </ul>	<p><b>Silver City 3</b></p> <p><b>Silver City 4</b></p> <p><b>Razorback Room</b></p>
11:00 a.m.*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Crisis Awareness</b> David Bertelin, Critical Infrastructure Protection Branch Manager Arkansas Department of Emergency Management</li> <li>• <b>“Simple Ways to Reduce Pumping Costs &amp; Save Groundwater”</b> Walt Delp, NRCS State Conservation Engineer</li> <li>• <b>Arkansas Soil Health Alliance: Why it is Important?</b> Robby Bevis, President, Arkansas Soil Health Alliance</li> </ul>	<p><b>Silver City 5 &amp; 6</b></p> <p><b>Silver City 4</b></p>
12:00 p.m.	<b>AACD Awards Luncheon</b>	<b>Silver City 1 &amp; 2</b>

1:45 p.m.\*

• **Hay Feeding: A Holistic Approach**  
Jeremy Huff, NRCS Grazing Specialist

Silver City 5

• **Feral Swine Initiative**  
Michael Hoy, USDA-APHIS

Silver City 4

• **District Sharing Session**  
NACD Urban Conservation Grant Recipient  
Kim Thibodaux, Perry County Conservation District

Razorback Room

• **Outstanding Cooperator Award**  
Sue Barham, Desha County Conservation District

• **District/FFA Training Day**  
Holly Jones, Logan County Conservation District

2:45 p.m.

**BREAK**

3:00 p.m.

**NRCS Staff Meeting**

Razorback Room

3:00 p.m.

**AACD Business Session**  
Call to Order — Rocky Harrell, AACD President  
Roll Call — Woody Ray, Secretary  
Minutes — Woody Ray, Secretary  
Financial Report — Woody Ray, Treasurer  
Bylaw Changes — Martha Manley, 1st Vice President  
AACD Policy Manual — Bill Bailey, 2nd Vice President  
Election  
Annual Report

Silver City 5

4:30 p.m.

**Meeting Adjourns**



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## HOTEL INFORMATION

Wyndham Riverfront Little Rock Hotel  
#2 Riverfront Drive, North Little Rock, AR 72114  
Government Rate: \$94/night plus taxes

(501) 371-9000

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## CONSERVATION PARTNERS & SPEAKERS

### CRISIS AWARENESS

#### David Bertelin

Critical Infrastructure Protection Branch Manager/ State Law Enforcement Coordinator  
Arkansas Department of Emergency Management

Mr. Bertelin will provide district staff information on how to deal with crisis situations which may arise when members of the public become unruly and/or dangerous. What are the signs to look for, what measure should be taken and how to protect themselves? Crisis in the workplace is becoming all too common so this training is vital to ensure the safety of our district employees and conservation partners.

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## PARTNERS FOR CONSERVATION

#### Steve Jester

Executive Director & Bill Sproul, Sproul Ranch

This is a grassroots voluntary nonprofit organization of farmers and rancher dedicated to 5 pillars:

- Landowner Led
  - Collaboration Gets Work Done
  - Local Lessons Have National Impact
  - Support Voluntary, Incentive-Based Programs
  - Sustainability is a Balance Between Ecology and Economy
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## U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

#### Joe Krystofik, PFW State Coordinator

The Partners for Fish and Wildlife (PFW) Program is the US Fish and Wildlife Service's primary mechanism for delivering voluntary, on-the-ground, habitat improvement projects on private lands for the benefit of Federal trust species (i.e, migratory birds, anadromous fish, threatened and endangered species, and certain marine mammals). Program personnel provide technical and financial assistance to private landowners seeking to improve habitat conditions on their land. Eligible program cooperators include farmers, ranchers, corporations, educational institutions, private organizations, local governments/agencies, Native American tribes, and virtually any other interested private landowners.

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## ARKANSAS STATE WATER PLAN UPDATE

#### Edward Swaim, Water Resources Division Manager, Arkansas Natural Resources Commission

From 2012 to 2014, hundreds of Arkansans worked together to update the Arkansas Water Plan. The Arkansas Natural Resources Commission adopted the Plan and rules implementing it in 2015. The ten statewide priority issues and recommendations are being implemented to ensure abundant, clean, affordable water for Arkansas.

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## ARKANSAS GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

#### Ted Zawislak, PFW State Coordinator; Bubba Groves, Assistant Private Lands Supervisor