



2008 PACD/SCC Joint Annual Conference
Penn Stater Conference Center Hotel, State College, PA
July 27-30, 2008

PROGRAM
Agricultural Technical Staff

Monday, July 28

- 7:30 am** **Registration Open**
- 8:15 am to 9:30 am** **Opening Session**
Moderator: Larry Kehl, PACD President
- Welcome and Opening Remarks
Larry Kehl, PACD President
Edward Kuckuck, Vice Chairman, PA State Conservation Commission
- Keynote Speaker
Eric Eckl, Water Words that Work
- During this keynote address, Eric Eckl of Water Words that Work will unveil PACD's "Marketing Conservation" plan for districts. This plan is the culmination of a six-month effort, and is designed to build appreciation and support for conservation districts through strategic marketing efforts.*
- 9:30 am** **PACD Silent Auction Opens**
PACD Auxiliary Quilt Raffle – Tickets For Sale
- 9:45 am to 11:45 am** **Conservation Plans in Pennsylvania**
Mary Bender, PA State Conservation Commission
Daniel Dostie, USDA-NRCS
Tim Emenheiser, USDA-NRCS
Bob Gibson, PA Department of Environmental Protection
- Topics for this session include: conservation planning certification in PA (status and requirements); USDA Farm Bill programs and program planning, including CNMP and EQIP; a review of the various conservation planning levels; status of the revisions to Chapter 102; the REAP program; and updates from the PA Ag E&S Committee on both cropland erosion and ACA area site plans.*
- Noon to 1:00 pm** **Luncheon**
- 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm** **Agricultural Complaints**
Doug Goodlander, PA State Conservation Commission
Jennifer Harry, PA Farm Bureau
Jim Spontak, PA Department of Environmental Protection
- Presenters will describe the processes developed by the various programs to receive, investigate and handle agricultural related complaints. Discussion will include: what should be recorded for each complaint; which agency addresses which types of complaints; what happens to referrals of complaints; reporting back to the original complainant; what is confidential information; and ensuring compliance with existing environmental laws. (1.0 Nutrient Management Continuing Education Credit will be available to eligible public certified nutrient management specialists attending this session.)*

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2:30 pm to 3:00 pm Opportunity for Networking and Break in Silent Auction

3:00 pm to 4:30 pm Nutrient Planning in Pennsylvania
Bob Gibson, PA Department of Environmental Protection
Doug Goodlander, PA State Conservation Commission
Mark Goodson, USDA-NRCS

Presenters will describe the various nutrient management planning standards developed for Pennsylvania, and explain who is required to follow the various planning standards. Participants will have the opportunity to see how the different standards relate to the various farm types that they deal with, and will learn how best to direct farmers in their efforts to meet program and legal obligations. Discussion will also cover who is authorized to develop the various planning standards and what review and approval is necessary, if any. (1.0 Nutrient Management Continuing Education Credit will be available to eligible public certified nutrient management specialists attending this session.)

5:15 pm to 6:15 pm Banquet

OPTIONAL EVENING ACTIVITIES

6:30 pm to 7:30 pm Movin' On Up!
Tony Quadro, Westmoreland Conservation District

How to take advantage of (and cash in on) opportunities to advance within conservation districts, and gain valuable administrative experience to further your career.

6:30 pm to 8:30 pm State Conservation Commission Briefing Session
During this session, which is open to the public, the Commission will review current issues, particularly relating to agenda items for their business meeting the next day.

6:30 pm to 8:30 pm PACD District Employees Committee
Chair: Don McNutt, Lancaster Conservation District

6:30 pm to 8:30 pm PACD Education and Outreach Committee
Chair: Jaci Lucas, Northumberland Conservation District

8:30 pm to 11:00 pm Hospitality Reception

Tuesday, July 29

7:15 am to 8:15 am Breakfast

8:15 am to 9:00 am Memorial Service
Pastor: Reverend Connie McClay, Beach Run Church of the Brethren

This special memorial program will honor and celebrate the lives of those in our conservation community we have lost over the past year.

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- 9:15 am to 11:15 am** **Wetlands 101 – Identification and Regulations**
 Dave Goerman, PA Department of Environmental Protection
 Barry Isaacs, USDA-NRCS
 Frank Plewa, U.S. Army Corp of Engineers
- This classroom session will focus on the value and functions of wetlands, the process of identifying wetlands (soils, vegetation, and hydrology), and the state and federal regulations that cover wetlands.*
- 11:30 am to 1:00 pm** **PACD/SCC Awards Luncheon**
 Master of Ceremonies: Larry Kehl, PACD President
- The winning ticket for the Auxiliary Quilt Raffle will be drawn during the luncheon.*
- 1:15 pm to 3:15 pm** **Agricultural Law, the Livestock Permitting Process, and “All-Hazards”
 Emergency Preparedness**
 Rob Davidson, PA Department of Agriculture
 Shelly Dehoff, PA Agricultural Ombudsman Program
 Ross Pifer, Penn State Dickinson Agricultural Law Resource and Reference Center
- This session will include: an overview of agricultural laws; an update on ACRE ordinance reviews; a “how-to” for using a new livestock permitting process matrix; an introduction to an “all-hazards” emergency preparedness PowerPoint available for use throughout the state; and will highlight some newer publications available for farmers and horse owners.*
- 3:15 pm to 4:15 pm** **Innovative Agricultural Best Management Practices**
 Mark Goodson, USDA-NRCS
 Hosea Latshaw, USDA-NRCS
 Jennifer Weld, Penn State
- This presentation will outline some of the more promising innovative agricultural practices being implemented or considered in Pennsylvania. These innovative practices will allow many environmentally or economically challenged operators to transition to a farm management system that will allow them to more easily maintain their farms over the long run. (1.0 Nutrient Management Continuing Education Credit will be available to eligible public certified nutrient management specialists attending this session.)*
- 3:45 pm** **Silent Auction Ends**
- 4:15 pm to 5:15 pm** **Pick Up and Pay for Silent Auction Items**
- 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm** **Banquet (Optional)**

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