



September 13 and 14th, 2022
Fredonia Hotel and Conference Center
200 N Fredonia St., Nacogdoches, TX

DAY 1: Tuesday, September 13th

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM - Field Trip - Meet in the lobby of Fredonia Hotel & Conference Center to carpool at **8:30 AM** or meet at the Clubhouse at the Winston & Tree Farm at 9:00 AM **7200 US Hwy 59 S, Nacogdoches, TX 75964**. See the benefits of managed forests and longleaf pine ecosystem restoration at the Winston & Tree Farm and then tour the City of Nacogdoches' Drinking Water Treatment Plant. **Boxed lunch provided.**

5:30 PM - 7:00 PM - Networking Social

Refreshments and hors d'oeuvres in the Banita Ballroom at the Fredonia, followed by dinner on your own

DAY 2: Wednesday, September 14th

Full-Day Conference - Fredonia Hotel and Conference Center, Convention A

- 8:30 **Registration and Networking** - Lobby in front of Convention A (*Breakfast on your own*)
- 9:00 **Welcome** - Al Davis, Interim Director, Texas A&M Forest Service
- 9:10 **Forum Goals and Objectives** - Hughes Simpson, Division Chief Operating Officer, Texas A&M Forest Service
- 9:15 **State of the Forests in Texas** - Rob Hughes, Executive Director, Texas Forestry Association
- 9:30 **State of the Water in Texas** - Venus Price, Managing Engineer, Drinking Water Operations, City of Houston; Lara Zent, Executive Director & General Counsel, Texas Rural Water Association
- 10:00 **Bringing Together Conservation and Business** - Amy Snelgrove, Project Manager, Texan by Nature
- 10:15 **Break**
- 10:30 **Connecting the Longleaf Ecosystem to Water Sustainability** - Carol Denhof, President, The Longleaf Alliance

- 10:50 **Forest Landowner Panel** - A discussion of the key role private working forests play in the health and sustainability of Texas' water resources
Moderator: Jenny Sanders, Texas Longleaf Team
Panelists:
- Rufus Duncan, Private Forest Landowner
 - Julie Shackelford, Texas Director, The Conservation Fund
 - Stan Cook, Caddo Sustainable Timberlands
 - Amanda Haralson, Private Forest Landowner
- 11:40 **Working Forests for Wildlife, Wood, and Communities** - Jon Scott, Program Director, Southern Forests, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation
- 12:00 **Lunch** (*Banita Ballroom*)
- 12:40 **Keynote - Water Challenges Facing Texas** - Cody Harris, Texas State Representative, District 8, and Vice Chair of House Natural Resources Committee (*Banita Ballroom*)
- 1:00 **Break** (*Return to Convention A*)
- 1:15 **Communicating the Value of Keeping Forests as Forests** - Zach Clifton, Communications Specialist, Georgia Forestry Association
- 1:35 **Forests and Water Panel** - A discussion of overlapping goals and interests of forest and water sectors and the importance of forming partnerships and sharing resources to achieve mutually beneficial goals
Moderator: Lisa Lord, Conservation Programs Director, The Longleaf Alliance
Panelists:
- Richard McDonald, Corporate Director Environmental Affairs, H-E-B
 - Justin Bower, Principal Planner, Houston-Galveston Area Council
 - Raven Lawson, Watershed Protection Manager, Central Arkansas Water
 - Mason Miller, Source Water Protection Program, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
 - Hughes Simpson, Division Chief Operating Officer, Texas A&M Forest Service
- 2:30 **Break**
- 2:45 **Innovative Watershed Finance - Case Studies** Raven Lawson, Watershed Protection Manager, Central Arkansas Water; Quinn McColly, Conservation Finance Director, Texas Water Trade
- 3:15 **Breakout Sessions: Unique Solutions to Advance Partnerships and Projects** - Opportunity to discuss partnership development, brainstorm project planning and new communication opportunities, and develop action steps toward project implementation.
- 4:00 **Collaborative Discussion** - Key Points and Action Items from the Breakout Session
- 4:15 **Wrap-Up and Adjourn**