

**2023 Partnership Conference  
Connecting through Conservation  
January 23 - 25, 2023, Hyatt Regency Greenville, SC**



**Monday, January 23**

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| 10:30 am - 4:00 pm  | <b>Conference Registration</b>   |
| 10:30 am – 11:30 am | <b>New Employee Training</b> - Tyler Brown / Brooke Myres, SCDNR ( <i>employee focused sessions in blue</i> )      |
| 11:30 am – 12:30 pm | <b>Employee Lunch</b> - Sterling Sadler, SC Conservation Districts Foundation                                      |
| 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm  | <b>SCDNR Land, Water &amp; Conservation Advisory Committee Meeting</b> - Ken Rentiers / Tyler Brown, SC DNR        |
| 12:30 pm - 1:15 pm  | <b>Facilitation</b> - Kristy Ellenberg, Director of Collaborative Partnerships and Strategic Initiatives SCDHEC    |
| 1:30 pm – 2:15 pm   | <b>Social Media and Ethics</b> - Capt. Adam Myrick, Lexington Co. Sheriff's Dept. and <i>Jessica Elmore SC DNR</i> |
| 2:30 pm – 3:15 pm   | <b>Budgeting Basics</b>  |
| 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm   | <b>SCCDEA Business Meeting</b><br>Presiding: Lynn Pilewski   |
| 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm   | <b>New Commissioner Training</b>   |
| 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm   | <b>Welcome Reception</b>   |

## Tuesday, January 24

7:30 am	<b>Registration</b>
8:00 am	<b>Conference Breakfast</b> SCCDEA Raffle & Exhibits begin
9:00 am -9:30am	<b>Opening Ceremony</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Presiding: Jeff Wilson, President, SCACD</li><li>● Invocation:</li><li>● Presentation of Colors: DNR Color Guard</li><li>● National Anthem:</li><li>● Land Acknowledgement:</li><li>● Welcome and Introductions: Jeff Wilson, President SCACD</li></ul>
<b>General Session I</b>	
9:30 am – 10:15 am	<b>Keynote Motivation</b> - South Carolina Lt. Governor Pamela Evette
10:15 am -10:30 am	Network Break, SCCDEA Raffle & Exhibits
10:30 am – 10:50 am	<b>Local Work Group Panel</b> - Brooke Myres, SCDNR, Facilitator NRCS / Commissioner / Employee panel
10:50 am – 11:10 am	<b>Technical Services / Contribution Agreements</b> - Kenny Mullis, Richland SWCD / Melanie Shull, Aiken SWCD
11:10 am – 11:30 am	<b>New NRCS Programs</b> - Reginald Hall, SC NRCS
11:30 am - 12:00 pm	Network Break, SCCDEA Silent Raffle & Exhibits
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	<b>Conference Luncheon</b> Partnership Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● NRCS: Ann English, NRCS State Conservationist</li><li>● SCDNR: Robert Boyles, Executive Director SCDNR</li><li>● District Employees: Chaneen Haler, President SCCDEA</li><li>● SC Conservation Districts Foundation Report: Sterling Sadler, Chair</li><li>● SC FSA Update: Laurie Funderburk, SC Executive Director</li></ul>

## **General Session II**

1:00 pm – 1:45 pm

**Farm Bill Presentation** - NACD Government Affairs

2:00 pm – 2:30 pm

**A: Watershed Director Experience** - Kirsten Robertson, Greenville SWCD / Gary Hicks, South Tyger Watershed  
**B: Feral Swine** - APHIS / UGA

2:40 pm – 3:10 pm

**A: Integrating Livestock into Row Cropping** - Dr. Buz Kloot, Professor USC / Kenny Mullis, SCFGLC  
**B: Urban Conservation** - Curtis Miller, Maranatha Farms

3:20 pm – 3:50 pm

**A: Pollinators and Native Plants** - Rick Huffman, Earth Design + SC Native Plant Society  
**B: Sustainable Forestry Initiative Program** - Catherine White, York SWCD Commissioner

4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

**Conservation Districts Foundation Meeting**  
***NRCS Staff Meeting TBD***

## **Evening Events**

5:30 pm – 6:15 pm

**Reception**

6:15 pm

**Dinner, Conservation District Awards, SCCDEA Raffle**  
Speaker: Milt Lowder, Amplos CEO/Clemson University Sports Psychologist

## Wednesday, January 25

7:00 am **Conference Breakfast**

### **General Session III**

8:00 am – 8:45 am **Creating Connections** - Dale Threatt-Taylor, The Nature Conservancy

8:40 am – 9:15 am **Connecting with New Audiences** - Adela Mendoza, Hispanic Alliance

9:15 am – 9:45 am

#### **NACD Update**

- Kenny Mullis, Southeast NACD
- Candice Abinanti, NACD

9:45 am – 10:00 am

#### **Break**

10:00 am – 10:45 am **Area Caucus Meetings**

- Edisto-Savannah Valley
- Pee Dee
- East Piedmont
- West Piedmont

10:45 am – 12:00 pm

#### **SCACD Business Session**

- New Business
- Area Caucus Reports
- Nominating Committee Report
- Adoption of 2021 Policy Positions

12:00 pm

**Soil and Water Conservation Society Luncheon & Meeting**  
***NRCS Training Session(s) TBD***