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## Annual Meeting

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**BEAUMONT**  
**T★E★X★A★S**  
**October 7-9, 2009**



**Hills to Bays:  
The Impacts Are Clear**



## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### Tuesday, October 6

Board of Directors Meeting 5 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Morning Session Cont'd  
10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

### Wednesday, October 7

Pre-Convention Tours Leave from  
Various Times Parking Lot

Awards Luncheon  
12:00 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.

Trade Show Set Up Atrium  
12 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Field Tour Leave from  
1:30 p.m. - 5 p.m. Parking Lot

Mixer with cash bar Ballroom  
"Cowboy Beach Party"  
featuring "Members of the Ace  
in the Hole Band"  
6 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Cash Bar  
5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Awards Banquet Ballroom  
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

### Friday, October 9

Past President's Breakfast El Paso Room  
6:30 a.m. - 7:45 a.m.

### Thursday, October 8

Student Plant ID Contest  
6:45 a.m. - 8 a.m.

Morning Session  
8 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Trade Show Open

Young Professionals Presentation  
9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Morning Session  
7:45 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.

Break  
10:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

Member Plant ID Contest  
8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Young Professionals Presentation  
10:45 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Break  
9:45 a.m. - 10 a.m.

Closing Session & Awards  
11:30 a.m. - 12: p.m.

Spouses Tour Hotel Lobby  
9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Business Meeting  
12 p.m. - 1 p.m.

*Thank you for attending the  
2009 TSSRM Meeting!*

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## Tuesday, October 6

5 pm – 9 pm Board of Directors Meeting

8:05 - 8:15 a.m. Welcome and Overview  
“Hills to Bays, The Impacts are Clear”  
*Melony Sikes*

Publication Awards  
*Jim Ansley, presenter*  
Grass Roots Awards  
*George Clendenin, presenter*  
Outstanding Rangeland Stewardship Award  
*John “Chip” Merrill and Kent Ferguson, presenters*

9 – 9:30 a.m. The Wild “Wet” Land  
*John Jacob, speaker*  
9:30 – 10:30 a.m. Young Professionals Papers  
*Corey Owens, Moderator*  
*Haden Keyser, Facilitator*

## Wednesday, October 7

Various Times Pre-Convention Tours  
**caravan from hotel**  
Sabine Lake - Guided Fishing Tour  
Gladys City Tour  
Big Thicket Tour

8:15 - 8:45 Proclamation from Governor Rick Perry and Contributions Made by Range Stewards of Texas  
*Don Gohmert, speaker*  
*NRCSTexas State Conservationist*

1:30 – 5 p.m. Tour (limited to 220 people)  
**Anahuac National Wildlife Refuge**  
*Hurricane impacts on the marsh/prairie system and the response of this dynamic system following the hurricane*

10:30 – 10:45 a.m. Break  
10:45 – 11:30 a.m. Young Professionals Session, cont'd  
*Corey Owens, Moderator*  
*Haden Keyser, Facilitator*

12 p.m. – 4 p.m. Trade Show Set-up  
**Atrium**  
6 p.m. – 10 p.m. Mixer “Cowboy Beach Party”  
Music featuring “Members of the Ace in the Hole Band”  
Youth Activities: Reverse Raffle  
**Ballroom**

8:45 - 9:15 a.m. Environmental Flows  
Prairies to Marshes  
*Matt Wagner, speaker*  
9:15 – 9:45 a.m. Rangelands to Estuaries – Managing Riparian Systems  
*Steve Nelle, speaker*

5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Cash Bar  
6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Awards Banquet  
*Bill Pinchak, emcee*  
*Steve Nelle, awards presenter*  
Outstanding Rangeland Manager Award  
*Katherine Menke and Tom Payton presenters*  
**Ballroom**

11:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. Closing Session and Final Awards  
*Melony Sikes, emcee*  
- Student Plant Contest  
*Fred Reyna*  
- Member Plant Contest  
*Steve Nelle*  
- Photo Contest  
*Natalie Wolff*

## Thursday, October 8

6:45 a.m. - 8 a.m. Student Plant ID Contest  
8 a.m. - 2 p.m. Member Plant ID Contest  
*Steve Nelle*  
7:45 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. Morning Session & Trade Show  
*Melony Sikes, emcee*  
7:45 a.m. Morning Session  
Welcome  
*Melony Sikes*  
7:50 – 8 a.m. Presentation of Colors  
*Johanna Pate*  
8 a.m. - 8:05 a.m. Welcome to Beaumont  
*Councilwoman Nancy Beaulieu*

9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Best of Beaumont – Spouse’s Tour  
10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Morning Session, *continued*  
10 – 10:30 a.m. Success Stories – Riparian Area Management and Conservation  
*Vaden Aldridge, speaker*  
10:30 – 11 a.m. Trinity River Restoration Project  
*Jody Carton, speaker*  
11 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Managing the Marsh – Ranching the “Wet” Land  
*Bill Wilson, speaker*  
12:00 – 1:15 p.m. Awards Luncheon  
*Matt Wagner, emcee*

## Friday, October 9

6:30 – 7:45 a.m. Past-President’s Breakfast  
**El Paso Room**  
8 a.m. Morning Session  
*Jeff Goodwin, emcee*  
8 – 8:30 a.m. Estuary Ecosystems  
*Patrick Walther, speaker*  
8:30 – 9:00 a.m. Managing Through Land Trusts  
*Mark Steinbach, speaker*

12:00 – 1 p.m. Business Meeting  
Drawing for Navajo Rug  
(Index Card Surveys)

### Special thanks to the 2009 Annual Meeting Committee

Johanna Pate, Co-Chair  
Wesley Newman, Co-Chair  
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Chuck Stanley, Marketing Chair  
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Robert Moen, Exhibitors and Sponsors  
Bob Knight, Finance  
Fred Reyna, Youth Activities  
Steve Hartmann, Guided Fishing Trip