



# Water: Don't Gamble With Your Future!



NACD South Central Region  
Annual Meeting  
Cherokee Casino and Resort  
Tulsa, Okla.  
July 26-28, 2007

Hosted by the  
Oklahoma Association of Conservation Districts

## Thursday — July 26, 2007

**2:00 p.m.**

Pre-function  
Area E                      Registration

Salon C                      Silent Auction

### **Business Meetings**

**1:30 p.m.**

7<sup>th</sup> Floor                      Oklahoma Association of Conservation Districts  
Board Room                      Executive Board Meeting

**3:00 p.m.**

Salon A & B                      NACD South Central Region Business Meeting

Augusta Room                      South Central Employees Association Business Meeting  
Golf Course  
Clubhouse

**6:00 p.m.**

Salon C & D                      Welcome to Oklahoma Reception

*“Whiskey is for drinking, water is for fighting over”*

## Friday — July 27, 2007

*Breakfast on your own*

**8:00 a.m.**                      Registration

**9:00 a.m.**

Salon C                      Silent Auction continues

Salons A, B, C,                      **Opening Session**

Moderator: **Scotty Herriman**, President, Oklahoma  
Association of Conservation Districts

Presentation of Colors

*Welcome* – **Principal Chief Chad Smith**, Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma

*Setting the Stage The importance of conservation to Tulsa’s Drinking Water*

**Tom Baker**, Deputy Mayor of Tulsa

**10:00 a.m.**

Salons A, B, C                      **Concurrent Session A**

*Four State Water Issues Panel Discussion*

Moderator: **Mike Thralls**, Executive Director,  
Oklahoma Conservation Commission

*Arkansas: State Regulations for Watershed Management*

**Adrian Baber**, Assistant Director for Conservation,  
Arkansas Natural Resources Commission

*Texas: Water Enhancement*

**Johnny Oswald**, Program Supervisor, Brush Control Project,  
Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board

**10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

Salon D                      **Concurrent Session B** – For District Employees

*Stacking Your Deck with Conservation Education*

**Karla Beatty**, Education Coordinator, Conservation Programs  
Division, Oklahoma Conservation Commission

**10:45 a.m.**                      **Break**

**11:00 a.m.**

Salons A, B, C                **Concurrent Session A**  
*Four State Water Issues Panel Discussion (continued)*

*Louisiana: Update on Hurricanes Katrina & Rita Recovery Efforts  
– A Conservation Perspective*

**Brad Spicer**, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Soil & Water  
Conservation, Louisiana Department of Agriculture & Forestry  
**Don Gohmert**, State Conservationist for Texas (formerly for  
Louisiana), USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service

*Oklahoma: Lake Eucha Watershed Implementation Project —  
A Cooperative Effort To Solve Water Quality Problems*

**Shanon Phillips**, Assistant Director, Water Quality Division,  
Oklahoma Conservation Commission

**Noon**

**Luncheon**

**Miles Tolbert**, Oklahoma Secretary of the Environment

**1:30 p.m.**

Salons A, B, C                **Concurrent A**  
Moderator: **Trey Lam**, Area II Director,  
Oklahoma Association of Conservation Districts

*Dams in Distress: Making the Best of the Worst*

**Larry Caldwell**, Watershed Specialist, USDA Natural Resources  
Conservation Service

**Robert Toole**, Director, Conservation Programs Division, Oklahoma  
Conservation Commission

**April Burns**, Economist, USDA Natural Resources  
Conservation Service

**2:30 p.m.**                    **Break**  
**2:45 p.m.**                    **Concurrent Session A**  
Moderator: **Clay Pope**, Executive Director,  
Oklahoma Association of Conservation Districts

*Current Status of 2007 Farm Bill*

**Olin Sims**, President, National Association of Conservation Districts  
**Josh Bradley**, Field Representative, Congressman Frank Lucas  
**Dr. Mike Dicks**, Professor, Agricultural Economics, Oklahoma State University

**4:00 p.m.**                    Adjourn for the day. Silent Auction ends.

**5:15 p.m.**                    **Buses depart** from hotel lobby for Will Rogers Memorial, Claremore

**6:30 p.m.**                    Dinner at Will Rogers Memorial

**8:00 p.m.**                    Return to hotel

**Saturday — July 28, 2007**

*Breakfast on your own*

**7:00 a.m.**    **Buses depart** from hotel lobby for tour  
*A Closer Look — Protecting Tulsa's Drinking Water*

Northeastern Oklahoma is a land of lakes and rivers, and there are challenges involved in providing consistently clean, fresh water to the people of Tulsa and other communities. Join us on this tour and see and hear about how the lakes' water quality is being protected.

Come along on this tour and learn about...

- The origin of Tulsa's drinking water
- Activities that take place in our lakes' watersheds
- Best management practices that protect water against agricultural nonpoint source pollutants
- Steps that can be taken by everyone to protect drinking water for those who live downstream

The tour will include stops at Lake Eucha and the Spavinaw Creek Watershed Demonstration Farm. Lunch is included.

**3:00 p.m.**    Return from tour