

**Texas Assn of Watershed Sponsors
Round Rock Embassy Suites Conference Center
May 13-14, 2026
Annual Program**

Wednesday, May 13th

1:30 Open & Welcome

Kevin Burns, President, TAWS
Welcome – Williamson County Pct 4

1:45 Agency Reports

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
Kristy Oates, State Conservationist
Shane Ice, P.E., State Conservation Engineer

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
Trina Lancaster, P.E., Manager
Dam Safety Section

Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board**
Rex Isom, outgoing Executive Director
Kendria Ray, incoming Executive Director
Steve Bednarz, PE, Statewide Programs Engineer

National Watershed Coalition
Tom Goode, President and/or
Gene Saurborn, Executive Director

2:45 Break

3:00 Texas Regional Flood Planning Groups and its relevance for NRCS Dams
Camilo Cristancho, PE, Freese & Nichols, Inc

3:30 Upstream Actions, Downstream Impacts: Tackling Bacteria and Nutrients in Texas Watersheds
Sarah Stannard & Matt Stellbauer, TWRI Program Specialists, Texas
Water Resources Institute

4:30 End of Wednesday meeting

**6:45 Round Rock Express vs. Sacramento River Cats (Optional)
or Dinner on your own**

Thursday, May 14th

8:30 Coffee/Social

9:00 Annual Business meeting

**9:15 What we've learned about detecting easement encroachments
with aerial imagery**

Miles van Blarcum, Upstream Tech

9:45 USDA-Wildlife Services- Beaver Management

Adam Henry, Asst. District Supervisor, Texas A&M Agrilife Extension

10:15 Break

10:30 Remote water level sensors at a reasonable cost

Robert Levy, Aware Monitoring Systems

11:00 The Lifecycle of Dam Safety

Sunit Deo, PE, CFM, Halff

11:30 10 NRCS Dam Rehabs in 6 years

Rojin Tuladhar, P.E., Freese & Nichols

12:00 Lunch (buffet)

Update on the NRCS Rehabilitation Program

Jimmy Emmons, Asst Chief of NRCS

1:00 Dam Funding – you won't get it if you don't ask!

TAWS Legislative Agenda

Who and how to ask

Resources available

1:45 Wrap-up and Adjourn