

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3, 2025

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Bridging Conservation and Hazard Mitigation Planning: A Workshop for Natural Resource Professionals (Partner Event ) (RSVP required)	Banquet 2 Level Balboa Bay
11:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Registration Desk Open	Banquet 2 Level Alcove
11:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Silent Auction Acceptance	Banquet 2 Level Prefunction
12:00 PM - 12:30 PM	New Member and First Timer Orientation	Banquet 1 Level Newport Beach III
12:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Exhibit and Poster Set Up	Banquet 2 Level Emerald Bay/Prefunction
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM	WORKSHOPS	
Banquet 1 Level Laguna Beach I	Workshop 1: Conservation Careers in Federal Government Coast to Coast, and How to Apply! - Bernadette Mills, Master of Natural Resources (MNR), Regenerative Conservationist (ticket required, additional fees apply)	
Banquet 1 Level Laguna Beach II	Workshop 2: Essential Indicators to Measure Soil Health - Mara Cloutier, Soil Health Institute (ticket required, additional fees apply)	
Banquet 1 Level Laguna Beach III	Workshop 3: Managing Opportunities with Stakeholders - Jeanne Jasper, Jessie Lamont, and Brandi Murphy, Women in NRCS (WiN) (ticket required, additional fees apply)	
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Student and Early Career Professional Networking	Lobby Level Fountain Terrace
5:00 PM - 6:30 PM	Local Forum and Flavor Reception: California Welcome - Steve Kadas, Soil and Water Conservation Society Southwest Regional Director ; Local Flavor Address - Greg Pennyroyal, Vineyard Manager, Wilson Creek Winery	Banquet 2 Level Pacific Ballroom

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7:30 AM - 5:00 PM	Registration Desk Open			Banquet 2 Level Alcove
7:30 AM - 8:30 AM	Morning Coffee and Light Breakfast: Exhibit Hall and Poster Presentations Open			Banquet 2 Level Emerald Bay/Prefunction
7:30 AM - 8:30 AM	Silent Auction Acceptance			Banquet 2 Level Prefunction
8:30 AM - 10:00 AM	SWCS Conference Opening - Clare Lindahl, Soil and Water Conservation Society CEO ; Pritchard Keynote Lecture: Rising Together: Taking Conservation to the Big Screen - Peter Byck, Filmmaker and Professor, Arizona State University			Banquet 2 Level Pacific Ballroom
10:00 AM - 10:30 AM	Morning Break: Exhibit Hall and Poster Presentations Open			Banquet 2 Level Emerald Bay/Prefunction
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM	SYMPOSIA SESSIONS			
Banquet 2 Level Balboa Bay CIG Showcase	Introduction and Program Highlights - Leah Hermens, USDA NRCS			
Banquet 1 Level Laguna Beach I Conservation Economics and Policy	Economic Analysis of Drainage Water Recycling Systems: Costs, Benefits, and Next Steps - Spencer Pech, ISG			
Banquet 1 Level Laguna Beach II Cultivating Conservation Technical Assistance, Community, and Networks	Senior Mentors: Connect and Grow - Cheryl Simmons, ACES Employee and NRCS Volunteer			
Banquet 1 Level Laguna Beach III On the Frontier of Conservation in the West	Using Cover Crops To Add Biological Diversity to California Agriculture and Landscapes - Keith Berns, Green Cover Seed			
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM	ORAL PRESENTATIONS			
	10:30 AM	10:53 AM	11:16 AM	11:39 AM
Banquet 1 Level Newport Beach I Conservation Models, Tools, and Technologies	Building A Conservation Concierge - Robert Dawes, The Commons	Searching Among the STARS: Insights on Producer Participation and Conservation Trends from 2 Years of STAR Tool Data - Natalie Kerr, Illinois STAR	Stem Water Potential Model Integrating Soil, Weather, Plant, and Remote Sensing Data - Abdelmoneim Mohamed, UC Cooperative Extension	Tools and Resources from the Conservation Effects Assessment Project (CEAP) Cropland Assessment - Evelyn Steglich, USDA NRCS
Banquet 1 Level Newport Beach II Resilient Agriculture	Cover Crop Effect on Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Global Warming Potential in Furrow-Irrigated Corn in Mississippi - Diego Della Lunga, University of Arkansas	Covering Ground: Enhancing Soil Health through Interseeding in Late-Season Vegetables - Gladys Adu Asieduwaa, University of Maine	Crop Management Matters: Feedstock Production Practices Drive Biofuel Sustainability - Salvador Ramirez II, USDA ARS	
Banquet 1 Level Newport Beach III Soil Health Resources, Indicators, Assessment, and Management	A Peer Cohort Approach to Soil Health Management Planning in New England - Caro Roszell, American Farmland Trust	Building Soil Health in Mid-South U.S. Row Crop Production Systems with Conservation Practices - Gerson Drescher, University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture	Impact of Simulated Grazing in Cover Cropping Systems on Soil Properties - Kaushik Adhikari, Texas Agrilife Research and Extension Center	Improving Soil Health with Agroforestry - Stephen Anderson, University of Missouri
Banquet 1 Level Huntington Beach Water Resource Assessment and Management	Assessment of Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program Forested Riparian Buffers in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed - Joshua Mott, USDA ARS	Conservation Counts: 20 Years of Building Urban and Rural Partnerships for Targeted Watershed Improvement - Josh Balk, Iowa DNR	Grafting Education and Action: Jumpstarting Edge of Field Practice Adoption in the Eastern Cornbelt - Seth Harden, The Nature Conservancy	Involving Hispanic Farmworkers in Irrigation Distribution Uniformity Assessments: The Benefits of Bilingual Technical Assistance - Miguel Garcia, Napa RCD

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12:00 PM - 1:15 PM	SWCS State of the Society Address and Board Panel Discussion (SWCS Members Luncheon) (ticket required, additional fees apply for nonmembers and guests)			Banquet 2 Level Pacific Ballroom
1:30 PM - 4:00 PM	Association of Retired Conservation Service Employees (ARCSE) Annual Meeting (Partner Event)			Banquet 1 Level Huntington Beach
1:30 PM - 3:00 PM	SYMPOSIA SESSIONS			
Banquet 2 Level Balboa Bay CIG Showcase	Innovations in Irrigation Management - Kip Cherry, USDA NRCS			
Banquet 1 Level Laguna Beach I Conservation Models, Tools, and Technologies	Tillage, Water, and Wind Erosion: Weather Pattern Variability and Conservation Management - Matthew Moore, USDA ARS			
Banquet 1 Level Laguna Beach II Cultivating Conservation Technical Assistance, Community, and Networks	Kegs 4 Conservation - Glenn Cole, Agroecology + Innovation Matters			
Banquet 1 Level Laguna Beach III Outreach, Education, and Community Engagement	Emerging Leaders Lighting Talks: Insights and Impact - Soil and Water Conservation Society Emerging Leaders			
1:30 PM - 3:00 PM	ORAL PRESENTATIONS			
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Banquet 1 Level Newport Beach I Conservation Models, Tools, and Technologies	Determining the Effect of Conservation Practices on Ephemeral Gully Erosion <b>With USDA's AnnACNPS Watershed Pollution Model</b> - Henrique Momm, Middle Tennessee State University	Estimating Nitrogen Losses and Nitrogen Use Efficiency for Spring Wheat, Canola, and Grain Corn From 1981 to 2021 in Canadian Farmland - Jingyi Yang, Harrow Research and Development Centre, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada	Evaluation of SCS-Curve Number Method to Enhance Runoff Estimation Across Tillage Practices for Conservation Planning - Umar Javed, South Dakota State University	Phytoremediation as a Conservation Approach to Improve Soil Health of Contaminated Agricultural Lands and Produce Biofuel Feedstock - Oleksandra Tryboi, Strategic Conservation Solutions
Banquet 1 Level Newport Beach II Cultivating Conservation Technical Assistance, Community, and Networks	Advancing Soil Health Management through Farmer-to-Farmer Outreach - Heidi Peterson, Sand County Foundation	Engaging Farmers, Lessons from NRCS Outreach Agreements - Jill Reinhart, USDA NRCS	Farmers Leading the Way: Enhancing Soil Health and Water Quality Through Peer Networks - Haleigh Summers, Sand County Foundation	Working Effectively with Livestock Producers - Thomas Shea, National Grazing Lands Coalition
Banquet 1 Level Newport Beach III Social Sciences Informing Conservation	California Conservation in the 1930s - Shelby Callaway, USDA NRCS	The Effects of Collective Trauma on Farmer Conservation Behavior - Chris Morris, Iowa State University	The Ontario Soil Network: How Behavioural Change Can Drive Adoption - Paige Allen, Ontario Soil Network	Voices from the Field: Insights from the 2024 Conservation Practitioner Poll - J. Arbuckle, Iowa State University
Banquet 1 Level Huntington Beach Soil Health Resources, Indicators, Assessment, and Management	A Novel Approach to Factor Soil Health into the Farmland Appraisal Process - Lucas Chamberlain, Delta Institute	Aggregate Stability by Image Analysis: A Free, Locally Relevant, and Scalable Tool - Elizabeth Rieke, Soil Health Institute	Soil Biodiversity in California Agriculture: Framework and Indicators for Soil Health Assessment - Margaret Smither-Kopperl, USDA NRCS	Soil Health Needs Assessment in a Global Agricultural Technology Company: Insights from a Mixed-Methods Approach - Casey Olechnowicz, Purdue University

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3:00 PM - 3:30 PM	Afternoon Break: Exhibit Hall and Poster Presentations Open			Banquet 2 Level Emerald Bay/Prefunction
3:30 PM - 5:00 PM	SYMPOSIA SESSIONS			
Banquet 2 Level Balboa Bay CIG Showcase	Innovative Practices for Soil Health - Kip Chery, USDA NRCS			
Banquet 1 Level Laguna Beach I Cultivating Conservation Technical Assistance, Community, and Networks	Innovating Conservation Technical Assistance: Policy Insights, Public-Private Partnerships, and Practitioner Priorities - Rachel Owen, Soil and Water Conservation Society			
Banquet 1 Level Laguna Beach II Outreach, Education, and Community Engagement	Emerging Leaders Alumni Feature - Soil and Water Conservation Society Emerging Leader Alumni			
Banquet 1 Level Laguna Beach III Resilient Agriculture	The Land Broken by the Plow: A Look at Conservation on the Plains - Peter Tomlinson, Kansas State University			
3:30 PM - 5:00 PM	ORAL PRESENTATIONS			
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Banquet 1 Level Newport Beach I Conservation in Organic, Specialty, Small-Scale, or Urban Agriculture	Effect of Regenerative Management Practices on Soil Chemical Properties, Enzyme Activity and Microbial Respiration in Southern California Vineyard Soils - Michael Schmidt, USDA ARS	Leveraging Diverse Plant Combinations to Enhance Nutrient Regeneration in Barren Urban Soils: A Small-Scale Gardening Approach - Prajawal Bhosale, University of Sydney	Mechanical Development for Organic No-Till Soybean Production in Japan - Masakazu Komatsuzaki, Ibaraki University	Precision Management Influence Productivity in Dryland Cropping System - Mayssoon Mikha, USDA ARS
Banquet 1 Level Newport Beach II Conservation Models, Tools, and Technologies	Dairy Conservation Navigator: A Decision Support Tool for Conservation Planning - Lisa McClintock, Dairy Management Inc.	Nutrient Tracking Tool (NTT): A Farm Decision-Making Tool for Water Quality/Quantity, Soil Carbon Sequestration, and Crop Production Assessment - Ali Saleh, Tarleton	Predicting the Economic Outcomes of Soil Health Practices With a User-Friendly Predictive Soil Health Economic Calculator - Meng Li, American Farmland Trust	The Juniper Evaluation Tool: An Interactive Dashboard for Managing Juniper Vulnerability Within the Chickasaw Nation Treaty Territory - Mark Micozzi, The Chickasaw Nation
Banquet 1 Level Newport Beach III Outreach, Education, and Community Engagement	East River Recreational Trail: A Collaborative Approach to Ecological Restoration + Community Impact - Paul Marston, ISG	Nutrient Management Planning and Outreach Strategies with Underserved Producers - Anel Trujillo, American Farmland Trust	Outdoor Recreation as a Conservation Tool: Lessons Learned from a Canoe Marathon - Zach Bates, Gladwin Conservation District	Regenerative Agricultural Curriculum for the High School Classroom: Do we Reach the Next Generation of Conservationists and Regenerative Agriculturalists? - Kinzie Reiss, American Farmland Trust
Banquet 1 Level Huntington Beach Water Resource Assessment and Management	Agricultural Conservation Practices and Regenerative Agriculture in the Pacific Northwest: Impact on Hydrology and Water Quality - Yongping Yuan, US EPA	Optimizing Water Efficiency: A Performance Analysis of Wheel Line Sprinkler Irrigation in Small and Medium Farm - Maziyar Vaez Roudbari, Utah State University	Two-Stage Ditch Designs: Integrating Water Quality, Ecological Function, and Flood Resiliency - Bailey Bocchino, ISG	Unveiling the Secrets of Saturated Buffers - Ehsan Ghane, Michigan State University
5:00 PM - 6:30 PM	Exhibitor and Poster Reception			Banquet 2 Level Emerald Bay/Prefunction
6:00 PM	Silent Auction Ends			Banquet 2 Level Prefunction

TUESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2025

7:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Registration Desk Open			Banquet 2 Level Alcove
7:00 AM - 8:30 AM	SWCS Leadership Breakfast (Invite Only)			Lobby Level Catalina Ballroom I
7:30 AM - 8:30 AM	Morning Coffee and Light Breakfast: Exhibit Hall and Poster Presentations Open			Banquet 2 Level Emerald Bay/Prefunction
8:30 AM - 10:00 AM	Opening Remarks - Ellen Gilinsky, Soil and Water Conservation Society Board Chair; Coast to Coast Chat: A Conversation on Conservation - Karen Ross, Secretary, California Department of Food and Agriculture; Matthew Lohr, Secretary of <i>Agriculture and Forestry, Virginia Governor's Office</i> ; USDA Address: Agency Dialogue: Advancing Conservation through Research and Practice			Banquet 2 Level Pacific Ballroom
10:00 AM - 10:30 AM	Morning Break: Exhibit Hall and Poster Presentations Open			Banquet 2 Level Emerald Bay/Prefunction
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM	SYMPOSIA SESSIONS			
Banquet 2 Level Balboa Bay CEAP Showcase	CEAP Watersheds in California: Surface and Groundwater Interactions - Hoori Ajami, University of California-Riverside			
Banquet 1 Level Laguna Beach I Cultivating Conservation Technical Assistance, Community, and Networks	Leaning into Innovation and Disruption to Shape the Future of Conservation - Brandy Murphy, and Casey Gathje, Women in NRCS (WIN)			
Banquet 1 Level Laguna Beach II Water Resource Assessment and Management	Tackling the Nonpoint Source Water Quality Issue: Using EPA Funding to Kickstart Your Watershed Finance Partnership - Katie Flahive, US Environmental Protection Agency			
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Banquet 1 Level Newport Beach I Conservation Economics and Policy	Economic and Ecological Perspective on Conservation Adoption by Livestock and Coffee Producers in Puerto Rico - Francisco Rivera, USDA NRCS	Evaluating Economics of Soil Health through Regional, On-Farm Experiences - Jessica Kelton, Soil Health Institute	Innovative Financing: The Conservation Acceleration Fund - Jen Cross, Great Outdoors Foundation	Key Takeaways from a Soil Health Risk Model for Policymakers, Lenders, and Insurers - Aria McLaughlan, Land Core
Banquet 1 Level Newport Beach II Conservation Models, Tools, and Technologies	Estimation of Soil Erosion in Arid Areas Using 137Cs Technique: Case Study in Syria - Zouheir Massri, Michigan State University	Irrigation Efficiency Tools to Enhance Water Conservation in Orchards - Paul Lum, American Farmland Trust	Navigating Grazing Practices: Economic, Forage, Soil, and Seasonal Considerations - Chellie Maples, American Farmland Trust	Using Non-Disturbance All-Terrain Solar Trackers to Preserve Topsoil, Eliminate Grading, and Expand Agrivoltaic Opportunities for Farmers - Greg Wolfson, Nevados and Richard Street, Construction Stormwater and Environmental
Banquet 1 Level Newport Beach III Social Sciences Informing Conservation	Exploring On-Farm Green Ammonia Production: Farmers' Views on an Innovative Fertilizer Technology - Anikka Fife, University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science	Influences on the Adoption of Soil Health Practices in Vermont - Alissa White, American Farmland Trust	One Size Does Not Fit All: Exploring Farmers' Mindsets on Cover Crops to Inform Outreach - Maria Teresa Tancredi, University of Georgia	

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12:00 PM - 1:15 PM	Awards Luncheon			Banquet 2 Level Pacific Ballroom
1:30 PM - 3:00 PM	SYMPOSIA SESSIONS			
Banquet 2 Level Balboa Bay CEAP Showcase	Water Quality and Conservation in CEAP Watersheds - Lisa Duriancik, USDA NRCS			
Banquet 1 Level Laguna Beach I Cultivating Conservation Technical Assistance, Community, and Networks	Conservation Policy Roundup - Tom Stein, American Farmland Trust			
Banquet 1 Level Laguna Beach II Outreach, Education, and Community Engagement	Leveraging Comprehensive Outreach Strategies to Bolster Impact of Multi-Stakeholder Partnerships - Helen VanBeck, American Farmland Trust			
1:30 PM - 3:00 PM	ORAL PRESENTATIONS			
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Banquet 1 Level Laguna Beach III Conservation Models, Tools, and Technologies	Development of a New NRCS Conservation Practice Phosphorus Removal System and Associated Training and Design Aid - William Reck, USDA NRCS	Improved V-Notch Weir Equations for Various Sizes of Water Level Control Structures - Natalia P. Rogovska, USDA ARS	Spacing Theorems and Procedure for Manual Level Bench Terraces - Yihune Tadesse, Bahir Dar University	Using Technology to Increase Efficiency and Accuracy in Ag Carbon Programs - Alana Pacheco, Ecosystem Services Market Consortium
Banquet 1 Level Newport Beach I Cultivating Conservation Technical Assistance, Community, and Networks	Batch and Builds: Cultivating Community for More Efficient Conservation Adoption - Rachael Millage, ISG	Building a Network of Farmers and Technical Specialists Across the Cotton Belt - Emily Ball, Soil Health Institute	Cultivating Change: Advancing Conservation Outreach through Behavioral Insights - Adam Reimer, National Wildlife Federation	How a Virtual Meet-Up Series is Building Community for Conservation Professionals - Amanda Gumbert, University of Kentucky
Banquet 1 Level Newport Beach II On the Frontier of Conservation in the West	Adaptation of Warm Season Cover Crops to the Arid Southwestern United States - Margaret Smither-Kopperl, USDA NRCS	Beneficial Uses of Treated Produced Water for Agriculture - Joseph Burke, Texas A&M AgriLife Research	Field-Level Assessment of Conservation Practices for Reducing Nitrate Leaching Beneath the Root Zone - Floyd Nicolas, Oregon State University	Legacy Effects of Nitrogen and Cover Crop Management in a Northeast Kansas Cropping System - Alexis Correia, Kansas State University
Banquet 1 Level Newport Beach III Water Resource Assessment and Management	Advancing Nutrient Reductions in the Mississippi River Basin - Whitney King, US EPA	Bacteria vs. Fungi: Who Really Drives Nitrate Removal in Wood Chip Bioreactors? - Niranga Wickramaratne, Austin Peay State University	Investigating seasonal Nitrate and Orthophosphate Losses in Surface vs. Subsurface Drainage in Northwest Minnesota - Murad Ellafi, University of Minnesota	Performance Evaluation of a Dual-Chamber Pumped Woodchip Bioreactor: E. coli Removal, Denitrification, and Greenhouse Gas Emissions - Taylor Vroman, Iowa State University

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3:00 PM - 3:30 PM	Afternoon Break: Exhibit Hall and Poster Presentations Open			Banquet 2 Level Emerald Bay/Prefunction
3:00 PM - 3:30 PM	Convening of Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) Projects			Banquet 1 Level Huntington Beach
3:30 PM - 5:00 PM	Exhibit and Poster Tear Down			Banquet 2 Level Emerald Bay/Prefunction
3:30 PM - 5:00 PM	SYMPOSIA SESSIONS			
Banquet 2 Level Balboa Bay CEAP Showcase	Identifying Sediment Sources to Focus Conservation in CEAP Watersheds - Allen Thompson, University of Missouri			
Banquet 1 Level Laguna Beach I Conservation Models, Tools, and Technologies	Using Great Lakes to Gulf to Inform Conservation in the Mississippi River Watershed - Laura Kammin, National Great Rivers Research and Education Center			
Banquet 1 Level Laguna Beach II Cultivating Conservation Technical Assistance, Community, and Networks	NRCS Technical Service Provider (TSP) Program Overview - Alyson Aquino, USDA NRCS			
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Banquet 1 Level Laguna Beach III Social Sciences Informing Conservation	Exploring the ESG reporting: A Bibliometric Literature Review and Future Research Agenda - Hicham Chbihi Kaddouri, My Ismail University	Promoting Persistent Conservation Behavior through Scope Expansion - Robyn Wilson, The Ohio State University	Social Network Analysis of a Demonstration Farm Program Reveals Conservation Information Sharing Pathways - Sophia Winkler-Schor, University of Illinois	Tracking Progress Toward Persistence in the Pilot Watershed Program - Heather Craska, The Ohio State University
Banquet 1 Level Newport Beach I Outreach, Education, and Community Engagement	Cultivating Community P(ART)nerships for Conservation Success - Jessica Gordon, Izaak Walton League	Needs Based Conservation Virtual Education - Lee Riley, University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture Cooperative Extension Service	The Importance of Farmer Outreach in National Water Quality Initiative (NWQI) Watershed Projects - Sarah Reilly, The Nature Conservancy	Virtual Farmer-to-Farmer Engagement: Is it Working? - Jenny Seifert, University of Wisconsin-Madison Division of Extension
Banquet 1 Level Newport Beach II Resilient Agriculture	Climate-Smart Agriculture in Action: A Progress Report from South Carolina - Lacy Barnette, Clemson University	Environmental Co-Benefits: How are the USDA Partnerships for Climate-Smart Commodities (PCSC) Projects Pursuing Them? - Jennifer Tillman, American Farmland Trust	Integrating Climate Smart Agriculture and Water Resource Management: A Case Study of Communities in the Rwizi Catchment in Southwestern Uganda - Sarah Kugonza, International Crane Foundation	What is the (Real) Rate of Soil Health Practice Adoption? Making Sense of Three Data Sources - Bonnie McGill, American Farmland Trust
Banquet 1 Level Newport Beach III Soil Health Resources, Indicators, Assessment, and Management	Long-Term Soil pH Changes in Southwestern North Dakota - Larry Cihacek, North Dakota State University	Quantifying Changes in Soil Redoximorphic Feature Expression - Colby Moorberg, Kansas State University	Soil C Recovery Time After Long-term Crop Residue Removal - Humberto Blanco, University of Nebraska-Lincoln	Summarizing Cropping System Diversity Across U.S. Regions - Steven Wallander, USDA ERS

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7:30 AM - 8:30 AM	Morning Coffee and Light Breakfast			Banquet 2 Level Prefunction
8:30 AM - 10:00 AM	SYMPOSIA SESSIONS			
Banquet 1 Level Laguna Beach I Conservation Economics and Policy	Updates from Diverse Corn Belt: Reimagining Agricultural Diversity - Emily Usher, Purdue University			
Banquet 1 Level Laguna Beach II Conservation Models, Tools, and Technologies	CEAP-Grazing Land: Conservation Insights from Eastern Pastures to Western Range - Carrie-Ann Houdeshell, USDA NRCS			
Banquet 1 Level Laguna Beach III Outreach, Education, and Community Engagement	Lessons Learned from Four Years of Cover Crop Adoption and Measured Soil Health, Economic, and Social Indicators from 15 CIG On-Farm Demo Trials in California, Kentucky, New York, Massachusetts, & Connecticut - Aysha Tapp Ross, American Farmland Trust			
8:30 AM - 10:00 AM	ORAL PRESENTATIONS			
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Banquet 1 Level Newport Beach I Cultivating Conservation Technical Assistance, Community, and Networks	Building a Resilient Indiana - Meg Leader, Indiana Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts	Increasing Agriculture Conservation Practices through Ag Retail Partnerships - Michael Watercutter, American Farmland Trust	NRCS Technical Assistance in the Fertilize Right Program: Colombia, Pakistan, and Vietnam - Chen-Lun Chang, USDA NRCS	What's the Name of That Stream?: Iowa's Approach to Stream Signage - Miranda Haes, Iowa Department of Natural Resources
Banquet 1 Level Newport Beach II On the Frontier of Conservation in the West	Evaluating Bioretention: Green Stormwater Infrastructure Solutions in California - Laura Bates, University of Wisconsin-Madison	<b>From "Wastewater Management" to "Watershed Stewardship":</b> Making the Case for Conservation Within Utility Operations - Emma Colburn, Clean Water Services	Recognizing Potential Cultural Resources in Conservation Worksites and Mitigating Potential Damage - Bernadette Mills, Master of Natural Resources (MNR), Regenerative Conservationist	Restoring Watersheds in Piñon/Juniper Dominated Community Landscapes - Thomas Esgate, West Latir Ditch Association
Banquet 2 Level Newport Beach III Soil Health Resources, Indicators, Assessment, and Management	Carbon Mineralization, Nitrogen Cycling and Ph Change Under Varying Nitrogen Fertilizers in Semi-Arid Soil Series - Arjun Kaffle, Texas A&M AgriLife Research	Impact of Biochar and Nano-Biochar Amendments on Pigment Concentrations and Oxidative Stress in Lettuce Grown on Heavy Metal-Contaminated Soils - Doris Akachukwu, Michael Okpara University of Agriculture, Umudike	Impact of Dairy Manure Type, Rate, and Application Method on Soil Loss and Nitrogen and Phosphorus Mobilization in Runoff and Infiltrate - Carlos Irias, Cornell University	Investigating Soil Health and Greenhouse Gas Emission in Three Dairy Forage Production Systems in Southwestern Wisconsin - Kishan Mahmud, University of Wisconsin-Platteville
Banquet 2 Level Emerald Bay I Water Resource Assessment and Management	Edge-of-Field Sulfate Runoff Loss Dynamics from Designated Arkansas Discovery Farms - James Burke, University of Arkansas	Evaluating Regulatory and Management Strategies for Stormwater Discharges from Commercial, Industrial, and Institutional (CII) Facilities - Chris Hsu, GSI Environmental	Harnessing the Economic and Ecological Value of Water Hyacinth for Sustainable Waterway Management - Ekaoghenena Marioghae	Onion Response to Irrigation Stress in Oregon - Udayakumar Sekaran, Oregon State University



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Banquet 1 Level Laguna Beach I Conservation Models, Tools, and Technologies	Agroecosystem Modeling for Conservation and Atmosphere Assessment - Limei Ran, USDA NRCS			
Banquet 1 Level Laguna Beach II Cultivating Conservation Technical Assistance, Community, and Networks	What's the Dirt about Biochar? - Tom Stein, American Farmland Trust			
Banquet 1 Level Laguna Beach III Water Resource Assessment and Management	NRCS Watershed Program and Watershed Planning: Solving Water Resource Issues Coast to Coast - Diana Sheridan, USDA NRCS			
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM	ORAL PRESENTATIONS			
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Banquet 1 Level Newport Beach I Adaptive Management of Conservation Efforts	Assessment of Nitrogen Mineralization Dynamics Under Tillage and Drainage Practices in Sugarbeet Fields, Northwest Minnesota - Murad Ellafi, University of Minnesota	Furrow Irrigated Long-Term No-Till and Conventional-Till Soil Evaluation in the Mid-South, United States - Partson Mubvumba, USDA ARS	Multivariate Evaluation of Soil-Water-Plant Health in Multifunctional Buffer-Strip Systems - Helen Amorim, University of Arkansas	Quantifying the Plant Production and Soil Health Benefits of Aspirational Seeding and Fertilization Inputs in Forage Crops - Merilynn Schantz, USDA-ARS
Banquet 1 Level Newport Beach II Outreach, Education, and Community Engagement	Back to Basics: Wind Erosion Causes and Cures - Susan Tallman, USDA NRCS	Building Stormwater Resilience through Flood Mitigation and Community Engagement - Kelly Herfendal, ISG	Can Pheasants and Agriculture Coexist in the Midwest? - Todd Higgins, University of Missouri Extension	Making Waves in Southern Minnesota Lake Stewardship - Paul Marston, ISG
Banquet 1 Level Newport Beach III Resilient Agriculture	Compost is the Cure: Applying the Solution of Organic Matter - Joel Kramer, Resource Conservation District of Greater San Diego County	Deep Soil Carbon Storage Across a Range of Pedogenic, Climatic, and Management Variations in Southeastern US Agricultural Lands - Sindhu Jagadamma, University of Tennessee	Effect of Regenerative Management Practices on Soil Chemical Properties, Enzyme Activity and Microbial Respiration in Southern California Vineyard Soils - Michael Schmidt, USDA ARS	Quantifying Root Water Uptake Patterns in Wheat Genotypes Using Electrical Resistivity Tomography (ERT) - Emmanuel Akaerue, Hebrew University Jerusalem
Banquet 2 Level Emerald Bay I Social Sciences Informing Conservation	Digging into Cover Crop Incentives: Ag and Conservation Professionals' Program Perceptions - Michaela Lubbers, University of Georgia	Land Advisor Identity and Perceptions in Conservation Practice Advising on Croplands and Grasslands in the Midwest, United States - Yu Lu, University of Wisconsin-Madison	<b>Midwestern Farmers' Perspectives on Climate Change: A Meta-Analysis Review to Inform Soil and Water Conservation Outreach</b> - Elizabeth Ortiz, Iowa State University	
12:30 PM - 5:30 PM	Tour 1: Innovative Agriculture for Conservation Tour (ticket required, additional fees apply) (meet at 12:15 PM)			Meet on Banquet 2 Level Prefunction
1:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Tour 2: Urban Conservation and Sustainability Walking Tour (ticket required, additional fees apply) (meet at 12:45 PM)			Meet on Banquet 2 Level Prefunction