

West Texas Legislative Summit

Tuesday, August 4, 2015 Environmental Issues

1:30 pm Welcome

- U.S. Congressman Mike Conaway
- Phil Neighbors, President, San Angelo Chamber of Commerce

1:45 pm Waters of the U.S. Rule – Navigable Waters Regulations

- State Senator Charles Perry (Moderator)
- Congressman Mike Conaway
- Jay Evans, Chairman of Natural Resources & Environment, Texas and Southwest Cattle Raisers Association

2:20 pm The State of Environmental Regulations – Balancing Regulations with Business

- State Representative Drew Darby (Moderator)
- Christi Craddick, Commissioner, Texas Railroad Commission
- Dr. Cal Cooper, Director of Special Projects and Emerging Technology, Apache Corporation
- Carlos Swonke, Director of Environmental Affairs, Texas Department of Transportation
- Adam Zerrenner, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

2:50 pm Networking Break

3:10 pm Point of Source Contamination – Pesticides, Wastewater, Ethanol

- Dr. Bryan Shaw, Chairman, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

3:35 pm Clean Air Act Expansion - Ozone Levels, Particulate Matter, Power Plants

- Mike Nasi, Environmental & Legislative Issues, Jackson Walker LLC, Partner (Moderator)
- Congressman Mike Conaway
- State Senator Charles Perry
- Dr. Bryan Shaw, Chairman, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

4:15 pm Program concludes and adjourns

6:30 pm Reception & Dinner at the Riverview Restaurant & Club, 800 West Avenue D

Wednesday, August 5, 2015 Transportation Issues

8:50 am Summit reconvenes at ASU CJ Davidson Ctr.

9:00 am Dedicating Additional Highway Funds – Proposition 7

- State Senator Robert Nichols

9:50 am TxDOT Initiatives – What's Current, What's Next, and Prop 1 Allocations

- LtGen Joe Weber, USMC (ret), Executive Director, Texas Department of Transportation

10:20 am Networking Break

10:35 am What's Next for Funding?

- State Representative Drew Darby (Moderator)
- Congressman Will Hurd
- State Representative Andrew Murr
- LtGen Joe Weber, Executive Director, TxDOT
- Karen Rove, President, ISI Communications

11:05 am Going Rail – South Orient Rail Update; TxDOT Freight Plan

- Elizabeth Grindstaff, Vice President of Sales & Marketing, Texas Pacifico Railroad - South Orient Rail
- James Koch, Director, Trans Planning & Programming Division, TxDOT - Freight Plan

11:35 am Local / Regional Transportation Perspectives

- State Senator Charles Perry (Moderator)
- State Representative Brooks Landgraf
- Tracy Cain, District Engineer, San Angelo District Office of TxDOT
- E'Lisa Smetana, Executive Transportation Planning Director, Abilene MPO

12:15 pm Luncheon

- Keynote Speaker: Judge Tryon Lewis, Chairman, Texas Transportation Commission

1:15 pm State & Federal Transportation Perspectives – Surface Transportation Act

- Robin Ayers, TxDOT Federal Affairs Liaison (Moderator)
- Michael Reeves, President, Ports-to-Plains Alliance
- Dr. David Ellis, Infrastructure Investment Analysis Manager, Texas Transportation Institute
- Al Alonzi, Texas Division Administrator, Federal Highway Administration

1:50 pm The Cost of Doing Nothing

- Dr. David Ellis, Texas Transportation Institute
- Elizabeth Grindstaff, Vice President of Sales & Marketing, Texas Pacifico Railroad

2:20 pm Wrap Up Legislative Panel

- Judge Tryon Lewis, Chairman, Texas Transportation Commission (Moderator)
- All State & Federal elected officials will be invited to respond to questions of the moderator and audience

3:00 pm Final remarks and adjournment