



Conference on the Coast:

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TxSWANA Annual Conference
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TxSWANA Conference Agenda

Sunday, June 11, 2023

Time	Event	Location
4:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Registration	Omni Hotel

Monday, June 12, 2023

Time	Event	Location
7:00 AM - 1:00 PM	TxSWANA Golf Tournament Sponsored by: Texas Pack + Load	Lozano Golf Center 4401 Old Brownsville Road (Transportation on your own)
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Technical Tour <i>Republic Services MRF</i>	Bus begins loading at 8:00 AM at Omni Hotel, departing the Omni Hotel at 8:30 AM
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Technical Tour <i>Lone Star UAS Center for Excellence and Innovation Unmanned Aircraft Systems</i>	Bus begins loading at 12:00 PM at Omni Hotel, departing the Omni Hotel at 12:30 PM
1:30 PM - 2:30 PM	Technical Tour <i>Coastal Conservation Association (CCA) Marine Development Center Hatchery</i>	Bus begins loading at 12:30 PM at Omni Hotel, departing the Omni Hotel at 1:00 PM
5:15 PM - 5:45 PM	Young Professionals Mentoring Minute	American Bank Center Exhibit Hall
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Exhibit Hall Grand Opening Event Sponsored by: Chastang Autocar	American Bank Center Exhibit Hall Bus service to the American Bank Center from the Omni Hotel will run from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM
8:00 PM - 9:15 PM	Young Professionals Networking Event	American Bank Center Exhibit Hall



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Tuesday, June 13, 2023

Time	Event	Location
7:00 AM - 8:30 AM	Welcome Breakfast <i>Speakers: Paulette M. Guajardo, Mayor of Corpus Christi</i> <i>Jace Tunnell, Director of the Mission-Aransas Reserve at the</i> <i>University of Texas Marine Science Institute</i>	American Bank Center Exhibit Hall
8:30 AM - 9:30 AM	Technical Sessions Track A: Solid Waste Management Processes and Facilities <i>Salvador E. Ytuarte, Solid Waste Management, City of San Antonio</i> Track B: Composting Principles, A Lesson From SWANA Training Course - Managing Composting Programs <i>Risa Weinberger, P.E., S.C. Principal, Risa Weinberger & Associates,</i> <i>Inc.</i> Track C: Combatting Recycling Contamination Through Education and Enforcement <i>Jon Perez, Corpus Christi Solid Waste Code Compliance</i> <i>Superintendent</i> Track D: Preparation & Prevention - The Dynamics of Driving Defensively <i>Mike Ezzell, National Safety Council</i>	Room C101 Room C102 Room C103 Room C104
9:30 AM - 10:30 AM	Technical Sessions Track A: Finding Efficiency and Managing Growth in Residential Collection Operations <i>Catelyn Scholwinski, Senior Consultant, NewGen Strategies and</i> <i>Solutions, LLC</i> Track B: Electric Vehicle Battery Management System and Challenges <i>Sonia Samir, Ph.D., PE, Parkhill</i> <i>John Daniel Holmes Jr., South Central Solid Waste Authority</i> Track C: Contamination Efforts in Full Effect <i>Brandi Neal, City of Denton, Solid Waste and Recycling</i>	Room C101 Room C102 Room C103



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Time	Event	Location
9:30 AM - 10:30 AM	Technical Sessions Track D: Implementing an Entry Level Driver Training (ELDT) Program <i>Stasha Merz, Business Process Specialist, City of Austin - Austin Resource Recovery</i>	Room C104
10:30 AM - 11:00 AM	Morning Break Sponsored by: Frontier Waste Solutions	American Bank Center Exhibit Hall
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Technical Sessions Track A: Right-Sizing Solid Waste in San Antonio 2023 <i>Nick Galus, Assistant Director, City of San Antonio</i> <i>Matthew Stolze, Assistant Solid Waste Manager, City of San Antonio</i> Track B: Best Management Practices on High BTU LFGE Projects; Mitigation of Odors, Reduction of NOV's and Maximizing Plant <i>Daniel A. Monroy, Morrow Energy</i> <i>Robert L. Benshoff, Morrow Energy</i> Track C: Chasing Chickens While Elephants Walk By <i>Michael Carleton, Michael Carleton & Associates</i> Track D: Safety Management System, ISO 4500 Certification <i>Walter Barrett, Solid Waste Manager, City of San Antonio Solid Waste Management Department</i>	Room C101 Room C102 Room C103 Room C104
12:00 PM - 1:30 PM	Lunch <i>Speaker: Ty Embrey - Lloyd Gosselink Rochelle & Townsend, P.C.</i> <i>Charly Fritz, and Megan Henson TCEQ</i>	American Bank Center Exhibit Hall
1:30 PM - 2:30 PM	Technical Sessions Track A: From Reactive to Proactive: A Practical Approach to Controlling LCS Clogging <i>Steven Carl, Progressive Environmental Services</i>	Room C101



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Time	Event	Location
1:30 PM - 2:30 PM	Technical Sessions, continued Track B: 2023 Winter Storm Mara Debris Recovery <i>Richard McHale, Deputy Director, City of Austin</i> <i>Amy Slagle, Resource Recovery Division Manager, City of Austin</i> Track C: Wishing Away Contamination: Aspirational Recycling Amongst Texas Renters <i>Jamie K. Johnson, Senior Lecturer, Department of Anthropology, University of North Texas</i> Track D: Safety and Health at Composting Facilities <i>Risa Weinberger, P.E., S.C., USCC CCOM Principal, Risa Weinberger & Associates, Inc.</i>	Room C102 Room C103 Room C104
2:30 PM - 3:30 PM	Technical Sessions Track A: Annual Regulatory Update <i>Mattie Isturiz, Esq., Lloyd Gosselink Rochelle & Townsend, P.C.</i> Track B: Solid Waste Services - When to Municipalize, When to Privatize and How to Know What to Do <i>Dave Yanke, President, NewGen Strategies and Solutions, LLC</i> Track C: Residential Food Waste Processing: Lessons Learned from the Canadian and Texas Experience <i>Scott Pasternak, Environmental Department Manager</i> <i>Seth Dittman, Senior Environmental Engineer, Burns & McDonnell Engineering</i> Track D: Using Metrics to Create a Safer Work Environment <i>Brian Boerner, CPM, CHMM, Solid Waste Director, City of Denton</i> <i>Jason Pelofske, Solid Waste Safety & Training Specialist, City of Denton</i>	Room C101 Room C102 Room C103 Room C104
3:30 PM - 4:00 PM	Afternoon Break Sponsored by: AshBritt	American Bank Center Exhibit Hall



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Time	Event	Location
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Technical Sessions Track B: Municipal GovTopic: Municipal Government Roundtable Discussion for Municipal Employees only <i>Moderated by: David Newman</i> <i>Panelist: Brenda Haney, P.E.</i> <i>Panelist: Richard McHale</i> <i>Panelist: Cliff Gillespie</i>	Room C102
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Networking Event & Dinner Sponsored by: Heil of Texas	Art Center of Corpus Christi 100 North Shoreline Bouvard Bus service to the Art Center from the Omni Hotel will run from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Wednesday, June 14, 2023

Time	Event	Location
7:00 AM - 8:30 AM	Breakfast	American Bank Center Exhibit Hall
8:30 AM - 9:30 AM	Technical Sessions Track A: Data Driven High Impact Outreach and Education <i>Julissa Amador, Environmental Services & Sustainability, City of Denton</i> Track B: Increase in Plastic Waste During Covid-19 Pandemic - A Study of Solid Waste in North Texas <i>Sehneela Sara Aurpa, Graduate Research Assistant, Department of Civil Engineering, University of Texas at Arlington</i> Track C: Vetiver Grass: Sustainable Vegetation for Landfills <i>Sonia Samir, Ph.D., P.E., Project Manager, Parkhill</i> <i>Sadik Khan, Ph.D., P.E., Associate Professor, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, Jackson State University</i>	Room C101 Room C102 Room C103



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Wednesday, June 14, 2023

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9:30 AM - 10:30 AM	Technical Sessions Track A: Recycling on Campus - Denton Independent School District <i>Kimberly Jennings, Environmental Services & Sustainability, City of Denton</i> Track B: Inside A Brown Cart <i>Josephine Valencia, Deputy Director of Solid Waste Management, City of San Antonio</i> Track C: 898PFAS: What are PFAS and How Could They Impact the Solid Waste Industry? <i>Jack Simmons, PG, Burns & McDonnell</i>	Room C101 Room C102 Room C103
10:30 AM - 11:00 AM	Morning Break	American Bank Center Exhibit Hall
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Technical Sessions Track A: Modern technology has made capturing, analyzing, and reporting reliable information much easier. <i>Rocky Strong, Strong Data</i> Track B: Waiving the Magic Wand - Groundwater Monitoring Waiver Extension <i>Tewobista Metaferia, P.E., Project Engineer CP&Y, an STV Company</i> <i>Greg Velazquez, Assistant Public Works Director, City of Del Rio</i> Track C: Leveraging the Renewable Natural Gas Potential of Small to Medium Size Landfills <i>Bryan Johnson, Project Development Director, Waga Energy</i>	Room C101 Room C102 Room C103
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Lunch <i>Speaker: Jeff Mayfield, Past President TxSWANA</i> <i>Jeff Reed, President TxSWANA, Lloyd Gosselink Rochelle & Townsend, P.C.</i>	American Bank Center Exhibit Hall
1:15 PM - Adjournment	TxSWANA Board of Directors Meeting	Room C101



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Thursday, June 15, 2023

Time	Event	Location
6:00 AM - 2:30 PM	TxSWANA Fishing Tournament Sponsored by: Heil of Texas	Bluff's Landing Marina 4242 Laguna Shores Road (Transportation on your own)