AGENDA

7:50 Welcome and Introductions
  • Log a Load For Kids

8:00 **Scott Phillips**- Our New State Forester. SC Forestry Commission Update.

8:15 **Hugh Weathers**, SC Commissioner of Agriculture – State and Federal Issues Affecting SC Agriculture

8:45 **Cam Crawford**, President of Forestry Association of SC. Problems Delivering Wood to Mills and other SC Issues

9:10 **Larry Smith**- What Property Owners Need to Know About Land Surveys

10:00 BREAK

10:30 **Dr. Walt McPhail**, SC Tree Farm Update

10:45 Ken Wingate, Estate Planning-How the New Federal Tax Laws Will Affect Forest Landowners and Estates

12:00 LUNCH (Log a Load for Kids)

1:00 **Ken Wingate**, Estate Planning- How the New Tax Laws Will Affect Forest Landowners and Estates

2:30 BREAK
3:00  **Alex Turner**, DJ and SC Solar Council- Are You Considering a Solar Farm  
3:30  **Danny Kassis**, SCANA – What Solar Panel Farms are Looking for in Potential Sites  

4:15  Questions  
4:35  Adjourn  

**Speakers:**  

**Scott Phillips** is the State Forester of South Carolina. A native of Millen, Georgia, Phillips started with the agency in 1999 as a Forester on Manchester State Forest, then served as a BMP Forester in the Pee Dee region from 2000 to 2002. He was the Forest Analyst for the state forest system from 2002 - 2007 before moving to become the Assistant Forest Director at Manchester State Forest. Phillips moved to the agency’s headquarters in 2008 to serve as the Rural Forestry Programs Manager, where he coordinated the Forest Renewal Program (FRP) and Forest Stewardship Program for the Commission until his selection as State Forester in October 2017.  

**Hugh Weathers** has been serving as South Carolina’s Commissioner of Agriculture since September 2004. Under Commissioner Weathers’ tenure, the Department has created several new branding programs under the Certified SC Grown umbrella to assist consumers in easily identifying and purchasing local South Carolina products. In addition, consumer education regarding the impact of agribusiness has increased due to his efforts of growing agri-economic impact to a $50 billion industry in our state by 2020.  

**Ken Wingate** is from Columbia, South Carolina. He received his B.S. degree in Accounting from Clemson University and his Juris Doctor degree from the University of South Carolina School of Law. Mr. Wingate is a former Certified Public Accountant and is a Certified Specialist in Estate Planning and Probate Law. He is a Fellow in the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel (ACTEC), a member of the American Bar Association, the Columbia Estate Planning Council, the South Carolina Association of Certified Public Accountants and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, and is enrolled to practice before the United States Tax Court.  

**Cam Crawford** is the president and CEO of the Forestry Association of South Carolina. He serves as Chairman of the Forest Industry Associations Council, a member of the Board of Directors for the National Alliance of Forest Owners, as Secretary/Treasurer of the Palmetto Agribusiness Council, as a member of the Executive Committee of the South Carolina Civil Justice Coalition, and previously served as a member of the American Forest Foundation’s Woodland Operating Committee.  

**Walt McPhail** is a South Carolina Tree Farmer of the Year and National Tree Farmer of the Year with a profitable working forest. He is active in the forestry supply chain promoting improving forest management, improving wildlife habitat and diversity. A profitable working forest will keep the tree farm in the family.  

**Alex Turner** - BA Davidson College - Economics – 1988; JD - University of South Carolina School of Law - 1993  

Master Tree Farmer and Master Wildlifer along with numerous forestry seminars. Practice Areas: Real Estate and Probate - Wills and Estates and Forestry -related matters  

Office is in Anderson, South Carolina, Forest Landowner  

**Larry Smith** is a SC surveyor for many decades.  

**Danny Kassis** is the Vice President of Customer Relations and Renewables for South Carolina Electric and Gas. His leadership and oversight includes solar and renewable energy, customer service engineering, lighting, right of way, demand side management, large customer accounts and foreign attachments. Kassis has worked for SCE&G for more than 30 years, and has held the top operating position in both the gas and electric businesses in the Charleston area. Kassis was promoted to Vice President in February of 2012.  

**CREDITS:**  CFE - Cat 1 – 3.50; CFE- Cat 2– 2.00  

**Who should attend:** forest landowners, foresters, and forest land managers and natural resource personnel.
**About the meeting:** This meeting will help navigate issues affecting forest landowners, including state and federal rules, market conditions, land surveys, solar panels, taxes, and estate planning.

**Dietary needs:** There will be gluten free foods available. If there are other special needs, contact Beth Richardson at (803) 534-6280.

**Location:** Pond Branch Rd is Exit 44 on I-20. The Farm is approximately 3 miles West of I-20 on the right.

From Batesburg/Leesville, SC, take E South Ave from either US 1 or SC 23. The road changes names to Pond Branch Rd.

**Registration:** Early registration for foresters is $65.00 per person and $25.00 for all others. Spouse and children an additional $10.00 per attendee. College students are $10.00. No refunds after May 3, 2018

**Late registration:** after April 28, 2017 for foresters is $90.00 per person and $45.00 for all others.

Name_________________________Company________________________________________________________

Address____________________________________________________________________________________

City________________________State________ Zip_________________

Number attending______Additional Names__________________________________________________________

Contact phone number_______________________________E-mail address ____________________________

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