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# MISSISSIPPI RIVER ALLUVIAL AQUIFER STATES GROUNDWATER CONFERENCE

April 22 & 23, 2025
SpringHill Suites Memphis Downtown
85 West Court Ave.
Memphis, TN 38103

## **PROGRAM**











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# Welcome to the 2025 AGWT-NCAAR Mississippi River Alluvial Aquifer States Groundwater Conference!

The objective of American Ground Water Trust conferences is to showcase topical and/or controversial groundwater issues and to facilitate information sharing among landowners, groundwater end-users, regulators, management agencies, scientists, engineers, lawyers, and citizens who have economic or environmental interests in water resources.

#### **Continuing Education**

Certificates of attendance are available for all attendees upon completion of CE Form

### **Conference Sponsors**





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#### Tuesday, April 22

| 7:30-8:20 am   | Registration & Refreshments   |
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| 8:30-8:40 am   | Welcome and Overview Jeremy Kuhn, Chair - AGWT Executive Board/Director - North America, Roscoe Moss, Phoenix, AZ   |
| 8:40-9:00 am   | Groundwater Sustainability Strategies: The National Center for Alluvial Aquifer Reserach's Role in the Lower Mississippi River Basin  Drew Gholson, PhD, Assistant Professor & Extension Irrigation Specialist, Coordinator, NCAAR Delta Reserach and Extension Center, MS State University, Stoneville, MS         |
| 9:00-9:30 am   | Overview of Groundwater Sustinability Investigations for Highly Urbanized and Rural Areas of West TN Brian Waldron, PhD, Director, CAESER - University of Memphis, Memphis, TN  |
| 9:30-10:00 am  | <b>USACE Groundwater Projects in the Upper Mississippi Embayment</b> Mike Clay, PE, District Chief, Hydraulics and Hydrology Branch, USACE Memphis District, Memphis, TN  |
| 10:00-10:30 am | Break and Exhibitor Introductions   |
| Moderator      | TBD   |
| 10:30-11:00 am | <b>2024 Arkansas Groundwater Protection and Management Report</b> Corbin Cannon, Arkansas Dept. of Agriculture, Natural Resoruces Division, Groundwater Section, Little Rock, AR  |
| 11:00-11:30 am | Mississippi Groundwater Management Challenges and Opportunities  Kay Whittington, PE, MDEQ Office of Land and Water Resource's Division of Permitting, Jackson,  MS   |
| 11:30-12:00 pm | TBD<br>Speaker Invited  |
| 12:00-1:15 pm  | Lunch (provided)  |
| 1:15-1:30pm    | Navigating Sustainability in Groundwater Management: Lessons from Mississippi v. Tennessee Nimisha Wasankar, PhD Candidate and T. Prabhakar Clement, Professor, Director of the Center for Water Quality Research, Dept. of Civil, Construction and Envrionmental Engineering University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL |
| 1:30-2:00 pm   | <b>TBD</b> Charles Dunning, Vice President of Hydrology, Wellntel, Milwaukee, WI  |
| 2:00-2:30 pm   | <b>TBD</b> Speaker Invited  |

| 2:30-3:00 pm        | TBD<br>Speaker Invited   |  |  |  |
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| 3:00-3:30 pm        | Break  |  |  |  |
| Moderator           | TBD  |  |  |  |
| 3:30-4:00 pm        | <b>LEAD, Is It Where We Thought It Would Be?</b> Jason Barrett, PhD, Associate Extension Professor & Interim Director, MS WRRI, MS State University Extension, Mississippi State, MS   |  |  |  |
| 4:00-4:30 pm        | TBD<br>Speaker Invited   |  |  |  |
| 4:30-5:00 pm        | TBD<br>Speaker Invited   |  |  |  |
| 5:00-6:00 pm        | Reception, Networking & Aquifer in a Cup Activity led by University of Memphis   |  |  |  |
| Wednesday, April 23 |  |  |  |  |
| 7:30-8:25 am        | Registration and Refreshments  |  |  |  |
| 8:25-8:30 am        | Welcome - Day 2 Sara Chudnoff, PG, Executive Director, AGWT, Pinetop, AZ   |  |  |  |
| Moderator           | TBD  |  |  |  |
| 8:30-9:00am         | Applied Geophysics for Managed Aquifer Recharge Projects in The Mississippi Alluvial Aquifer John Jansen, PG, PGp, PhD, Senior Geophysicist & Hydrogeologist, Collier Geophysics, Lakewood, CO   |  |  |  |
| 9:00-9:30 am        | Feasibility Assessment of MAR in the Mississippi Delta Utilizing Riverbank Filtration and Groundwater Transfer and Injection Through Pilot Testing and Regional Hydrogeologic Modeling  Andrew M. O'Reilly, PhD, Research Hydrologist, Watershed Physical Processes Reserach Unit, National Sedimentation Laboratory, USDA - ARS, Oxford, MS |  |  |  |
| 9:30-10:00 am       | The Overlooked Importance of Oxbow Lake-Wetlands in Alluvial Aquifer Recharge and Regional Groundwater Flow Gregg R. Davidson, PhD, Professor, Geology & Geological Engineering, University of Mississippi, Oxford, MS   |  |  |  |
| 10:00-10:30 am      | Break  |  |  |  |
| Moderator           | Frank Tsai, PhD, PE, PG, FASCE, Chevron Professor of Engineering/Director - LA WRRI, LSU, Dept. of Civil and Environmental Engineering, Baton Rouge, LA  |  |  |  |
| 10:30-11:00 am      | Hydrogeologic Digital Twin of the Mississippi River Valley Alluvial Aquifer: Integrating Geological and Airborne EM Data Yuqi Song, PhD Candidate, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA  |  |  |  |

| 11:00-11:30 am | Next-Gen Groundwater Flow and Saltwater Intrusion Modeling for the Mississippi<br>River Valley Alluvial Aquifer: Integrated Airborne Geophysics, Borehole Data, and<br>Water Samples<br>Michael Attia, PhD Candidate, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, Louisiana<br>State University, Baton Rouge, LA |
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| 11:30-11:50 pm | Life Cycle Analysis Cost of a Water Well Jeremy Kuhn, Director - North America, Roscoe Moss   |
| 11:50-12:20 pm | The Challenges and Importance of Developing an Accurate CSM When Constructing a Water Well in Folded or Faulted Geology Boone Abbott, PG, Project Geologist, Geosyntec Consulting, Inc., Birmingham, AL   |
| 12:20-1:30 pm  | Lunch (provided)  |
| Moderator      | TBD   |
| 1:30-2:00 pm   | Working With Your Contractor for a Successfull Water Well Campaign Verlin Johnson, Co-President, National Water Services, LLC, Lawrenceburg, TN   |
| 2:00-2:30 pm   | Advancements in Water Well Screen Hydraulics for Production Wells Kevin McGillicuddy, PG, Chief Hydrogeologist, Roscoe Moss Company, Los Angeles, CA  |
| 2:30-3:00 pm   | Developing Sustainable and Resilient Water Supplies within the Mississippi River Alluvial Aquifer Using Ranney/Horizontal Collector Wells Luca DeAngelis, PE, PG, Senior Hydrogeologist/Project Manager, Layne/Ranney Collector Wells, Layne, a Granite Company, Overland Park, KS                                      |
| 3:00-3:30 pm   | Chemical Well Rehab  Lynn Templeton, Southeast Sales Manager – Water Well, Johnson Screens, Columbia, SC  |
| 3:30-4:00 pm   | Well Rehab and Well Efficiency Case Studies Kevin McGinnis, President, Cotey Chemical Corp., Lubbock, TX  |
| 4:00-4:30 pm   | Submersible and Turbine Pump Selection, Pumping Costs and Troubleshooting Charles Higgins, Director, FloWise Engineer at Preferred Pump & Equipment, Red Banks, MS  |

#### **Conference Exhibitors**

4:30 pm

**Door Prize Awards** 

Johnson Screens
Preferred Pump
Roscoe Moss Company
Southern Products & Silica Co.

# Registration Information

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#### Register online at agwt.org/events

#### **Registration Overview**

#### **General Registration**

| 2 Day Registration 2 Day Full-Time Student   | \$450.00<br>\$100.00                       |
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| 1 Day Registration (April 22 or 23)<br>1Day Full-Time Student (April 22 or 23)   | \$245.00<br>\$ 50.00                       |
| AGWT Members (2 Day Registration) AGWT Members (1 Day Registration)  | \$425.00<br>\$220.00                       |
| Speaker Registration Speaker (April 22) Speaker (April 23) Attend - Not Speaker (April 22) Attend - Not Speaker (April 23) | \$ 0.00<br>\$ 0.00<br>\$100.00<br>\$100.00 |
| Moderator Registration 2 Day Registration 1 Day Registration   | \$400.00<br>\$200.00                       |
| Download of Presentations in PDF - attendees  Download of Presentations in PDF - non-attendees                             | \$ 30.00<br>\$100.00                       |

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