

2025 South Carolina Vegetation Management Association Annual Conference Agenda Hilton Myrtle Beach Resort

Monday, January 20, 2025

9:00 – 5:00 **SC Pesticide Applicator's Exam Prep Course**

Tuesday, January 21, 2025

TBD **SC Pesticide Applicator's Exams**

12:30 – 1:30 **Board of Directors Lunch**

2:00 – 2:30 **Board of Directors Meeting**

3:00 – 6:00 **Conference Registration ~ Sponsored by: *Energreen America & Right Way Tree***

3:00 – 6:00 **Exhibitor Setup**

Wednesday, January 22, 2025

7:30 – 8:30 **Conference Registration ~ Sponsored by: *Energreen America & Right Way Tree***
Breakfast with Exhibitors ~ Sponsored by: *Xylem Tree Experts*

8:30 – 8:35 **Welcome Remarks – 2025 SCVMA President**
Jamie Johnson, Xylem Tree Experts

8:35 – 8:45 **2025 SCVMA Scholarship Committee Report**
Billy Nowlen, Committee Chair
Tater Oliver, Committee Vice Chair

8:45 – 9:10 **Water and Wildlife**
Billy Nowlen, Shady Dale Farm

9:10 – 10:10 **Is it Time to Change?**
C. David Grant, City of Charleston

10:10 – 10:30 **BREAK ~ Sponsored by: *Nutrien Solutions***

10:30 – 11:10 **Aerial Vegetation Management for Utilities**
Jamie Williamson, Heli-Dunn

11:10 – 11:45 **Arbor Day Foundation's Tree Line USA Program**
Dena Whitesides, South Carolina Forestry Commission

- 11:45 – 12:15 **BUSINESS MEETING (Business Meeting Agenda)**
- 12:15 – 1:15 **LUNCH ~ Sponsored by: *Energreen America***
- 1:15 – 2:00 **To Catch A (Power) Thief**
Benja Wilson, Mid-Carolina Electric Cooperative
- 2:00 – 2:30 **Things to Know Before Making Applications In Aquatics**
Bo Burns, Alligare
- 2:30 – 2:45 **BREAK ~ Sponsored by: *Helena Agri-Enterprises***
- 3:30 – 4:15 **Impact of damage to roadside trees and what that means for tree health**
Dr. David Coyle, Department of Forestry & Environmental Conservation Clemson
- 4:15 – 4:30 **Award Presentations**
- 4:30 – 5:00 **Sign Up for Continuing Education Credits**
- 5:00 – 6:30 **Reception with Exhibitors ~ Sponsored by: *Opterra Solutions***
Conference Sponsor Recognition

Thursday, January 23, 2025

- 7:30 – 8:30 **Breakfast with Exhibitors ~ Sponsored by: *Kendall***
- 8:30 – 9:15 **H2B Labor**
Bristow and Envu
- 9:15 – 10:00 **South Carolina Pesticide Regulatory Update**
Ryan Okey, South Carolina Department of Pesticide Regulation
- 10:00 – 10:15 **BREAK ~ Sponsored by: *Asplundh***
- 10:15 – 11:00 **Chainsaw Safety**
Perry Morris
- 11:00 – 11:45 **TBD**
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- 11:45 – 12:00 **2025 Scholarship Raffle Drawing**
Closing Remarks
Jamie Johnson, 2024-2026 SCVMA President
- 12:00 – 12:30 **Sign Up for Continuing Education Credits**
Refreshments – For the Road ~ Sponsored by: