

# 2024 South Carolina Vegetation Management Association Annual Conference Agenda Hilton Myrtle Beach Resort

*Tuesday, January 23, 2024*

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11:30 – 12:30 **Board of Directors Meeting & Lunch**

2:00 – 5:00 **Conference Registration ~ Sponsored by: Energreen America, Kendall Vegetation & Bristow**

2:00 – 5:00 **Exhibitor Setup**

*Wednesday, January 24, 2024*

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7:30 – 8:30 **Conference Registration ~ Sponsored by: Energreen America, Kendall Vegetation & Bristow**  
**Breakfast with Exhibitors ~ Sponsored by: Xylem Tree Experts**

8:30 – 9:00 **Opening Ceremony – Welcome, Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance, and Ice Breaker**  
Jonathan Black, SCVMA President & Tyler Allen, Opterra

9:00 – 9:30 **Vegetation Management and AI**  
*Palash Das, Pinnacle Consulting*

9:30 – 10:00 **Herbicide Applications: A Simple Plan Moving Forward**  
*Billy Nowlen, Shady Dale Farm*

10:00 – 10:15 **BREAK ~ Sponsored by: Nutrien Solutions**

10:15 – 10:30 **Ice Breaker**  
*Tyler Allen, Opterra*

10:30 – 11:15 **Avoiding Getting Bit or Stung**  
*Jimmy Walters, Urban Forest Advisors*

11:15 – 12:00 **Aerial Sidetrimming**  
*Jamie Williamson, Heli-Dunn*

12:00 – 12:10 **BUSINESS MEETING (Business Meeting Agenda)**

12:10 – 1:10 **LUNCH ~ Sponsored by: Energreen America**

1:10 – 2:00 **Whose Tree is It, Anyway?**  
*Matt Clinton, City of Rock Hill*

2:00 – 2:30 **Stormwater Conveyance and the Benefits of Herbicides**  
*Drew Arsi, Opterra Solutions*

2:30 – 2:45 **BREAK ~ Sponsored by: Davey Tree Experts**

2:45 – 3:45 **Lone Worker Safety**  
*Liz Westberg, Growth Solutions*

3:45 – 4:15 **Pesticide Regulatory Update**  
*Ryan Okey, Clemson Department of Pesticide Regulation*

4:15 – 4:30 **Recognition of 2023 SCVMA Scholarship Recipients**

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 25, 2024***

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- 7:30 – 8:30 **Breakfast with Exhibitors ~ Sponsored by: Right Way Tree Experts**
- 8:30 – 9:00 **Benefits of Herbicide Applications in the Right-of-Way**  
*Jesse Peery, Envu*
- 9:00 – 10:00 **Pesticide Safety & Calibration**  
*Brad Fowler, Clemson Extension*
- 10:00 – 10:15 **BREAK ~ Sponsored by: Helena**
- 10:15 – 10:45 **2024 Lifetime Achievement Award Presentation**  
*SCVMA Board of Directors*
- 10:45 – 11:15 **What's Going on in SCDOT Rights of Ways**  
*Jennifer Gruber, SCDOT*
- 11:15 – 11:45 **Vegetation Management Resources**  
*Jimmy Walters, ISA Southern Chapter*
- 11:45 – 12:00 **2024 Scholarship Raffle Drawing**  
**Recognition of Scholarship Sponsors**  
**Closing Remarks**  
*Jonathan Black, 2022-2024 SCVMA President*
- 12:00 – 12:30 **Adjourn**  
**Sign Up for Continuing Education Credits**  
**Refreshments – For the Road ~ Sponsored by: Asplundh**