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Welcome Reception

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Please join us for a reception welcoming our conference attendees to Sulphur!

Wednesday Evening, August 19th, 2026

5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

The Artesian Hotel & Spa
1001 W. 1st Street | Sulphur, OK 73086

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Thursday, August 20, 2026

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Agenda

8:00 am **REGISTRATION**

9:00 am **WELCOME**

Josh McClintock, RRVA Executive Director

RRVA President Fabian Heaney, General Manager
Red River Authority of Texas

Kara Berst, Deputy Secretary of Outreach and Services
Chickasaw Nation Department of Commerce

Representative Ryan Eaves (R-22)
Oklahoma House of Representatives

Dan Gordon*,* Mayor *(Invited)*
Sulphur, OK

9:20 am **STATE AGENCY INITIATIVES**

"Overview of Oklahoma Environmental Agency Structure"
Michelle Wynn, Deputy Secretary of Agency & Legislative Affairs
Oklahoma Office of the Secretary of Energy & Environment

"Blue River Study"
Madison Miller*,* Deputy Executive Director

Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality

"Oklahoma Comprehensive Water Plan Update"
Julie Cunningham, Executive Director
Oklahoma Water Resources Board

10:30 am **FEDERAL AGENCY INITIATIVES**

"USACE Tulsa District Overview"
Major Samuel J. Pearce, Deputy District Commander
Tulsa District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

"Tulsa District Update"
Chad King, CAP/ PAS Project Manager
Tulsa District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

"Red River Operations Update"
Isaac Martin, Red River Area Operations Project Manager
Tulsa District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

"WaterSMART Program Overview"
Nathan Kuhnert, Hydrologist and Native American Affairs Coordinator
Oklahoma-Texas Area Office, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation

11:30 am **CONGRESSIONAL STAFF PANEL DISCUSSION**

Amber Savage, Field Representative
Congressman Tom Cole (OK-04)

Cedon Harazda, Southeast Field Representative
Senator James Lankford (R-OK)

12:00 pm **NETWORKING LUNCH**

Lunch Keynote Address

Usha-Maria Turner, Assistant Administrator
Office of International & Tribal Affairs
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Washington, DC

1:00 pm **"Western Water in 2026: Challenges, Partnerships & the Road Ahead"**

J.D. Strong, Executive Director
Western States Water Council

1:30 pm **"Lake Texoma Watershed Initiative"**

Kris Patton, Executive Officer of Natural Resources
The Chickasaw Nation

Duane Smith, Executive Director
The Oka' Institute at East Central University

Mason Martinez, Community GIS/Education Specialist
The Oka' Institute at East Central University

2:15 pm "**Choctaw Nation Water Initiatives"**

Ahndria Ablett, Director of Water Resources, Environmental Protection Service
The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

2:45 pm **THE SULPHUR PIPELINE PROJECT**

Steven Jolly, District Manager
Arbuckle Master Conservancy District

Kris Patton, Executive Officer of Natural Resources
The Chickasaw Nation

Cody Holcomb, President
Civil Design Solutions

3:15 pm **CLOSING REMARKS**

Fabian Heaney, RRVA President

Josh McClintock**,** RRVA Executive Director

3:30 pm **ADJOURN**

3:45 pm **RRVA BOARD MEETING**