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DATE: 15 January 2009

TO: NSCSS General Membership and Interested Associates

FROM: Phil "Pablo" Scoles, 2009 NSCSS President-Elect / Conference Coordinator

**RE: NSCSS 2009 Annual Conference Invitation, Agenda & Registration  
in Old Sacramento, California**

Greetings Fellow Soil and Earth Scientists!

You are cordially invited to attend our 2009 Annual Meeting in Old Sacramento, California from March 5 to 7, 2009. We have arranged a meeting agenda that is unlike any previous annual meeting and it's guaranteed to foster expanding your skills as a consulting soil scientist. These are difficult economic times that we must navigate and adapt to, so this year's agenda offers specific training sessions to increase your knowledge and market that knowledge to clients, agencies and other organizations.

Did you know that soil scientists are conducting land capability evaluations that engineers use for their storm water designs? Are you up to speed on the new regional hydric soil indicators that have been mandated by the Corps of Engineers? Do you know what it takes to team and tackle sediment/erosion control projects? How might you get into the emerging market of black carbon sequestration? If you answered "No" to at least one of these questions, then this annual meeting is opportunity knocking at your door. These training sessions will cover how to add these skills to your portfolio of services and how to market these services to others. On top of all of this, the field trip is a tour of soils and geomorphology of the east side of the Sacramento Valley.

Old Sacramento is the setting for this year's annual conference. We've arranged to have the meeting aboard the Historic Delta King riverboat, which is a floating hotel on the Sacramento River. The location is truly unique and lodging experience is a blast from the past (with modern conveniences, of course). The room rates are absolutely unbeatable for this location (\$99 per night, really!), but the rooms are limited so don't delay in getting your reservations made. Old Sacramento has everything from great restaurants to night music to museums to shopping. Of course, the annual scholarship golf tournament and silent auction are also part of the fun planned for this meeting.

Review the following agenda—subject to updates, watch the NSCSS website for the 'latest and greatest.' Complete and return the Registration Form to take advantage of the Early Registration Fee Benefit and contact the Delta King today.

This will be a meeting to remember (aren't they all?) and we look forward to your making this conference one of your most beneficial 2009 Work-and-Play experiences!



# NSCSS 2009 Annual Conference

March 4 - 7, Sacramento, CA

# Agenda



## Wednesday, March 4

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| <b>10:00 AM - 3:00 PM</b> | High Intensity Soil Survey of Environments Highly Disturbed for Recreational Purposes<br>(Scholarship Golf Tournament—Course to Be Announced) |
| <b>5:00 - 8:00 PM</b>     | Executive Committee and Board of Directors Meetings / <i>Ft. Sutter Room (Saloon Deck)</i>  |

## Thursday, March 5

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| <b>7:30 - 8:30 AM</b>   | Registration and Continental Breakfast   |
| <b>8:30 - 8:45 AM</b>   | Welcome and Introductions (L. Baldwin, Presiding) <i>Paddlewheel Room (Saloon Deck)</i>  |
| <b>8:45 - 10:00 AM</b>  | Navigating Rough Economic Waters:<br>Essential Skills Every Consulting Soil Scientist Firm Needs to Offer (NSCSS Member Panel) |
| <b>10:00 - 10:15 AM</b> | Break  |
| <b>10:15 - 12:00 PM</b> | Regional Hydric Soil Indicators (P. Scoles, Presenter)   |
| <b>12:00 - 1:15 PM</b>  | Lunch (Provided With Registration) Key Note Speaker TBD  |
| <b>1:15 - 2:30 PM</b>   | Black Carbon Technical Session (P. Small, Coordinator)   |
| <b>2:30 - 3:00 PM</b>   | Geomorphology of the Sacramento Basin and Foothills (R. Shlemon, Presenter)  |
|                         | <b>CONCURRENT SESSION</b>  |
|                         | Professional Ethics Introductory Session (NSCSS Board of Examiners, Presenters)  |
| <b>3:00 - 3:15 PM</b>   | Break  |
| <b>3:15 - 4:30 PM</b>   | Professional Ethics Case History Session<br>(Panel discussion of ethical dilemmas faced by NSCSS Members)                      |
| <b>4:30 - 5:15 PM</b>   | Annual Business Meeting (L. Baldwin, Presiding)  |
| <b>6:00 - 8:00 PM</b>   | Reception with No Host Bar (included in registration) <i>Capitol City Room (Promenade Deck)</i>                                |

## Friday, March 6

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| <b>7:30 - 8:30 AM</b>   | Continental Breakfast   |
| <b>8:30 - 9:00 AM</b>   | Overview of Storm Water Planning Opportunities for Soil Scientists (P. Bordenave, Presenter)<br><i>Jenny Lind Room (Saloon Deck)</i>  |
| <b>9:00 - 10:15 AM</b>  | Storm Water Facility Pre-Design Evaluation and Monitoring (L. Palazzi, Presenter)<br><i>Jenny Lind Room (Saloon Deck)</i>   |
| <b>10:15 - 10:30 AM</b> | Break   |
| <b>10:30 - 11:45 AM</b> | NPDES Permit / Planning Development: Opportunities for Soil Scientists<br>Teaming and Managing Storm Water, Erosion and Sediment Control Projects<br>(P. Bordenave, Presenter) <i>Jenny Lind Room (Saloon Deck)</i> |
| <b>12:00- 2:00 PM</b>   | Executive Committee and Board of Directors Meetings <i>Fort Sutter Room (Saloon Deck)</i>   |

## Saturday, March 7

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| <b>7:30AM to 3:00PM</b> | Sacramento Valley & Foothills Soil and Geomorphology Field Tour<br><b>FIELD TOUR</b> (R. Shlemon, S. Davis - Tour Coordinators) |
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# 2009 CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM



## REGISTRANT CONTACT INFORMATION:

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
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Company: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Special Needs/Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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### ATTENTION VENDORS!

Contact either Phil Scoles, NSCSS Conference Coordinator at [pscoles@terrascience.com](mailto:pscoles@terrascience.com) or 503-274-2100 OR Sue PaDelford, NSCSS Executive Secretary at [sue@intermountainresources.com](mailto:sue@intermountainresources.com) or 208-263-9391 to receive Vendor Information.

## PARTICIPATION:

Date I (we) plan to arrive \_\_\_\_\_

Date I (we) plan to depart \_\_\_\_\_

	#	Yes	No
Wednesday 3/04/09 Scholarship Golf H.I.S.S.	_____	_____	_____
Thursday 3/05/09 Reception	_____	_____	_____
Friday 3/06/09 Technical Sessions	_____	_____	_____
Saturday 3/07/09 Field Trip	_____	_____	_____

## FEES:

Scholarship Golf SSHI Soil Survey -  
*(\$125/person; incl. golf, cart, lunch and "stuff")* \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Conference & Field Tour) -  
(by 2/12/09 - \$300/person) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(after 2/12/09 - \$350/person) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Conference Only - (\$200/person) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Field Tour Only - (\$75/person) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Student - (\$50/person) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*(Includes Conference Only; Assistance available through NSCSS Student Scholarship requests)*

Guest(s) - (\$100/person) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*(Includes Evening Social, Continental Breakfasts, Lunch, and Field Trip. Does not include attendance/entry into technical or business sessions)*

NSCSS Member Discount  
(**subtract** \$50) \$ < \_\_\_\_\_ >

**TOTAL ENCLOSED \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**RETURN YOUR COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORM WITH FEES TO:  
NSCSS TREASURER, PO BOX 1724, Sandpoint, ID 83864**

## Room Reservations:

The Conference will be held at the **Delta King**, Rooms have been blocked at a negotiated rate of \$99/night (double or single), which is a VERY reduced rate for Sacramento. These prices are good until **February 12, 2009**, after which the rooms will be released and price is not guaranteed. Individuals are responsible for making room reservations by calling the Delta King Hotel at 800-825-5464. Make sure you identify that you are with the NSCSS Conference.

**The DELTA KING Hotel**

Information and Images  
from [www.deltaking.com](http://www.deltaking.com)



The historic Delta King riverboat is a completely renovated, historic 1920's riverboat that transported passengers and freight on the Sacramento River between Sacramento and San Francisco from 1927 to 1940. The Delta King and her sister ship the Delta Queen were the finest paddle wheelers of the day; offering charm, grace, elegance, fine dining and live entertainment.

