



Arkansas Conservation Districts
Training Program



Arkansas Natural Resources Commission

Power Point 12



ANRC Responsibility

- The Commission makes funding and regulatory decisions relative to
 - soil conservation,
 - water rights,
 - dam safety,
 - floodplain management, and
 - water resource planning and development.



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Commission History

- has existed in some form since Act No. 197 of 1937
- Most recent version created through 1963 combination of the Arkansas Water Conservation Commission and the Water Compact Commission
- Soil conservation and flood control functions of the Arkansas Geological and Conservation Commission also transferred to ANRC in 1963.



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Commission's Purpose

- Guide state policy in soil and water conservation
- Assist districts in carrying out their programs.
- Appoint directors and assist with district elections.
- Secure assistance for districts from federal and state agencies.
- Prepare budget requests for state appropriations to support district programs.
- Keep districts informed and facilitate the exchange of information and experiences among districts.



Commission Members

- Nine commissioners
- appointed by the governor to seven-year terms.
- Terms are staggered so that at least one term expires each year.
- Two Commissioners for each of Arkansas' four Congressional districts with the ninth commissioner holding an at-large position.
- some commissioners are also district directors.
- Districts should feel comfortable communicating directly with nearby commissioners about a particular district's needs, desires, or problems.



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ANRC Staff

- Executive Director, appointed by the Governor, manages a staff of approximately 83 persons
- Executive director reports to the Governor on budget, personnel, and related management.
- Executive director reports to the Commission on policy and financial assistance commitments.
- Three Sections: Soil and Water Conservation, Water Resource Management, Water Resource Development.



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State Committee and Commission Responsibilities

- Due to its technical expertise in soil and water resources matters, the Commission's executive director or his designee has been designated by law or by executive order to serve on various commissions and committees or to act as advisors to these commissions and committees.



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Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission

- ANRC executive director is a member
- regulates and manages efforts to correct and prevent pollution of air and water



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Arkansas Water Well Construction Commission

- ANRC executive director is a member
- purpose is protection of ground water through regulation of water well drilling contractors and pump installers



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Department of Finance and Administration Natural Resources Committee

- ANRC executive director is a member
- issues leases or permits for removal of sand and gravel, minerals or timber from state owned land.



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Arkansas Natural and Scenic Rivers Commission

- ANRC executive director is a member of advisory council
- Identifies high water-quality streams and develops and executes protective measures.



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Red River Commission

- ANRC executive director is a member
- created to develop improvement districts adjacent to the Red River and to cooperate with federal authorities in the construction of the Red River Navigation System
- The ANRC provides technical advice, funding and other support as necessary



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Governor's Technical Review Committee on Natural Resources

- ANRC executive director is a member
- composed of fourteen state agencies
- formulate a state position on various proposed projects, applications, environmental impact statements, permits and related proposals submitted to agencies of the State of Arkansas



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