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## **Plenary Session**

### **Carey Johnson, Director, Kentucky Division of Water**



Carey Johnson is Director of the Division of Water within the Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet. Originally hailing from Boone County in northern Kentucky, he received a BS and MS in Soil Science from the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture. For the past 19 years, he has led activities to help the Division accomplish goals in natural hazards management and resilience, developing and utilizing digital tools, and Clean Water and Safe Drinking Water Act activities. Carey oversees the Cooperating Technical Partners (CTP) program with FEMA to identify flood hazards and reduce flood risks across the Commonwealth. He also serves as the state lead for Kentucky Silver Jackets collaborative

efforts with the US Army Corps of Engineers. Carey is a current member of the Technical Mapping Advisory Council (TMAC), a federal advisory committee established to review and make recommendations to FEMA on matters related to the national flood mapping program. He represents the Division on the National Dam Safety Review Board (NDSRB), as an Ohio River Sanitation Commission (ORSANCO) Commissioner proxy, and the Kentucky Agriculture Water Quality Authority. He currently serves as a steering committee member of the Ohio River Basin Alliance (ORBA) and on the Kentucky State Hazard Mitigation Council. In June 2020, Carey was elected chairperson of the Association of State Floodplain Managers (ASFPM) – a scientific and educational nonprofit organization with over 7,000 members dedicated to reducing flood losses across the nation.

### **Dale Threatt-Taylor, Exec. Director, The Nature Conservancy SC Chapter**



Dale Threatt-Taylor is the Executive Director of The Nature Conservancy South Carolina Chapter (TNC SC). She received a Bachelor of Science in Conservation from North Carolina State University and a Master of Environmental Management from Duke University in 2011. In 2012, she was selected as one of 30 agriculturalists in North Carolina identified to participate in the Agricultural Leadership Development Program at North Carolina State University.

Her career began as a Soil Conservationist with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service and she later joined the Wake Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD). In 2008, she was selected as District Director of Wake SWCD and Wake County Soil and Water Conservation Department. Her role as Executive Director for

TNC SC has provided the opportunity to build new relationships between natural resource conservationists and environmentalists across the nation.

Dale's conservation and environmental leadership includes service on many national, state, and local boards and committees. On August 1, 2020, Dale made history when elected to serve as Chair of the Soil and Water Conservation Society's national Board of Directors. She also serves on TNC's North American Agriculture Committee and on the Executive Board of Sustain SC.

On April 22, 2021, Dale was invited to join the Board of Visitors of the Nicholas School of the Environment at Duke University.

Having received many awards throughout her career, one caught her by surprise, The Order of the Long Leaf Pine from North Carolina Governor Roy Cooper for her dedicated work in conservation. Dale wants everyone to understand that locally led conservation begins with an individual, and together, our conservation work is so important in protecting the lands and waters on which all life depends.