

Wednesday, October 28

Continuing Education Units

Self-Certified Growers: **3.0** Certified Crop Adviser (CCA): **1.5 Nutrient Management 1.5 Soil & Water Management**

Welcome

8:00 Karen Ross, Secretary, California Department of Food & Agriculture

Session 1: Sampling Techniques and Analyses

- 8:20 Assessment of Harvested and Sequestered Nitrogen Content in California Crops Dr. John Dickey, Technical Program Manager, South San Joaquin Valley Management Practices Evaluation Program
- 8:50 Assessing the Accuracy and Precision of Soil Chemical Analyses Performed by Eight Agricultural Laboratories Andre Biscaro, Irrigation and Water Resources Advisor, University of California Cooperative Extension, Ventura County
- 9:20 Questions
- 9:30 Coffee Break

Session 2: Irrigation and Salinity Management

- **9:40** Improving Nitrate and Salinity Management Strategies for Almonds Daniela Reineke, Soils and Biogeochemistry Graduate Group, University of California, Davis
- **10:10** Importance of a Good Distribution Uniformity Brian Hockett, District Manager, North West Kern Resource Conservation District
- 10:40 Questions
- 10:50 Coffee Break

Session 3: Efficient Management Practices in Almonds

- **11:00 Practical Advances in Almond Irrigation Sustainability** Luke Milliron, Orchard Systems Advisor, University of California Cooperative Extension, Butte, Glen, and Tehama Counties
- **11:30 Practical Advances in Almond Nutrition Sustainability** Dr. Franz Niederholzer, Orchard Systems Advisor, University of California Cooperative Extension, Yuba, Sutter, and Colusa Counties
- 12:00 Questions



Conference

Welcome

8:00 Renee Pinel, President/CEO, Western Plant Health Association

Session 1: Soil and Crop Nutrient Management

- 8:10 Evaluation of Certified Organic Fertilizers for Long-term Nutrient Planning Cole Smith, Staff Research Associate, University of California Cooperative Extension, Santa Clara and Monterey Counties
- 8:40 Soil Nitrate Quick Tests and Nitrogen Management in Strawberry Production Dr. Gerry Spinelli, Agricultural Technical Specialist, Santa Cruz Resource Conservation District
- 9:10 Hemp for Essential Oils: Water and Nutrient Management Considerations Dr. Bob Hutmacher, Cooperative Extension Specialist and Center Director, University of California West Side Research and Education Center
- 9:40 Questions
- 10:00 **Coffee Break**

Session 2: Managed Aquifer Recharge on the Central Coast

- 10:10 Water Resource Management in the Pajaro Valley Brian Lockwood, General Manager /Hydrogeologist, Pajaro Valley Water District Management Agency
- 10:40 Enhancing Groundwater Recharge in the Pajaro Valley Dr. Andrew Fisher, Hydrogeology Professor, University of California, Santa Cruz
- 11:10 Questions
- 11:30 **Closing Remarks**

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