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Joint USDA-NRCS and CDFA Summit



Building Partnerships on Healthy Soil

Natural Resources Conservation Service • California Department of Food & Agriculture

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1220 N Street

Main Auditorium

California Department of Food and Agriculture

Sacramento, CA 95814

Webinar information: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/947870662398398977>

Vision and Goal of Summit: Develop a shared vision and goal to coalesce our collaborative efforts in soil health and climate smart agriculture. Identify and engage each of our capabilities (capacities) to advocate for and implement soil health practices for natural resource sustainability and agricultural food production in California.

9:30 – 9:45 AM -- Introduction and Welcome

9:45 – 10:15 -- Opening remarks

- Carlos Suarez - USDA-NRCS California State Conservationist
- Karen Ross - CDFA Secretary

10:15 to 10:30 -- CDFA work on soil health to date including Healthy Soils Initiative

- Jenny Lester Moffitt - Deputy Secretary, CDFA

10:30 to 11:00 -- USDA-NRCS work on soil health to date

- Tony Rolfes - USDA-NRCS State Soil Scientist
- Jeff Borum - California Soil Health Network Coordinator, East Stanislaus RCD
- Karen Buhr – California Association of Resources Conservation Districts

11:00 to 12:00 -- Associations/organizations

- Ladi Asgill - Sustainable Conservation
- Cynthia Cory – California Farm Bureau
- Gabriele Ludwig, PhD - Almond Board of California
- Jeanne Merrill – California Climate Action Network (CalCAN)
- Carbon Cycle Institute

12:00 to 1:00 PM - Lunch

1:00 to 2:00 -- Building Local Partnerships (growers and ranchers)

- Steve Gruenwald – Grower's Choice Crop Consulting and Farmer
- John Heywood – Tollhouse Ranch
- Judith Redmond – Full Belly Farm
- Betsy Karle – Area Dairy Advisor & County Director, UCCE Glenn County

2:00 to 2:50 -- Modeling, Tools and Management Practice Panel

- Alan Di Vittorio, PhD – Lawrence Berkeley National Lab
- Amy Swan, MSc – Colorado State University
- Jeff Mitchell, PhD – UCCE, Kearney Agricultural Research & Extension Center

2:50 to 3:15 -- Break

3:15 to 3:45 -- Investor Panel

- Rodd Kelsey, PhD and Kelly Gravuer, PhD – The Nature Conservancy (TNC)
- Renske Lynde - Food System 6

3:45 to 5:00 -- Discussion on Building Partnerships around Healthy Soils (all participants)



We would like to thank East Stanislaus Resource Conservation District for their help in hosting logistics.