

Agronomic Crops and Irrigation Water Management Workshop

May 15, 2024

Location:

Barbara Worth Country Club
2050 Country Club Dr., Holtville, CA 92250

Registration link: [Link](#)

8:00 a.m. – Noon

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| 7:30 | Registration |
| 8:00 | Welcome - Oli Bachie, Director of UCCE Imperial County |
| 8:05 | Opening Remarks - Ryan Kelley, Imperial County Board of Supervisors (BOS) -District 4 |
| 8:15 | Challenges Due to Climate Change and Tools and Resources to Manage Risks in Agriculture - Tapan Pathak, CE Specialist in Climate Adaptation in Agriculture, University of California, Merced |
| 8:35 | UCCE Irrigation and Water Management Research in Recent Years - Ali Montazar, Irrigation and Water Management Advisor, UCCE Imperial County |
| 8:55 | IID Conservation Update - Michael Pacheco, Water Department Manager, Imperial Irrigation District |
| 9:10 | Learning from Grower Panel: Successful Stories, Concerns, and Solutions on Irrigation Technologies and Water Conservation - Ronnie Leimgruber, Leimgruber Farms; Alex Jack, Jack Brothers Farms; Larry Cox, Lawrence Cox Ranches |
| 10:00 | New LI-710 Sensor to Measure Actual Evapotranspiration - Sasha Ivans, LI-COR Environmental |

Break (10 minutes)

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| 10:20 | Update on the Improved Alfalfa Varieties for a Water-Challenged Future – Charles Brummer, Director of the Plant Breeding Center, University of California, Davis |
| 10:40 | Enhancing Sudangrass Hay Production and Quality - Oli Bachie, Agronomy Advisor, UCCE Imperial County |
| 11:00 | The Top 10 Violations of 2023 - Julian Lopez, Deputy Agricultural Commissioner, Pesticide Use Enforcement, Imperial County |
| 11:20 | Spider Mites and Low Desert Alfalfa - Michael Rethwisch, Crop Production and Entomology Advisor, UCCE Riverside, Blythe (Palo Verde Valley Office) |
| 11:40 | Sudangrass as a Rotation Crop for Nematode and Soil Health Management in the Low Desert Cropping Systems - Philip Waisen, Vegetable Crops Advisor, UCCE Riverside County (Indio office) |
| 12:00 | Lunch - Please stay for lunch. |

For additional information on the workshop, please contact Ali Montazar, amontazar@ucanr.edu or Oli Bachie, obachie@ucanr.edu or call us at (442) 265-7700.

Approved Continuing Education Units:

California DPR (Course ID #DPR-1057-24 – 1 hr.), Arizona Dept. of Agriculture (Course ID #24813 - .75 hr.), CCA (Tracking No. #CA 61577 – 3.5 hrs.)