

CALIFORNIA SOIL HEALTH

Cover Crop Training

In conjunction with USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service

Wednesday, March 14, 2018 - Agenda

- 8:00** – Welcome and Introductions (*Margaret Smither Kopperl, NRCS & Trina Walley, ESRCD*)
- 8:15** – Knowing if Cover Crops are the Right Choice: *Hud Minshew, NRCS State Agronomist (Tab 1)*
- Planning and Resource Concern Focused (NRCS)
- 8:45** – Cover Crops Selection: *Margaret Smither Kopperl, NRCS PMC Manager (Tab 2)*
- Goal
 - Planning Considerations for Selection, use of the eVeg Guide and PLS
 - Management
- 9:30** – Break / Head to Field
- 9:45** – National Adaptation Cover Crop Trials: *Valerie Bullard, NRCS PMC Agronomist*
- 10:00** – Cover Cropping for Beneficial Insects: *Jessa Kay-Cruz, The Xerces Society (Tab 3)*
- 10:30** – IPM Considerations with Cover Crops: *Tom Johnson, Kamprath Seed (Tab 4)*
- 11:00** – Weed Issues with Cover Crops: *Stephen Haring, UCD PhD Candidate in Weed Science (Tab 5)*
- 11:30** – **Lunch: Provided**
- 12:00** – Hands-on Field Component PMC Field Studies (**Tab 6**)
- Equipment and seed bed preparation
 - Calculating Seeding Rates for Single and Multi-Species
 - Broadcast seeding: planters and calibration
 - Drilled seeding: planters and calibration
- 1:30** – Break / Return to PMC
- 1:40** – Cover Crops and Soil Health: *Zahangir Kabir, NRCS Regional Soil Health Specialist (Tab 7)*
- 2:40** – Break
- 2:50** – Management Strategies for Cover Crops: *Facilitated Panel: Wendy Rash Facilitator*
- Planting
 - Vegetation Management / Termination
 - Challenges/Success Shared Experiences
- 3:50** – Standards, Questions, Next Steps toward JAA: *Hud Minshew & Wendy Rash, NRCS (Tab 8)*
- 4:00** – Studies, Resources & WSARE Regional Demos: *Trina Walley, ESRCD Programs (Tab 9 & 10)*
- 4:15** – Course Evaluation and Feedback (**Inside Front Pocket**)
- 4:30** – End of Training