

Staff Workshop & Field Day



Soil, Water, Energy: Farming Strategies for Coping with Climate Change

Friday October 21, 2011

You are invited to a workshop for NRCS, Extension and RCD staff to learn more about the relationship of climate change and agriculture. The workshop will include presentations from UC researchers and NRCS and Extension specialists on topics including: climate change impacts on California agriculture; opportunities in agriculture to mitigate and adapt to a changing climate, with a focus on soil building and salinity management; and renewable energy resources for growers.

You will also have a tour of a local farm using sustainable farming practices that demonstrate some of the principles covered in the workshop.

DATE: Friday October 21, 2011

TIME: 9:00am - 3:00pm

Arrive by 8:45am for coffee & pastries; we will start at 9:00am sharp. Lunch will be provided.

LOCATION: USDA Service Center/RCD Office • 82901 Bliss Ave., Indio, CA 92201

WHO: The workshop is open to NRCS, Cooperative Extension and RCD staff.

RSVP: To ensure your space in the workshop, please RSVP by October 12 to Renata Brillinger at renata@calclimateag.org. There is no registration fee (it is funded by SARE).

TOPICS:

Climate Change Impacts on California Agriculture — Peter Van de Water, Assistant Professor of Earth & Environmental Sciences, CSU, Fresno

Managing Salinity and Water with Sustainable Agriculture — Donald Suarez, UC Riverside Salinity Lab

Soil Building as a Climate Strategy — Milt McGiffen, Cooperative Extension Vegetable Crops Specialist & Plant Physiologist, UC Riverside

NRCS Renewable Energy Resources for Growers — Jacqui Gaskill, Energy Specialist, NRCS

Farm Tour — Location to be determined

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