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Agronomic Crops and Water Conservation Field Day

When: Thursday April 16, 2015 (7:00 AM to 12 PM)
Where: University of California Desert Research & Extension Center
1004 E. Holton Rd., Holtville, CA 92250.

7:00 AM: Registration
7:30 AM: Begin Field Day

Agenda: Talks are scheduled for 10 minutes

Stop 1 (Area 20) - Oil Crops for the low desert and current IR-4 assessments

- Oil Crops for the low desert – Steve Kaffka, UC Cooperative Extension, UC Davis
- Current IR-4 project field assessments – Brent Boutwell, UC Cooperative Extension, Imperial

Stop 2 (Area 80) - Water Conservation and Alfalfa production under subsurface drip irrigation

- Update on Drought in California - Daniele Zaccaria, UC Cooperative Extension, UC Davis
- Alfalfa Production under Subsurface Drip Irrigation (SDI) - Dan Putnam, UC Cooperative Extension, UC Davis
- Design and Management of SDI Systems for Alfalfa - Bryan Foley, Toro Micro-irrigation
- Grower's Experience with SDI on alfalfa- John Summers, ACX International Ag Management, To be confirmed
- Alfalfa Crop Coefficients (Kcs) and methods to estimate Kcs for alfalfa - Cayle Little, California Department of Water Resources
- Irrigation Scheduling, what you need to know- Khaled Bali, UC Cooperative Extension Imperial County
- Alfalfa and Field Crops Soil Aeration Equipment - Geno Souza, Gearmore, Inc.

Stop 3 (Area 90 East) - Variety trials and deficit irrigation

- Alfalfa Variety Studies and Water Use - Dan Putnam, UC Cooperative Extension, UC Davis
- Deficit Irrigation Trials in California - Dan Putnam and Khaled Bali, UC Cooperative Extension
- The BountiGel, effectiveness as tested on Bell pepper – Jose Aguiar, UC Cooperative Extension, Riverside County & Bardia Dehghanmanshadi, mOasis

Stop 4 (Area 90 West) - Sugarbeets and Fertigation trials

- Sugarbeets Nitrogen and Irrigation Management under Flood and SDI Irrigation - Steve Kaffka, UC Cooperative Extension, UC Davis

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Stop 5a (Area 70) – Potential new crop and biofuels

- The Giant King Grass for the Valley – Oli Bachie, UC Cooperative Extension, Imperial County
- Sorghum forages for California – Bob Hutmacher, UC Cooperative Extension & West Side REC
- How to assess the costs and benefits of biofuel feedstocks in the low desert - David Grantz, Kearney Agricultural Center

Stop 5b (Area 70) – Automated Surface Irrigation

- Update on Automated Irrigation - Tom Gill, USBR
- Control of Automated Gates with Observant - Philip Ray, Observant Inc.
- Advance in Advance Sensors for Automation - Alan Jackson, Rubicon Water
- Flow Rate Measurements - Diego Davis and Ron Nauman, SonTek, San Diego

Stop 5c (Area 70) – Sugarbeet Nematode

- Coded variety trial and new products for cyst nematode management - Becky Westerdahl, UC Davis

Stop 6 (Area 26) - Agronomic crop insect pests

- Blue alfalfa aphids and control – Eric Natwick, UC Cooperative Extension, Imperial County
- Insect pests of alfalfa in Palo Verde Valley – Vonny Barlow, UC Cooperative Extension, Riverside County

Lunch will be served at noon (Sponsored by mOasis). For additional information on the field day, please contact Khaled Bali, kmbali@ucanr.edu or Oli Bachie, obachie@ucanr.edu

PENDING: Certified Crop Adviser, CA & AZ CEU hours

Please feel free to contact us if you need special accommodations.

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