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# **Texas Agricultural Lifetime Leadership Program**

**Class XII  
Session 6 - California  
October 24 - 28, 2011**

*“Employment, Emigration,  
Environment”*



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**Lodging for Monday night: Sacramento Airport Natomas Courtyard by Marriott**  
 2101 River Plaza Drive, Sacramento, CA 95833, 916-922-1120  
<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/sacch-courtyard-sacramento-airport-natomas/>  
**Shuttle Service:** Hotel offers complimentary airport shuttle service to and from the airport between the hours of 4:30 a.m. – 11:00 p.m. Once you land in Sacramento and gather your luggage, please call the front desk directly @ (916)-922-1120 and they will send the shuttle over.

**Monday – October 24, 2011**

**Presiders:** .....Mark Kubecka & Mike Metzig  
**Attire:** .....Business  
**Transportation:**.....Charter Bus

**AGRICULTURE POLICY**

- 12:30 p.m. Meet in the lobby of the Sacramento Airport Natomas Courtyard by Marriott, 2101 River Plaza Drive, Sacramento, CA, (916) 922-1120 Board bus.
- 12:45 p.m. Bus departs to the California Farm Bureau Federation Headquarters, 2300 River Plaza Drive, Sacramento, CA
- 1:00 p.m. **California Agricultural Policy Briefing.....Paul Wenger (CALP Class17)**  
**President , California Farm Bureau Federation**  
 .....**Rich Matteis**  
**Administrator, California Farm Bureau Federation**
- 3:00 p.m. Bus departs to the California Department of Food and Agriculture, 1220 N Street, Sacramento, CA – Room 133
- 3:30 p.m. **California Agricultural Policy Briefing..... Karen Ross**  
**Secretary of the California Department of Food and Agriculture**
- Presiders:** .....Garry Merritt and Scott Piercy

3:45 p.m. Walk (across the street) to the California State Legislature Capitol Building, 10<sup>th</sup> and L Street, Sacramento, CA - Room 126

**4:00 p.m. California Agricultural Policy Briefing.....*Jim Collin***  
*Chief Consultant, Assembly Committee on Agriculture*

TBD Return to the Sacramento Airport Natomas Courtyard Marriott  
2101 River Plaza Drive, Sacramento, CA, (916) 922-1120

Dinner: To be determined

**Tuesday – October 25, 2011**

**Presiders: .....*Jason Pooley and Ilona Schilderink***

**Attire: .....Business Casual, comfortable walking shoes**

**Transportation:.....Charter Bus**

**Breakfast..... On Your Own**

**WATER AND ENERGY**

6:30 a.m. Meet in hotel lobby and board bus.

6:45 a.m. Depart to Jones Pumping Plant, 15990 Kelso Road, Byron, CA 94514  
Contacts: Front Desk (209) 832-6200; Steve Larsen (209) 832-6230

**8:30 a.m. California Water Issues Briefing ..... *Mike Wade***  
**Executive Director, California Farm Water Coalition**

**Pumping Station Overview .....*Steve Larsen***  
**Maintenance Manager, San Luis Delta Mendota Water Agency**

**Presiders: .....*Darren Rozell and Scott Taylor***

11:00 a.m. Board bus and depart to Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory  
1 Cyclotron Road, Berkeley, CA

NOTE: Blackberry Gate (East end of Hearst Avenue)

Room: Advanced Light Source (ALS) Room 2202

**Lunch: TBD. Recommendation: Cafeteria located on site, relatively simple (5 min) walk to the ALS. . (Building 54 on the map.)**  
**.....*Lunch sponsored by NETA-FIM, courtesy of Jim Hunt, TALL XII***

- California Energy Future.....*Rocky Saunders (CALP Class 14)*  
 Emergency Services Manager, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory
- 1:00 p.m. Lab Overview
- 1:30 p.m. Nano Technology Research
- 2:00 p.m. Energy Research
- 2:30 p.m. Tour of the Advance Light Source Lab
- 3:00 p.m. Depart to Monterey Marriott, 350 Calle Principal, Monterey, CA  
 (831) 649-4234  
<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/mryca-monterey-marriott/>
- Dinner On your own  
 (Many options including Fishermen’s Wharf and Cannery Row)

**Wednesday – October 26, 2011**

- Presiders: .....*Jimmy Schulz and Kip Thompson*
- Attire: .....**Business Casual for “in the field”, comfortable walking shoes**
- Transportation.....**Charter Bus**
- Breakfast:.....**On Your Own**

**VEGETABLE AND NUT PRODUCTION**

- 6:15 a.m. Meet in hotel lobby and board bus.
- 6:30 a.m. Bus departs to Ocean Mist Farms,  
 10855 Ocean Mist Parkway, Castroville, CA
- 7:00 a.m. Artichoke Field Tour
- 8:00 a.m. Fresh Produce and Food Safety.....*Joe Pezzini (CALP Class 28)*  
 Chief Operating Officer, Ocean Mist Farms
- 9:00 a.m. Fresh Produce Labor Issues.....*Jorge Suarez (CALP Class 41)*  
 HR Director, Ocean Mist Farms
- Presiders: ..... **Darren Turley & Amber Brady**

**SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY AGRICULTURE**

10:00 a.m. Bus departs to Riverview Ranches  
11564 Ave. 26, Chowchilla, CA 93610  
Contact: Matt Leo @ 209-587-5838. Call him when you get close so he  
can direct you.

**12:00 p.m. Lunch at Riverview Ranches**

**1:15 p.m. Tour Minturn Almond Huller Cooperative, Inc. & Minturn Nut  
Company**  
8800 Minturn Road, Le Grand, CA

**2:30 p.m. Bright’s Nursery Antique Tractor Museum and Ranch**  
5246 S Plainsburg Rd, Le Grand, CA

TBD Depart to Harris Ranch Inn and Restaurant  
24505 West Dorris Street, Coalinga, CA, (559) 935-0717

**Dinner: On your own (Recommendation: Harris Ranch )**

**Thursday, October 27, 2011**

**Presiders: .....David Waggoner and Ernest Bailes, IV**  
**Attire: .....Business Casual**  
**Transportation.....Charter Bus**  
**Breakfast: .....Golden Gate Room (next to lobby)**

**SALINITY, CITRUS AND AIR QUALITY**

7:00 a.m. Meet in the Golden Gate Room (next to lobby, 1<sup>st</sup> floor)

**Westside Salinity Issues Briefing.....*John Diener* (CALP Class 20)  
President, Red Rock Ranch, Inc.**

8:00 a.m. Board bus and depart to Red Rock Ranch, Inc.  
15822 West Oakland Avenue, Five Points, CA

**Arrive at Red Rock Ranch to see pilot project dealing with salinity  
issues.**

**Presiders: .....Tanya Foerster and Michael Goudeau**

10: 15 a.m. Board bus and depart to a briefing by California Citrus Mutual.  
Meeting will be held at the Exeter Memorial Building,  
324 N Kaweah Ave, Exeter, CA

**Lunch: Box lunch hosted by Citrus Mutual**

**12:00 p.m. Labor and Regulatory Issues Facing the Citrus Industry.....**  
.....**Joel Nelsen**  
**President/CEO of California Citrus Mutual**

2:00 p.m. Board bus and depart to California Agricultural Technology Institute  
California State University Fresno  
2910 East Barstow Avenue, Fresno, CA

**3:30 p.m. Agricultural Research and Air Quality Briefing.....**  
.....**Joe Bezerra (CALP Class 18)**  
**Director of Operations, California Agricultural Technology Institute**

TBD (Departure time depends on how long discussions go.  
Hotel is 4 blocks away.)  
Depart to Holiday Inn Express  
650 West Shaw Avenue, Clovis, CA 93612, (559) 297-0555

Dinner: On your own

**Friday, October 28, 2011**

**Breakfast:** .....Complimentary **Express Start Breakfast Bar** includes cinnamon rolls,  
pancakes, sausage, bacon, eggs, fresh fruit, assorted yogurts, cereals,  
pastries, muffins, fruit juices.

**Shuttle Service: Hotel provides complimentary shuttle service to and from  
Fresno Yosemite International Airport.  
Operating hours are 6 am – 11 pm.**

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