Texas Agricultural Lifetime Leadership Program

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

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Lodging for Monday night: Sacramento Airport Natomas Courtyard by Marriott
2101 River Plaza Drive, Sacramento, CA 95833, 916-922-1120

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
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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, 10th 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 NETAFIM, 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

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
Presidners: ..................................................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, 1st 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.

Presidners: ..................................................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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