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MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

WATER ISSUES AND TEHAMA COUNTY AGRICULTURE

WHEN: Thursday, December 14, 2006
Time: 8:30 a.m. to Noon
Location: Rolling Hills Casino, Carlino's Event Center
2655 Barham Avenue, Corning, CA

I would like to invite and encourage you to participate in this educational meeting designed to discuss some current and local water resource management activities and their importance to the agriculture industry in Tehama County. A detailed program description and registration form are provided in this announcement.

Allan Fulton
UC Irrigation/Water Resource Advisor, Tehama County

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8:30 a.m. to noon (followed by a buffet lunch)

Rolling Hills Casino, Carlino's Event Center, 2655 Barham Avenue, Corning, CA

DIRECTIONS

Rolling Hills Casino is located west of Corning on the west side of Interstate 5. Take the Liberal Avenue Exit west off of Interstate 5 to gain access. Park in the south area of the parking lot and enter through the south doors for simplest access into the event center. The event center is located off to the left just after entering the casino.

Program Schedule

- 8:30 to 8:55 a.m.** Registration and continental breakfast
- 8:55 to 9:00** Welcome/Moderator – Allan Fulton, UCCE Farm Advisor, Tehama County
- 9:00 to 9:25** Technical aspects of the supply and demand for water in Tehama County and the surrounding northern Sacramento Valley, **Dan McManus, Department of Water Resources, Northern District.**
- 9:25 to 9:50** Introduction and update on the Sacramento Valley Integrated Regional Water Management Plan, **Todd Manley, Northern California Water Association.**
- 9:50 to 10:15** The beginning of local groundwater management in Tehama County: when, why, and how? **Jim Lowden, Corning Water District Manager.**
- 10:15 to 10:35** **BREAK**
- 10:35 TO 11:00** Progress with local groundwater management in Tehama County, **Ernie Ohlin, Water Resources Manager, Tehama Flood Control and Water Conservation District.**
- 11:00 to 11:30** Irrigated Lands Conditional Waiver – Recent policy changes and compliance actions, **Margaret Wong and Kelly Briggs, Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board.**
- 11:30 to Noon** Irrigated Lands Conditional Waiver – Local Irrigator Compliance Efforts, **Dee Swearingen, Program Coordinator, Shasta Tehama Water Education Coalition.**
- Noon to 1:00 p.m.** **BUFFET LUNCH**

More about the Program and Speakers

The program will highlight specific water resource management issues and activities that are of immediate importance to farmers and ranchers in Tehama County.

Dan McManus is Chief of the Groundwater Section for the Department of Water Resources, Northern District in Red Bluff. Dan and other members of the Groundwater Section technical staff are leaders in scientific investigations of the northern Sacramento Valley geology and groundwater aquifer systems. Dan will discuss technical features of the groundwater aquifer systems in the northern Sacramento Valley and other factors that challenge on-going efforts to manage water supply and demand.

Todd Manley is a staff member of the Northern California Water Association (NCWA), which formed in 1992 and is headquartered in Sacramento. NCWA was formed by an assortment of Sacramento Valley water users (over 70 water districts and a variety of private pumpers, county governments, and environmental groups). It was formed in response to a long history of competing interests, both within and outside the Sacramento Valley, seeking new water to supply their increasing needs and posing risk to water rights, supplies, and the environment in the Sacramento Valley. Todd will discuss the Sacramento Valley Integrated Regional Water Management Plan, which NCWA has taken a lead in developing. The plan is proposed as a long-term roadmap to actively manage the water supplies in the Sacramento Valley watershed and subsequently protect the long-term water rights in their areas of origin so that water is available for all needs in Northern California – both now and into the future.

Jim Lowden is manager of Corning Water District and has been past manager of Los Molinos Mutual Water Company and has extensive experience with local and regional water resource issues. Presently, Jim is chairman of the Tehama County AB-3030 Groundwater Management Plan Technical Advisory Committee. Jim will discuss the recent history (primarily the last two decades) of groundwater issues and management efforts in Tehama County by reviewing the Tehama County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Coordinated AB 3030 Groundwater Management Plan that was adopted in November 1996 by the directors of the District. The plan was adopted to set in motion steps to protect and manage the groundwater resources in Tehama County. Jim's discussion will help provide background for the next presentation by Ernie Ohlin.

Ernie Ohlin is the Water Resources Manager for the Tehama County Flood Control and Water Conservation District who oversees implementation of the Tehama County AB 3030 Groundwater Management Plan under the guidance and supervision of the district's directors. Ernie will discuss the progress made to date with implementing the local groundwater management plan. Some items for discussion will include: 1) important findings from a 2003 water inventory analysis for Tehama County; 2) defining the groundwater sub-basins within Tehama County; 3) an overview of the groundwater monitoring network in Tehama County; and 4) the task of establishing management trigger levels within the individual groundwater sub-basins of Tehama County.

This portion of the program shifts from water supply and groundwater issues to the Irrigated Lands Conditional Waiver.

Margaret Wong and **Kelly Briggs** are staff members of the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board. Margaret will highlight important policy changes resulting from the five-year extension of the Conditional Waiver adopted by the Regional Board in July 2006. Most importantly, Margaret will give details about the Regional Board's decision to set a **December 31, 2006 deadline** for individual landowners to seek coverage under the Conditional Waiver through a coalition group. After this deadline irrigated landowners who are not members of a Coalition will need to work directly with the Regional Board to comply with agricultural runoff discharge regulations. Kelly will discuss steps taken by the Regional Board concerning compliance and enforcement actions.

Dee Swearingen is program coordinator for the Shasta Tehama Water Education Coalition, a partner in the larger Sacramento Valley Water Quality Coalition. Dee will provide an update on local efforts to assist irrigated landowners to gain coverage under the Irrigated Lands Conditional Waiver. Discussion topics will include status of water quality compliance monitoring of agricultural drainages in Shasta and Tehama Counties and general membership information. For more information about becoming a member of the Shasta/Tehama Water Education Coalition prior to the December 31, 2006 deadline call (530) 347-6637.



**MEETING REGISTRATION FORM
WATER ISSUES AND TEHAMA COUNTY AGRICULTURE
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2006**

Registration must be received by Friday, December 8, 2006

SEATING CAPACITY IS LIMITED

**Please complete and return this form with a check payable to “UC Regents”.
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