



California Association
Of Resource Conservation
Districts

Biofuels and Conservation

Holiday Inn Sacramento Northeast
Sacramento, California
May 2-4, 2007

The California and Nevada Chapters of the Soil & Water Conservation Society of America, the California Association of Resource Conservation Districts, and the Western Chapter of the International Erosion Control Association (ICEA) present a conference highlighting the growing interest in biofuels and the wide range of activities taking place to conserve California and Nevada's soil and water resources.

**RETURNING THIS YEAR - CPESC and CPSWQ EXAMS BEING OFFERED
NEW THIS YEAR - CPESC and CPSWQ TRAINING BEING OFFERED**

Certified Professional in Erosion and Sediment Control (CPESC) and Certified Professional in Storm Water Quality (CPSWQ) Exams are being offered on Friday - May 4. CPESC training is being offered on Wednesday – May 3. CPSWQ training is being offered on Thursday – May 3.

Hotel Reservations Information (Make your reservations by April 20 to get the group rate)

Make your room reservations at the Holiday Inn Sacramento Northeast at 5321 Date Avenue in Sacramento by calling 1-800-338-2810 or 1-916-338-5800 Monday through Friday, 7am to 5pm and ask for reservations or via email as shown below. When calling for reservations, identify yourself as being with the Soil and Water Conservation Society. The SWCS group room rate is \$94.00 plus 12% Occupancy Tax and \$1.38 Tourism Assessment for single or double. **Make your reservations by April 20 to receive the group rate.** The hotel is located just off of Interstate 80 in the northeastern portion of Sacramento. Exit Interstate 80 at Madison Avenue exit. The hotel does not offer airport shuttle service; arrangements should be made for ground transportation in advance.

You can also send your room reservation requests via email to:

MGreen@hisacne.com or kalcanices@hisacne.com or via Fax to 916-339-0732

Put **“Soil & Water Conservation Society”** in the subject line and provide the following information:

Arrival Date	Name
Departure Date	Address
King Bed or Two Double Beds	
<i>All our rooms are Non-Smoking</i>	
Credit card number with expiration number	Phone Number

Biofuels and Conservation Agenda

May 2 – Wednesday

8:00 a.m. **Registration - Hotel Lobby**

8:30 a.m. **CPESC Training** for Exam on Friday – all day to 5 p.m. – **China Clipper Room**

12:30 p.m. **CONSERVATION TOUR**

Tour Guide: **Paul Robins**, District Manager, Yolo County RCD, Woodland

Moderator: **Wendy Rash**, Soil Conservationist, USDA-NRCS, Woodland

Stop 1: Woodland Biomass plant, 1786 E. Kentucky Ave

Stop 2: Chamberlain property to view Vegetated Ditch experiment

Stop 3: Oakdale Ranch to view large scale slough enhancement project

5:30 p.m. **Dinner** at Yolo Land and Cattle north of Winters including musical group

8:45 p.m. Return to Hotel

May 3 – Thursday

7:30 a.m. **Registration – Hotel Lobby**

8:30 a.m. **CPSWQ Training** for Exam on Friday – all day to 5 p.m. – **China Clipper Room**

8:30 a.m. **WELCOME - Lindberg Room**

Mark Steffek, President, CA Chapter SWCS, Alturas, CA

Raymond L. Tretheway, III, Sacramento City Council Member, Sacramento, CA

(invited)

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: A.G. Kawamura, Secretary, California Department of Food and Agriculture, Sacramento, CA (invited)

9:30 a.m. **Break**

9:45 a.m. **CONSERVATION IN THE CENTRAL VALLEY - Lindberg Room**

Moderator: **David Rose**, Incoming President, CA Chapter SWCS, and Area Resource Conservationist, USDA-NRCS, Willows, CA

Speakers: Alan Forkey, Asst. State Conservationist (Programs), USDA-NRCS, Davis, CA

Tacy Currey, Executive Director, CARCD, Sacramento, CA (invited)

Ken Trott, Environmental Scientist, CA Dept of Food & Agriculture, Sacramento, CA (invited)

10:45 a.m. **Break**

11:00 a.m. **CALIFORNIA CHAPTER SWCS Annual Business Meeting – Lindberg Room**

Mark Steffek, President, CA Chapter SWCS, Alturas

Noon **LUNCHEON – Aces Supper Club**

Moderator: **Kay Joy Barge**, Project Coordinator, High-Sierra Resource Conservation & Development Area, USDA-NRCS, Auburn

Guest Speaker: **Russell Teall**, President, Biodiesel Industries

Awards Presentation (Steffek)

Installation of SWCS Officers (TBA)

May 3 – Thursday

CONCURRENT SESSIONS 1 & 2

TRACK 1 BIOFUELS - Lindberg Room

Moderator: **Ladi Asgill**, Agricultural Economist, Sustainable Conservation, Modesto, CA

1:30 p.m.	Assessing risk of invasiveness for plants introduced as biofuel crops in California	Joseph M. DiTomaso, University of California Cooperative Extension Doug Johnson, California Invasive Plant Council
2:30 p.m.	Break	
2:45 p.m.	A sustainable model for ethanol production in California – Sorghum and other drought tolerant species.	Steve Shaffer – Director of Office Agriculture and Environmental Stewardship – CA Dept. of Food and Agriculture
3:45 p.m.	Break	
4:00 p.m.	Assessment of cellulosic ethanol technologies and potential viability for ethanol production in California	Allen Dusault – Project Director - Sustainable Conservation

TRACK 2 CONSERVATION BEYOND TOOLS - Earhart Room

Moderator: **Andrea Casey**, District Conservationist, NRCS, Colusa, CA

1:30 p.m.	Plant Materials and Conservation	Steve Perkins, Plant Materials Center Manager, Fallon, NV
2:30 p.m.	Break	
2:45 p.m.	Air Quality	John Beyer, State Air Quality Specialist, USDA-NRCS
3:45 p.m.	Break	
4:00 p.m.	Wetland Restoration in the Central Valley	Rob Capriola, Senior Biologist, California Waterfowl Association

SOCIAL SESSION WITH AUCTION & RAFFLE FOR SCHOLARSHIP FUND – Horizon Room

5:00 p.m. **Coordinators:** **Hank Wyman** and **Tina Vander Hoek**

6:30 p.m. Dinner on your own

Biofuels and Conservation Agenda

May 4 - Friday

7:00 a.m. **SWCS Executive Council and Committee Chairs Breakfast – Aces Supper Club**

CONCURRENT SESSIONS 1 & 2

TRACK 1 - China Clipper Room

Proctor: Eric Berntsen, CPESC & CPSWQ, Western Chapter IECA

8:30 a.m.	CPESC & CPSWQ EXAMS
11:30 a.m.	Break for Lunch
12:30 p.m.	CPESC & CPSWQ EXAMS Cont'd
3:30 p.m.	End of Exams

TRACK 2 - Lindberg Room

Moderator: Corrine Brooks, Area Resource Conservationist, NRCS, Salinas, CA

8:30 a.m.	Integrate Pest Management – Historical Perspective	Peter B. Goodell, Ph.D. Interim Director & IPM Advisor UC Statewide IPM Program (invited)
9:15 a.m.	Break	
9:30 a.m.	Manure Management/CNMP development	Bob Fry, State Conservation Agronomist, NRCS, Davis, CA
10:15 a.m.	Break	

GENERAL SESSION: Biofuels – Coordinating with Conservation Efforts – Lindberg Room

Moderator: Ken Trott, Environmental Scientist, CA Dept of Food & Agriculture, Sacramento, CA

10:30 a.m.	Steve Shaffer	Director of Office Agriculture and Environmental Stewardship – CA Dept. of Food and Agriculture
	Allen Dusault	Project Director - Sustainable Conservation

11:45 a.m. **Conference Summary**

David Rose, Incoming President, CA Chapter SWCS, and Area Resource Conservationist, USDA-NRCS, Willows

Noon Adjourn

Biofuels and Conservation

May 2-4, 2007

Holiday Inn Sacramento Northeast
Sacramento, California

REGISTRATION

Name: _____

Affiliation: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State & ZIP: _____

Tel: _____ E-mail: _____

Registration Fees:	Pre-registered*	After April 20th	Student
	Please CIRCLE the appropriate amounts		
Whole Conference	\$175.00	\$200.00	\$100.00
<i>Includes the Wednesday Field Tour & Thursday Luncheon, or Includes the CPESC & CPSWQ Training & Thursday Luncheon & the Friday Exams</i>			

Other Fees:	Pre-registered*	After April 20th	Student
Wed Afternoon	\$75.00	\$85.00	\$50.00
<i>Registrant's Guest (Includes the Field Tour & Dinner)</i>			
Thursday Only	\$100.00	\$100.00	
<i>Includes the Thursday Luncheon</i>			
Friday Exams Only	\$75.00	\$75.00	

* For Registrations received by April 20, 2007

Registration Fee-----→ \$ _____
Other Fee-----→ \$ _____
TOTAL-----→ \$ _____

Do you plan to take the CPESC training? ____ Y/N
Do you plan to take the CPESC Exam? ____ Y/N
Do you plan to take the CPSWQ training? ____ Y/N
Do you plan to take the CPSWQ Exam? ____ Y/N

Make checks payable to: **California Chapter SWCS**

Our Federal Tax EIN # is: 33-0615892

Mail to:

Sacramento Conference
California Chapter SWCS
430 G Street #4172
Davis CA 95616-4172

To help us plan room arrangements please CIRCLE the Tracks you plan to attend:		
Thursday	1	2
Friday	1	2

Contact Walt Bunter about any questions:

Phone 530-756-2057 or email wbunter@pacbell.net

or Fax 530-865-8528