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ICCA Update

California CCA Chairman Jim Rogers, California CCA Past Chairman and Current ICCA Promotions and Marketing Committee Chairman Allan Romander and Marketing Consultant Steve Beckley attended the recent ICCA Board of Directors' Meeting in Charleston, SC. They had the opportunity to visit with representatives of the ICCA program from other states, the ICCA staff, and the new director from the India ICCA program.

Topics discussed included: New marketing program (more information in future editions), ANSI Certification of the Program, International expansion of program, updates on ICCA numbers and Financial Status. They also heard updates on EPA Water Quality Programs, the American Society of Agronomy, and Farm Bill.



(L-to-R: Allan Romander, Russell Duncan, ICCA Chairman, and Jim Rogers visit during the ICCA Annual Meeting.

New Slogan for CCAs

The ICCA Marketing/Promotions Committee, chaired the California's Allan Romander has developed a new marketing slogan for CCA's "That's Sound Advice". The logo is seen below with a soon to be activated web address. The upcoming program was introduced at the recent ICCA Board of Directors' meeting.



PROTECTING CALIFORNIA'S AGRICULTURE

CAPCA 37th Annual Conference & Agri-Expo

October 16-18, 2011
Peppermill Hotel, Reno, NV

**Approved for 16.5 CCA hours
(1.0 Nutrient Mgmt, 2.5 Soil/Water, 7.5 IPM, 5.5 Crop Mgmt)**

Assistance is needed to man the CCA exhibit booth at the conference. Contact Steve Beckley at sbeckley@aol.com if you are interested in volunteering.

Fresh Approaches to Fertilizing Techniques 2011 **19th Annual FREP Conference & WPHA Central Valley Regional Nutrient Seminar**

November 16-17, 2011
International Agri-Center
Tulare, CA

For program details and registration information contact WPHA at (916) 574-9744 or visit http://www.healthyplants.org/members_public/FREP.pdf

2011 Western Alfalfa & Forage Conference and Biofuels Workshop

December 11-13, 2011
Las Vegas, Nevada

For program details and registration information go to http://ucanr.org/sites/Alfalfa_Forges

2012 Plant & Soils Conference

February 7-8, 2012
Visalia, CA
American Society of Agronomy, California Chapter
For program details and registration information go to <http://calasa.ucdavis.edu>

The 3rd Annual California CCA Meeting will be held on February 7th prior to the opening of the Plant & Soils Conference at the same location. Watch our web site in the future for notices regarding program and registration.

<http://www.cacca.org/>



OFAC-CAPCA Organic Production Seminars

Please plan to attend one of these events.

Organic Production on the North Coast

Sponsored by OFAC & North Coast CAPCA

Thursday, November 17, 2011

Cloverdale Citrus Fairgrounds Auditorium

Cloverdale, CA

8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

For registration information visit http://www.cacca.org/files/file_gallery/229-ofaccapcacloverdalenovember2011draftpdf-2011-09-26-12-107686.pdf

Challenges of Organic Growing in an Urban Environment

Sponsored by OFAC, SF Bay & Woodland CAPCA Chapters

Wednesday, December 14, 2011

Centre Concord

Concord, CA

8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Registration information to be available November 2011.

Sponsorship and exhibitor opportunities are available.
For additional information please contact
Steve Beckley at (916) 539-4107 or sbeckley@aol.com

Next CCA Exam

Date:

Friday, February 3, 2012

Registration Period:

September 30 - December 9, 2011

Registrations will not be accepted before September 30th and forms submitted after December 9th will not be processed.

Registration is on-line only beginning September 30, 2011.

For more information visit <https://www.certifiedcropadviser.org/exams>

The exam will be offered in Sacramento, Tulare, Salinas, and Ventura. Registration information and information on study materials are available on our EXAMS page at www.cacca.org

For Exam Preparatory Information and Study Materials visit <http://cacca.org/exams>

For information on registering to take the Manure Management Certification exam please contact Laurie Karr at ICCA: (866) 359-9161 X4954 or lkarr@sciencesocieties.org

CCA Exam Preparation Workshops Planned

The CA CCA program will be holding pre-exam training seminars in January 2012. These seminars are designed to help participants prepare for the upcoming CCA exams.

Seminars are FREE to those who are signed up to take the CCA exams.

A registration fee may apply to those who are not registered to take the exams.

Lunch will be provided.

Workshop dates and locations are still pending.
Please contact Lien Banh at lien@capca.com, or (916) 928-1625 X200, to be added to our e-mail notification list.

*** MANURE MANAGEMENT CERTIFICATION WORKSHOP ***

Workshop dates and locations are still pending.
Please contact Lien Banh at lien@capca.com, or (916) 928-1625 X200, to be added to our e-mail notification list.

Water Board Updates

The **Central Valley Regional Water Board** has adopted regulatory requirements for discharges from irrigated lands (tailwater, water from underground drains, stormwater runoff) to waters of the State under a Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements. The Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program (ILRP) regulates such discharges located within the jurisdiction of the Central Valley Water Board, which extends from the Oregon border south to the northernmost tip of Los Angeles County (Region 5). The current regulatory requirements are considered part of an interim program; development of the long-term program is currently underway. For more information http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/irrigated_lands/long_term_program_development/index.shtml

The **Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board** (Water Board) postponed the hearing scheduled for September 1, 2011 on the staff proposal to renew the current "Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Irrigated Lands," with revisions, (Draft Order and Monitoring and Reporting Program (MRP)). The Water Board has postponed the hearing because there is not a quorum of Water Board members. To keep up to date on the Central Coast program go to http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb3/water_issues/programs/ag_waivers/ag_order.shtml#ag_orderrenew

FREP Funding

The CA CCA Board would like to extend its thanks to CDFA for the FREP funding of the CA CCA program. This funding has been a key component in the success of the California CCA program. CA CCA would also like to extend their thanks to the many fertilizer retailers and others who pay the fertilizer mill assessments that provide funds to FREP.

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