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OFAC-CAPCA Organic Production Seminars

Please plan to attend one of these events.

Organic Production on the Central Coast

Sponsored by OFAC & CAPCA
(in collaboration with Cal Poly CAFES Center for Sustainability)

Thursday, June 30, 2011

**Veterans Hall
Morro Bay, CA**

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

Registration information to be available May 2011.

Organic Production in the Central Valley

Sponsored by OFAC & Central Valley CAPCA Chapter

Thursday, July 28, 2011

**Harvest Hall
Modesto, CA**

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

Registration information to be available June 2011.

San Joaquin Valley Organic Production Seminar

Sponsored by OFAC & CAPCA

Thursday, August 18, 2011

**International Agri-Center
Tulare, CA**

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

Registration information to be available July 2011.

SoCal Organic Production Seminar

Sponsored by OFAC & SoCal CAPCA

Thursday, September 8, 2011

Etiwanda, CA

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

Registration information to be available July 2011.

Sponsorship and exhibitor opportunities are available.

For additional information please contact

Steve Beckley at (916) 539-4107 or sbeckley@aol.com

The 4 Rs of Fertilizer

There's a new online resource aimed at helping farmers boost yields, manage input costs and maintain soil health. The website, www.nutrientstewardship.com, is a collaborative effort of the fertilizer industry aimed at increasing awareness of 4R nutrient stewardship, a site-specific, scientific framework that addresses farmers' use of the right fertilizer source at the right rate, the right time and the right.

The 4 Rs are something that CCAs recommend on a daily basis.

The website is at <http://www.nutrientstewardship.com/>.

Next CCA Exam

Date:

Friday, August 5, 2011

Registration Period:

May 2 - June 17, 2011

Registrations will not be accepted before May 2nd and forms submitted after June 17th will not be processed. Registration is on-line only.

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

For Exam Preparatory Information and Study Materials [CLICK HERE](#)

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 several pre-exam training seminars in FRESNO, SALINAS, and SACRAMENTO. 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.

Tuesday, July 12, 2011

9am - 4pm

Monterey Ag Resources

3654 S Willow Ave, Fresno, CA 93725

Wednesday, July 13, 2011

9am - 4pm

Agricultural Center Conference Room

1432 Abbott St Salinas, CA 93901

Thursday, July 14, 2011

9am - 4pm

CAPCA Office

1143 N Market Blvd #7, Sacramento, CA 95834

*** MANURE MANAGEMENT CERTIFICATION WORKSHOP ***

Thursday, July 21, 2011

9am - 4pm

Stanislaus County Ag Commissioner's Office

3800 Cornucopia Way #B, Modesto, CA

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Water Board Update The Central Valley and Central Coast Regional Water Boards are active in developing plans that will impact irrigated agriculture and the use of pesticides and fertilizer. Below is a brief update on their respective programs and links for additional information.

The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board delayed until June a vote on a new regulatory framework for the Long-Term Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program following their meeting on April 7.

The Regional Board is scheduled to take up the framework, with possible amendments, again during its three-day meeting beginning June 8.

More information on the program is at

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/irrigated_lands/long_term_program_development/index.shtml#framework .

On March 2, 2011, Central Coast Water Board staff released recommendations for a revised Agricultural Order, including the **Draft Agricultural Order, Draft Monitoring and Reporting Program, Staff Report** including the **Subsequent Environmental Impact Report** for the Regulation of Waste Discharge from Irrigated Lands. On March 17, 2011, the Central Coast Water Board held a panel hearing to consider the staff recommendation for an updated Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges from Irrigated Lands (Draft Agricultural Order). The hearing will be continued at a Water Board meeting on Wednesday, May 4, 2011, beginning at 10:00 a.m. in San Luis Obispo. The Board established a written comment deadline of January 3, 2011, and is not accepting additional written comments.

More information on the Central Coast Program is available at

http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb3/water_issues/programs/ag_waivers/ag_order.shtml.

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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