

DAY 1 – THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6

SCHEDULE

- 8:00 AM – Registration, Breakfast & Networking
- 8:30 AM – Welcome – *Nick Brasier, SWVMA President*
- 8:40 AM – Keynote Presentation
- 9:10 AM – 12:15 PM – Morning Sessions (1 & 2)
- 12:20 – 1:20 PM – Lunch (Festa Buffet)
- 1:30 – 4:50 PM – Afternoon Sessions (3 & 4)
- 4:50 – 5:15 PM – Closing Remarks
- 5:15 – 6:30 PM – Happy Hour (Oasis Bar)



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

(Jack Dash, Gardens & Facilities Manager - Tohono Chul)

- Growing Resilient Native Landscapes

SESSION 1: PREPAREDNESS

(Moderator: Bethany Derango - USFWS AZ Invasive Species Strike Team Lead, SWVMA Vice President)

- Resources for Post-Fire Recovery– *Molly McCormick, SWFSC*
- It Starts with a Seed: Native Seeds, Drought, and Restoration in SW National Parks – *Ashlee Wolf, NPS*
- Preventing the Spread of Invasive Species – *Brodie Daugherty & Anthony Lorenzo, Tucson Bird Alliance*

SESSION 2: TREATMENT TRAINING

(Moderator: Alexa Lopezlira - Roadside Resources & Special Projects - AZ DOT, SWVMA Secretary)

- Responsible Material Selection, Mixing and Application – *Ryan Kibner, Adaptive Plant Health Solutions*
- Return on Investment (ROI): Is Biocontrol Effective for Managing Invasive Plants in AZ? – *Ikju Park, UC Riverside*

SESSION 3: BUILDING TEAMS

(Moderator: Mayra Moreno - AZDFFM, SWVMA Treasurer)

- Collaborative Cross-Boundary Approach to Fire-Prone Fuels and Invasives Eradication in the Wildland Urban Interface – *Jen Becker, PC-FCD & Tony Figueroa, TBA*
- Building a Conservation Network on the Tohono O’odham Nation – *Eric Verwys & Cie’na Schlaefli, Tohono O’odham Nation NRD*

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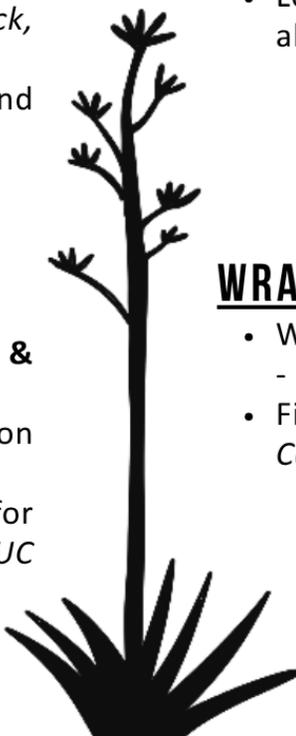
SESSION 4: PROJECT SHOWCASE

(Moderator: Nick Brasier - SWCA, SWVMA President)

- Innovations in Collaborative Vegetation Management in the Altar Valley – *Julia Guglielmo, AVCA*
- Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management: Fostering a More Resilient and Fire-Adapted State –
 - *Kelly Wolff, AZ DFFM & Jessie Warner, AZ DFFM*
- Lower Gila River Collaboration: Successful Restoration along the Gila River! –
 - *Juanita Armstrong, Maricopa County Parks*
 - *Bobby Lamoureux, AZGFD*
 - *Kelly Wolff, AZ DFFM*
 - *Jacob Eberspacher, AZ DFFM*

WRAP-UP

- Weed Manager of the Year Award & Board Nominations – *Nick Brasier, SWVMA President*
- Field Trip Info – *Jen Becker, SWVMA ATE Planning Committee Member*



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DAY 2 – FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7

FIELD TRIP: “A-MTN OF LESSONS LEARNED”

OPEN 8AM / START 8:30 AM / END 12:30 PM

1501 SENTINEL PEAK RD

UPPER PARKING LOT



- Meet at upper parking lot
- Bring: water bottle, hat, hiking shoes, binoculars
- Road & rocky trail hiking required. Porta potty available.
- A field trip guide will be provided to registered participants



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DAY 1 - ANNUAL TRAINING EVENT



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