

SWVMA 2017 Annual Meeting Agenda; October 24-26, 2017  
Celebrating 20 Years of Vegetation Management

Monday, October 23 (Pre-Meeting): Pesticide Applicator Class	
8:30 – 11:00	Class
11:00 - 11:30	Lunch (provided)
11:30 – 3:00	Class
3:00 – 5:00	AZ Dept of Agriculture Tests Offered (PMD Test is not available at this venue)

Time	Presentation Topics	Speaker
Tuesday, October 24, Morning Session: Celebrating 20 Years of Vegetation Management		
Moderator: LeRoy Brady		
8:00 – 8:30	Continental Breakfast	
8:30 – 9:00	Welcome & Introduction	LeRoy Brady, SWVMA President
9:00 - 10:00	Keynote – Panel of State Agency Leaders: 20 Years of Vegetation Management <i>(15 min presentations)</i>	Mark Killian, Agriculture Jeff Whitney, Forestry Lisa Atkins, ASLD Jesse Gutierrez, Transportation
10:00 – 10:30	Q&A	
10:30 - 11:00	Break	
11:00 – 11:30	State Noxious Weed Program Update	Brian McGrew, Arizona Dept of Agriculture
11:30 – 11:45	National Association of Invasive Plant Councils Meeting Update	Kyle Seisinger, Arizona Dept of Transportation
11:45 -1:00	Lunch buffet	

Tuesday, October 24, Afternoon Session: Updates, Products and Services		
1:00 – 1:30	SWVMA Strategic Plan	Kris Gade, SWVMA Secretary
1:30 – 2:15	Vendor Roundtable	
2:15 – 2:45	Old World Bluestems – A Threat to Biodiversity in the Southwest?	Allen White, US Forest Service Region 3
2:45 – 3:15	Break	
3:15 – 3:45	Central Arizona Conservation Alliance Invasive Species Update	Stacie Beute, Desert Botanical Garden Helen Rowe, McDowell Preserve
3:45– 4:15	Southwest Seed Partnership Update	Anna Schrenk, Friends of Verde River Greenway
4:15 -4:45	Tamarisk Leaf Beetle Update for Arizona	Levi Jameson, Colorado Plateau Research Station/Northern Arizona University
4:45 - 5:00	Closing Remarks	

**Tuesday, 5:30-7:30 pm: Reception and Networking Event**  
**La Casa De Juana - 1967 West Southern Avenue, Mesa AZ (directly north of campus entrance)**

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<b>Wednesday, October 25, Morning Session A: Assessing and Listing Invasive Plants</b>		
8:00 – 8:30	Continental Breakfast	
8:30 – 8:40	Introduction	
8:40 -9:00	Best Practices for Assessing and Listing Invasive Plants	Doug Johnson, Cal-IPC (webinar excerpt)
9:00-9:30	Updating Arizona’s Noxious Weed Rule: Report from the SWVMA Committee	Patti Fenner, John Brock, John Scheuring & John Richardson
9:30-10:00	Discussion of Arizona Noxious Weed Rule	
10:00-10:30	Break ***Turn in Plant ID answers***	
10:30-11:00	Identifying and Addressing Ecological Research and Outreach Needs in the Southwestern U.S.	Elise Gornish, University of Arizona/School of Natural Resources and the Environment
11:00-11:30	Update on The Battle Against Buffelgrass in the Tucson Basin	Kim Franklin, Arizona Sonora Desert Museum
11:30-12:00	Invasives Marching up the Mogollon Rim: Fountaingrass ( <i>Pennisetum setaceum</i> ) and Globe Chamomile ( <i>Oncosiphon piluliferum</i> )	John Scheuring, Arizona Native Plant Society Conservation Committee

<b>Wednesday, October 25, Morning Session B: Practical Tips and Knowledge</b>		
<b>Moderator: Kyle Seisinger</b>		
8:00-8:30	Continental Breakfast	
8:30-9:00	Seeding Correctly Equals Successful Revegetation	LeRoy Brady, ADOT/SWVMA President
9:00-10:00	Sprayer Calibration, Nozzles and Effect of Pressure	William B. McCloskey, University of Arizona Cooperative Extension, School of Plant Sciences
10:00-10:30	Break ***Turn in Plant ID answers***	
10:30-11:00	Proper Branch Removal for Trees and Woody Shrubs	Rebecca Senior, University of Arizona Cooperative Extension
11:00-12:00	Pesticide Safety: Transportation, Chemical Characteristics and the Environment, and Hazards and First Aid	Michael R. Wierda, University of Arizona Maricopa Agricultural Center

12:00 – 1:30	Lunch & Business Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elections – Vice President, Secretary, Board members at large</li> <li>• Annual Treasurer Report</li> <li>• Awards</li> <li>• Committee Updates</li> </ul>
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<b>Wednesday, October 25, Afternoon Session: Restoring the Southwest</b>		
<b>Moderator: Anna Schrenk</b>		
1:30 – 1:45	Plant Identification Contest Results	Patti Fenner, Friends of Tonto National Forest
1:45 – 2:15	A Model for Field Data Collection for Invasive Species Treatments and Monitoring	Emily Garding and Ben Kowaleski, Friends of Verde River Greenway
2:15 - 2:45	Upper Gila River Riparian Restoration for Threatened and Endangered Species	Dan Bove, Gila Watershed Partnership
2:45 – 3:15	Break	
3:15 – 3:45	Eradicating an Ornamental Grass in the Grand Canyon River Corridor	Dan Hall, Manly Services
3:45 – 4:15	Restoration Assessment and Monitoring Program for the Southwest	Molly McCormick, US Geological Survey
4:15 – 4:45	Ecological Restoration in the Drylands of Niger: A Strategy to Control the Spread the Invasive Plants Applicable for the Southwestern US	Rodolfo Martinez Morales, SWVMA Treasurer
4:45 - 5:00	Closing Remarks	

<b>Thursday, October 26: Field Trip</b>		
<b>Organizer: LeRoy Brady</b>		
8 am	Meet at MCC to carpool	
9 am	Meet at Boyce Thompson Arboretum parking lot	
noon	Return to MCC	