8th Rio Grande Valley Irrigation Conference and Trade Show

Tuesday, January 29, 2013

Texas A&M AgriLife Research & Extension Center
Weslaco, Texas

Sponsored by
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service
LRGV Water District Managers Association
Texas Agricultural Irrigation Association
Program

7:30 am  Trade Show Opens,  Registration Opens
Coffee and Breakfast Tacos served in the Trade Show area

8:30  Updates and Status Reports

Current Water Supply Situation and Forecast for the 2013 Season
Erasmo Yarrito, Rio Grande Watermaster

Status of Cost Share Funds for Growers
Jim Kjelgaard, Engineer, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Corpus Christi

Weather Forecast for the 2013 Growing Season
Barry Goldsmith, National Weather Service, Brownsville

9:30  On-Farm Irrigation Session I

I Have One Irrigation for the Season, Now What?
Charles Stichler, Extension Agronomist (retired), Knippa

10:10  Break – refreshments in the Trade Show area

10:40  On-Farm Irrigation Session II

Crop Selection, More Important than Ever
Dr. Travis Miller, Extension Agronomist, Associate Department Head
Soil & Crop Sciences, College Station

11:20  What’s New in Irrigation Technology?
Dr. Guy Fipps, P.E., Extension Agricultural Engineer, College Station

12:00  Lunch

1:15 pm  Practical Use of Soil Moisture Sensors to Conserve Water
Dr. Robert Schwartz , Soil Scientist, USDA-ARL, Soil and Water Management Research Unit, Bushland, TX
Irrigation District Water Conservation Improvement Projects Session – Panel Discussion

Extension’s Irrigation District Engineering and Assisting Program – Results after 10 Years.
Dr. Gabriele Bonaiti, Extension Program Specialist
Dr. Guy Fipps, P.E., Extension Agricultural Engineer

District Modernization What Works?
Dr. Bert Clemmens, P.E., West Consulting, Inc. – Director, USDA-ARS Water Conservation Lab, Arizona (retired)

Local Perspective
Joe Barrera, Executive Director, Rio Grande Regional Water Authority

Trade Show Exhibitors

EuroDrip
Fresno Valves
Senninger Irrigation
Ram Services
Lindsay Corporation
Zimmatic Irrigation

SWISH Irrigation
Irrometer
Jain Irrigation
Anderson Equipment
Company
NRCS

Netafim
Hi-Tech Irrigation
And More...

Previously Held Lower Rio Grande Irrigation Conferences
1995- McAllen Civic Center
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1997- Harlingen Community Center
2000- Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show Armory- Mercedes
2001- A&M Research & Extension Center- Weslaco
2003- McAllen Civic Center
2008- Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show Event Center- Mercedes
Information

Location
This year’s conference will be held at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research & Extension Center in Weslaco, Texas.

Registration Fee
A $20.00 registration fee includes breakfast, lunch, break, admission to the trade show and all technical sessions.

CEU Credits
One hour of CEU credits for TDA license holders will be offered. CCA credits (pending).

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