South Texas Irrigation Conference & Trade Show

Thursday, January 31, 2013

Medina County Fair Hall
Hondo, Texas

Presented by
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service

Sponsored by
Edwards Aquifer Authority
Medina County Underground Water Conservation District
Uvalde County Groundwater Conservation District
Texas Agricultural Irrigation Association
South Texas Irrigation Conference Program

8:30 - 9:00 Updates
- Groundwater Districts: Medina County, Uvalde County, EAA
- Cost-share Programs, Jon Whan, Engineer, Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS), San Angelo

9:00 – 9:45 Making Use of Limited Water Resources
Charles Stichler, Extension Agronomist (retired), Knippa

9:45 - 10:15 Break, Trade Show

10:15 – 11:05 Voluntary Irrigation Suspension Program Option (VISPO)
Roland Ruiz, General Manager, Edwards Aquifer Authority
Rick Illgner, Director of External Initiatives, Edwards Aquifer Authority
Adam Yablonski, Comanche Creek Farms (local irrigator)
Guy Fipps (moderator)

11:05 – 11:50 Irrigation Economic Considerations and Market Outlook for 2013
Dr. John Robinson, Extension Economist, College Station

11:50 - 1:00 Lunch – Pesticide CEU Session

1:00 – 1:40 What’s new in Center Pivot Control Systems and Technology
Dr. Guy Fipps, P.E., Extension Agricultural Engineer, College Station

1:40 -2:25 Practical Use of Soil Moisture Sensors to Conserve Water
Dr. Robert Schwartz, Soil Scientist, USDA-ARS Soil and Water Management Research Unit Bushland, TX

2:25 – 3:10 Strategies to Increase Water Productivity in Irrigation
Jim Bordosky, P.E., Senior Research Scientist, Texas A&M AgriLife Research Center at Halfway
Trade Show Exhibitors

- EuroDrip
- Senninger Irrigation
- EcoDrip
- Reinke
- Lindsay Corporation
- Zimmatic Irrigation
- SWISH Irrigation
- Irrometer
- Jain Irrigation
- Hi-Tech Irrigation
- Texas Water Development Board
- Natural Resource Conservation Service
- And More….

Information

Location
This year’s conference will be held at the Medina County Fair Hall in Hondo, Texas.

Registration Fee
Registration is $25.00 before January 25 and $30.00 after. Registration fee includes breakfast, lunch, break, admission to the trade show and all technical sessions.

CEU Credits
Three hours of CEU credits for TDA license holders will be offered (1-General, 1-IPM and 1-Laws & Regs).

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