

Western Plant Board

95th Annual Conference

March 24-27, 2014

Tucson, Arizona

Monday, March 24th

9:00 AM – 3:00 PM Tour - Kartchner Caverns State Park (Optional)

4:00 PM Registration

6:00-8:00 PM President's Reception

8:00-? Hospitality Suite (Nightly)

Tuesday, March 25th

6:30-8:00 AM **REGISTRATION/BREAKFAST ON YOUR OWN**

Moderator: Dr. Brad White, WDA

8:00 AM Welcome to Arizona
 Jack Peterson, Interim Director, Arizona Department of Agriculture

8:15 AM President's Remarks and Committee Assignments
 Mitch Yergert, Colorado Department of Agriculture

8:30 AM National Plant Board Initiatives
 Geir Friisoe, President NPB

9:00 AM APHIS-PPQ Modernization and Budget Update
 Rebecca Bech, Associate Deputy Administrator, APHIS-PPQ

9:20 AM APHIS-PPQ Field Operations Initiatives
 Sherry Sanderson, Associate Executive Director, Field Operations

9:40 AM APHIS-IES Update
 Liz Kelpis, APHIS-IES

10:00-10:30 AM **BREAK**

10:30 AM CBP Update and Initiatives in the West
 Kevin Harriger, Executive Director, APTL,DHS, CBP, OFO

11:15 AM Farm Bill Update
 Kristian Rondeau, APHIS-PPQ

11:30 AM Gypsy Moth – What's the New Normal?
 Billy Newton, APHIS-PPQ

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12:00-1:15 PM LUNCH (PROVIDED)

Moderator: Donna Rise, MDA

1:15 PM FRSMP Process – Real World Example
Dan Hilburn, OR Department of Agriculture
Robert Bailey, APHIS-PPQ

1:45 PM Liberibacter/Potato/Tomato Issues
Dr. Judy Brown, University of Arizona

2:15 – 2:45 PM BREAK

2:45 PM Programs Moving Toward Deregulation
Billy Newton, APHIS-PPQ

3:30 PM Saving Western Ash – EAB and Ash Decline
Dan Hilburn, OR Department of Agriculture
Mitch Yergert, CO Department of Agriculture
Billy Newton, APHIS-PPQ

4:30 PM ADJOURN

5:00 PM Depart Hotel for Reception/Dinner

6:00 PM RECEPTION/DINNER – Arizona/Sonora Desert Museum (Business Casual)

10:00 PM Return to Sheraton Hotel

Wednesday, March 26th

6:30 – 8:00 A.M. BREAKFAST ON YOUR OWN

AGRICULTURE TOUR

8:15 AM Load Bus and Depart Sheraton Hotel

9:30 AM Tour Green Valley Pecan Operations and Promotional Shop

11:30 AM LUNCH (provided) – Las Vigas Restaurant Nogales, AZ

1:00 PM Tour Mariposa International Port of Entry

5:00 PM Return to Hotel - EVENING ON YOUR OWN

8:00 PM - ? Hospitality Suite

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Thursday, March 27th

6:30 – 8:00 AM BREAKFAST ON YOUR OWN

Moderator: Dan Hilburn, ODA

8:00 AM PPQ Biological Control Strategic Plan Impacting the West
Dr. Ron Weeks, APHIS-PPQ

8:30 AM Bio-control Panel - Prioritization, BMSB, expectations, agent availability
Dr. Ron Weeks, APHIS-PPQ
WPB Members

9:00 AM Red Imported Fire Ant – Quarantine Status/Issues in the West
Dr. Ron Weeks, APHIS-PPQ
John Caravetta, AZ Department of Agriculture

9:30-10:00 AM BREAK

10:00 AM Asian Citrus Psyllid/Huanglongbing Update/Response Strategy
Nick Condos, CA Department of Food and Agriculture
John Caravetta, AZ Department of Agriculture

10:30 AM SANC Update
Aurelio Posadas, NPB Executive Secretary

11:00 AM Cooperative Agreement Process Improvement Initiative
Paula Henstridge, APHIS-PPQ

11:30 AM National Honeybee Survey/Pollinator Health Issues
Robert Bailey, APHIS-PPQ
WPB members

12:00 PM ADJOURN/LUNCH ON YOUR OWN

1:30 PM WPB Business Meeting

PPQ Business Meeting