

Extension Water Summit Notes

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Below are the notes from the Water Summit "Table Talk" as well as a list of current (2007-08) Working Groups that I think have some Water in them. If anyone wants to take the lead or has any ideas for a new Water Working Group (WG) or State Initiative (SI), just reply to the list serve (extwater@cals.arizona.edu). If you get enough interested faculty to meet the WG criteria or SI criteria, go for it! Also, pass this along and send Patti any names and emails that need to be added.

I cannot apply for either a SI or WG but I can be a member (ex-officio at least).

Please let me know if you have any questions or comments. By the time you get this, the new RFP should be out from the Extension Programs Administrative Team.

Best of luck to everyone and thank you for all your help and time in making the Water Summit a success. Let's keep moving forward and let's not let the momentum drop.

Also, please take time to fill out the survey from the Water Summit

(http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=g3h_2fPOrRYbP0Bt_2br_2fFIqzg_3d_3d).

Your opinion is important and if we do this again, we want to make sure to keep the good stuff and get rid of the bad. Big thanks to Channah Rock who helped me put the survey together and to Patti B. for just about everything.

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Current list of Water Related Working Groups and State Coordinators
(<http://cals-cf.calsnet.arizona.edu/exact/proposals/awards.cfm?CH=S&AT=W&FY=2008>)

With Water as the focus:

Water Conservation – Susan Pater
Irrigation – Ed Martin (Will not be renewed by me this year)

Has some water issues involved (ones that I know of)

Urban & Home Horticulture – Rob Call
Natural Resource Education – Jeff Schalaus
Climate and Natural Resources – Chris Jones
Commercial Horticulture – Ursula Schuch
Cotton IPM / ICM – Randy Norton
Cross-Commodity Research & Outreach Program (CROP) 2007-2008 – Erin Taylor

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Notes from the Water Summit recommended these topics/areas for consideration for future Working Groups and/or State Initiatives:

Future Groups:

- Water Reuse- How, Consequences
- Water Conservation- Agriculture, Home Owner, Industrial, Municipal: How to engage the public?
- Water Resources
- Individual Water Wells
- Measuring Impacts
- Water Quality
- GIS and Water

State Initiative:

- Water Quality- emerging contaminants, monitoring, food safety
- Water Policy- protecting watersheds
- Develop an evaluation of water programming and impacts throughout the state
- Transferring current water programming to reach agriculture
- Connecting land use to water supply
- How to fix the “disconnect” between faculty, specialists and agents? Hire a GRA - to evaluate the current extension model?
- Stakeholder driven research
- Tool(s) to enhance communication
- Portal for information is needed on water information throughout the state
- Evaluation tool - Statewide database for evaluation

Other Comments:

People to tackle agriculture related water issues
Water meeting to have working group discussions or reports
Coordinated effort
Teacher Water Education

Statewide person for coordination
Extension expertise directory
Professional Development
Summer Water Camp?