

# San Benito County Weed Management Area

A County, State, Federal and Private Partnership

## 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Continuing Education Seminar for Ranchers

Tuesday, December 3, 2024

8:00 am – 1:00 pm.

The Veterans Memorial Building  
649 San Benito St.

For Information call 831-205-3125

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8:00–8:30	<b>Sign In</b>
8:30–8:35	Welcome and Introductions
8:35–9:05	<b>Ken Griffin</b> , acting Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer, San Benito County Department of Agriculture <i>Laws and Regulations Update</i>
9:05–9:35	<b>Nicolas Somilleda</b> , Environmental Scientist, CA State Parks <b>Elijah Aldridge</b> , Environmental Scientist, CA State Parks <i>Hollister Hills State Park: Landscape -scale Weed Management Projects and Techniques</i>
9:35–9:45	BREAK
9:45–10:10	<b>Partner Updates</b>
10:10–10:40	<b>Patrick Moran</b> , Research Entomologist, USDA Agricultural Research Service <i>Biological Control of Invasive Weeds of Rangelands in Northern California</i>
10:40–10:50	BREAK
10:50–11:20	<b>Richard Smith</b> , Emeritus Farm Advisor <i>Calibration of a Sprayer</i>
11:20–11:50	<b>Priscila Nolasco</b> , Agricultural Biologist/Inspector, San Benito County Department of Agriculture <i>Licensing, Permitting, Laws and Regulations Required in Squirrel Control</i>
11:50–12:00	BREAK
12:00–12:15	<b>Devii Rao</b> , Livestock and Natural Resources Advisor, UC Cooperative Extension <i>Influence of Ground Squirrels on Forage Loss</i>
12:15–12:45	<b>Theresa Bechetti</b> , Livestock and Natural Resource Advisor, UC Cooperative Extension <i>What is it, Will it Kill my Animals and How do I Get Rid of it!?!?</i>
12:45–1:00	<b>Charlie Tobias</b> , Large Animal Veterinarian <i>Weeds that are Toxic to Livestock: How to Recognize and Treat</i>

**3 hours of pesticide continuing education credit (including 1 hour of Laws and Regulations) have been approved by the Department of Pesticide Regulation**

To find out more about the **San Benito County Weed Management Area**, or to get involved, please contact **Amelia Ryan** at [Amelia\\_Ryan@nps.gov](mailto:Amelia_Ryan@nps.gov)

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Resources from this workshop will be posted at  
<http://cesanbenito.ucanr.edu/livestock/LNRRResources/>.

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