## **Early Cover Crop Management** in Almonds

## March 7 and 14th (Free Attendance)

(Rain Cancels)

Starts: 9:00am

Ends: 12:20pm

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Time	Speaker Name and Affiliation	Topic	How it relates to
9:00am- 10:00am	Larry Lima and Fred Michaelis / Ag. Biologists, Merced County Ag. Commissioners Office	Regulations regarding spraying pesticides while pollinators are active and when spraying next to organic crops.	Pest Management and Pesticides  1) An introduction to new USEPA label requirements and warnings concerning bee protection.  2) Bee regulations concerning notification of bee keepers in general (CCR sections 6650-6654).  3) Methods on protecting bees while spraying and an overview of the publication "How to Reduce Bee Poisoning  4) Review and discussion of regulations and practices pertaining to pesticide drift management.
10:10am- 11:10am	Stephen Pryor/ Research Coordinator, San Luis Obispo Bee Company	BMPs for the establishment and utilization of early blooming native cover crops as beneficial insect habitat.	This relates to pesticide use in that it will illustrate BMPs for diverse cover crop species in orchards and vineyard that will provide habitat for beneficial insect or alternate forage for pests.
11:20am- 12:20pm	Kent Daane or Houston Wilson / U.C. Berkeley Entomolgy Dept. and UCCE Parlier Station	On-farm habitat management to enhance biological control of pests	It relates to alternate non-chemical pest management strategies based around on-farm diversification (ground covers, hedgerows etc.)
2 units DPR CE (approved)			

3 units CCA CE (approved)

Free Samples P. Tanacetifolia and P. Ciliata

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