

RCAS Fall Meeting and Tour Agenda
Sacramento Valley & Lake Tahoe, Northern California

September 28 – October 1, 2003

9/28/03 Sunday

2:00pm - Board meeting at Sacramento base hotel (Hyatt Regency at Capitol Park)

9/29/03 Monday

7:30 am – load bus for tour of UC Davis Genomics Center; Long Term Research on Agricultural Systems site; viticulture field studies.

10:45 am – Head north for a tour of Sacramento Valley agriculture

Tomato harvesting. Gene Miyao, Farm Advisor for Veg Crops

Walnut or almond harvest. Janine Hasey, Horticulture Advisor

Rice Experiment Station, Biggs.

Box lunch at noon

Return to Sacramento base hotel by 7:00pm

9/30/03 Tuesday

7:30 am - load bus to travel 60 miles north to Sierra Foothill Research and Extension Center

9:30 am - Coffee, juice, goodies

9:45 am - Tour Forbes Range Area

Annual rangeland resources characteristics. Mike Connor, Superintendent, SFREC

California Range Beef Industry. Glenn Nader, Livestock and Natural Resources Advisor

Use of Residual Dry Matter in Managing Annual Range. Nader

RDM Effects on Rangeland Water Quality. Ken Tate, CE Rangeland Watershed Specialist, UC Davis

California Oak issues; Artificial Oak Regeneration. Doug McCreary, IHRMP Natural Resources Specialist

Grazing Effects on Small Watersheds; Carbon Sequestration in Spring Areas. Barbara Allen-Diaz, Professor & Executive Associate Dean, College of Natural Resources, UC Berkeley

Paired watershed studies testing rangeland watershed practices. Tate

12:30 pm - Barbecue lunch

1:30 pm - Supplementation Strategies for Beef Cows on Annual Range. James W. Oltjen, CE
Management Systems Specialist, UC Davis

SFREC cattle research. Jerry Johnson, Beef Operations Manager, SFREC

2:00 pm -Travel to Lake Tahoe north shore for overnight stay at the Cal-Neva Resort & Casino
with stops for short geology/land use talks

10/1/03 Wednesday

8:30 am -Travel by bus to Tahoe Research Group's Field Laboratory on Lake Tahoe's north
shore; boat ride (weather permitting) on the lake with explanation of Tahoe water clarity
study; discussion of research activities on shore, discussions of plans/progress toward a
new lakeshore lab.

Return to Sacramento hotel and/or Sacramento Airport. Departure time will depend on whether
we have one or two boatloads going onto the lake. Expect to arrive in Sacramento by 3:00 pm.

**Hotel Information: (Blocked rooms will be released 8/29/03, so make your
reservations early to insure the negotiated rates below – reservations made after
cutoff date will be on a space available basis at the prevailing rates).**

Sacramento: Rooms Blocked for 9/28 & 9/29 for the Research Center Administrator's
Society

Hyatt Regency Sacramento at Capitol Park
1209 L Street, Sacramento, CA 95814
Toll Free for Reservations: 1-800-233-1234
Hotel: (916) 443-1234
Blocked Rate: \$119/night (Single or Double) + 12% City/Hotel Tax

Lake Tahoe: Rooms Blocked for 9/30 for **RCAS**

Cal-Neva Resort & Casino
2 Stateline Road
P.O. Box 368
Crystal Bay, NV 89402-0368
Toll Free for Reservations: 1-800-255-6382
Hotel: (775) 832-4000
Blocked Rate: Premier Lakeview Tower \$119/night (Single or Double) + 12%
City/Hotel Tax

Transportation:

With most the transportation provided, you may want to think about using the Airport
shuttle service (Super Shuttle) to get from the Sacramento Airport to the Hyatt Regency
(available at \$11.00 each way, or taxi service at approximately \$27.00 each way).

If you rent a car, be aware there is a \$12/day charge at the Hyatt for self-parking, \$18/day for
valet parking.