**High Plains Irrigation Conference**

**Amarillo Civic Center**

**Amarillo, Texas**

**January 15, 2015**

**Agenda**

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|   | **Topic** | **Presenter(s)** |
| 8:00 – 8:30 am  | Registration and Exhibit visitation*Registration is $30 at the door, lunch and breaks are included.* |   |
| 8:30 am | Welcome and Introductions  | Dana Porter |
| 8:45 am | **Keynote:** Agricultural Water Issues and How Local/Regional Applied Research Programs are Answering Critical Questions | David Brauer |
| 9:30 am | Implementing the State Water Plan: Agricultural Water Conservation Strategies in the Panhandle Regional Water Plan | Nolan Clark |
| 10:15 am | Break and Exhibit visitations |   |
| 10:45 am | Updates on SWIFT, Groundwater Rules, Legislative Actions, and Other Hot Topics | CE Williams andKathleen Jackson |
| 11:30 am  | Update from the Texas Alliance for Water Conservation | Chuck West |
| Noon | Catered Lunch   Booth visitation and sponsor acknowledgementsInformation resources |   |
| 1:10 pm | Comments from the TAIA President | Mark Stutler |
| 1:15 pm | Practical Implications of Applied Irrigation Research  | Gary Marek |
| 1:45 pm | Water Management Considerations in Integrated Pest Management  | Blayne Reed  |
| 2:15 pm | Break and booth visitation |   |
| 2:45 pm | Irrigation “Ex-Spurts”:  Tips on maintenance, management and trouble-shooting to get the most from your irrigation system | Jerry Funck, Kenneth Ewings, and other industry representatives |
| 4:15 pm | Chemigation: Highlights of the ASABE Chemigation Standard and Recommended Practices | Dana Porter |
| 4:45 pm  | Wrap-up, evaluation, and CEU distribution | Dana Porter  |

**Speaker information:**

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Nolan Clark, Ph.D., P.E., Chair, Agricultural Water Demands and Projections Committee, Panhandle Regional Water Planning Group, Amarillo, TX

C.E. Williams, Manager, Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District and Chair, Panhandle Regional Water Planning Group, White Deer, TX

Kathleen Jackson, P.E., Board Member, Texas Water Development Board, Beaumont, TX

Charles “Chuck” West, Ph.D., Thornton Distinguished Chair of Plant and Soil Science, Department of Plant and Soil Science, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX

Mark Stutler, President, TAIA; SWISH, Inc., Stephenville, TX

Gary Marek, Ph.D., Research Agricultural Engineer, USDA-ARS Conservation & Production Research Laboratory – Bushland, TX

Blayne Reed, M.S., Extension Agent – Integrated Pest Management, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service – Hale and Swisher Counties, Plainview, TX

Jerry Funck, P.E., Agricultural Engineer, Professional Water Management Associates, Lubbock, TX

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