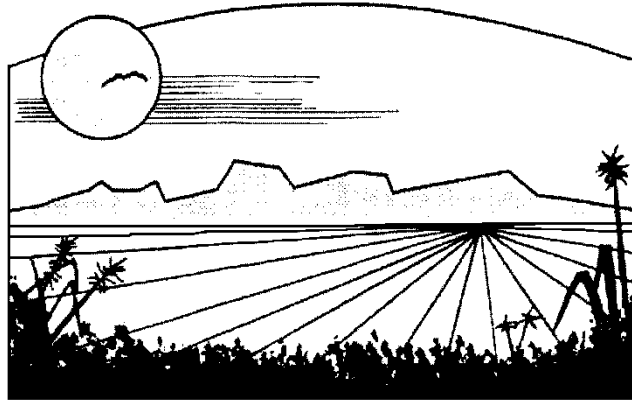


# ***“Indian Agriculture Climate Change Is Reality”***

## ***Conference Program***



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**SWIAA 29th Annual Conference Program  
January 17 – 19, 2017  
Aquarius Casino Resort  
Laughlin, Nevada**

**Tuesday - January 17, 2017**

**PAVLION B**

**7:30 am – 5:00 pm Registration**

**9:00 am Conference Opening**  
**Opening Remarks Mr. Homer Marks Sr., President, SWIAA**  
**Welcome TBA**  
**Invocation Honorable, Johnny Hill Jr., Councilman, Colorado River Indian Tribes**  
**Posting of Colors TBA**  
**National Anthem Staci Ortega, Tohono O’odham Nation**

**9:15 am “Colorado River Operational and Hydrology Update”**  
**Speaker: Ms. Ruth Thayer, Program Manager, Native American Affairs Office,**  
**Lower Colorado River Region, Bureau of Reclamation**

**◆ ◆ 10:00 – 10:15 AM ◆ ◆ REFRESHMENT BREAK ◆ ◆**

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**10:15 am “Farming Success In Gila River Indian Community”**  
**Speaker: Lyle Reams, Manager, Global Native**

**11:00 am “STAR School Outreach and Assistance Program for Socially Disadvantaged and Veteran Farmers and Ranchers in Navajo Nation“**  
**Speakers: Dr. Mark Sorensen, President, The STAR School**  
**Dr., Ilse Rojas, Project Engineer, Apex Applied Technology, Inc.**

**11:45 am “Impact of Global Warming on Fruit Trees Varieties”**  
**Speaker: Dr. Glenn Wright, University of Arizona, Associate Specialist & Associate Research Scientist, Citrus**

**◆ ◆ 12:15 – 1:30pm ◆ ◆ Lunch (on your own) ◆ ◆**

**1:30 pm “Farm Service Agency (FSA)”**  
**Speaker: Shawneen Stevenson, FSA Farm Loan Manager**

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**2:15 pm “Zika Virus Update”**

**Speaker: Vivek Raman, MPH, REHS, Environmental Health Supervisor  
Southern Nevada Health District, Las Vegas NV**

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**◆ ◆ 3:00 PM – 3:15 PM ◆ ◆ REFRESHMENT BREAK ◆ ◆**

**3:15 pm “Tribal Water Policy and Winters’ Doctrine”**

**Speaker: Mason D. Morisset, Attorney At Law (Morisset, Schollosser, Jozwaik, &  
Sommerville, Attorneys At Law, Seattle, Washington**

**4:00 pm “Tribal Irrigation Waiver for EQIP”**

**Speaker: Darvis Jordan, Outreach Coordinator, Natural Resource Conservation Service,  
Arizona**

**4:30 pm “SWIAA Annual Membership Meeting”**

- President’s Report
- Treasurer’s Report
- Election of New Board Members

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- 9:00 am **Call to Order: Mr. Andrew Antone Sr., Vice-President, SWIAA**  
**Invocation: Honorable, Wainwright Velarde, President, Jicarilla Apache Nation**
- 9:10 am **“Traditional Seed Banking”**  
**Speaker: Melissa Kruse-Peeples, Native Seed/Search**
- 9:40 am **“Success Farming In Gila River”**  
**Speaker: Terry Button, Ramona Farms, Santan, AZ**

◆ ◆ 10:15 AM – 10:30 AM ◆ ◆ REFRESHMENT BREAK ◆ ◆

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- 10:30 am **“Raramuri Criollo Cattle and Desert Livestock Production”**  
**Speaker: Dr. Sheri Spiegel, Post-Doctoral Research Animal Scientist, USDA-ARS, Jornada Experimental Range**
- 11:15 am **“Record Keeping, Whole Farm Revenue & Rainfall Index Insurance Options”**  
**Speaker: Dr. Russell Tronstad Distinguished Outreach Professor and Ag Econ Extension Specialist, The University of Arizona, Cooperative Extension, Department of Ag and Resource Economics**

◆ ◆ 12:00 Noon LUNCHEON ◆ ◆

**MASTER OF CEREMONIES**

**Mr. Andrew Antone Sr.**

**DR. ROE B. LEWIS SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS & PRESENTATIONS**

**Rayanna Benally – University of Arizona  
Joyce Miguel – Tohono O’odham Community College**

**MARIO MARKS TRAVELING SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**

**2017 SWIAA AWARDS**

**Jeanne Benally  
Dr. Terry Clark  
Carl Etsitty  
Dr. Russell Tronstad  
Santos Nieto  
Stotz Equipment  
Homer Marks Sr.**

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1:30 pm "Foreign Animal Disease"

Speaker: Dr. Terry Clark, Director, Office of National Tribal Liaison  
USDA – Animal Plant Health Inspection Service

2:15 pm "Rain Harvesting"

Speaker: Timothy R. Smith, Biological Technician, Pueblo of Sandia, Environment  
Department

◆ ◆ 3:00 PM – 3:15 PM ◆ ◆ REFRESHMENT BREAK ◆ ◆

3:15 pm "Tribal Climate Profiles In The Southwest"

Speaker: Alison M. Meadow, Ph.D. Staff Scientist - Center for Climate Adaptation  
Science and Solutions Adjunct Assistant Research Scientist - School of Natural  
Resources and the Environment, University of Arizona

4:00 pm "CRIT 4-H Program"

Speaker: Debbie Pettigrew, 4-H Program Coordinator, La Paz/CRIT County  
Extension Office, University of Arizona

4:45 pm End of Session

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**PAVILION B**

Thursday – January 19, 2017

9:00 am Call to Order Homer Marks Sr., President

Invocation (TBA)

9:10 am "Range Rocks"

Speaker: Lisa Page, Extension Program Coordinator, University of Arizona  
Camp Verde, Arizona

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9:40 am "2017 Census of Agriculture"  
Speaker: Dave DeWalt, State Statistician, USDA NASS, Arizona Field Office

◆ ◆ 10:15 – 10:30 AM REFRESHMENT BREAK ◆ ◆

10:30 am "Beef Quality Assurance"  
Speaker: Clay Parsons, Marana Stockyards & Livestock Market, Inc., Marana, AZ

11:15 am "APHIS Opportunities for Tribal Youth"  
Speaker: Carl Etsitty, Assistant Director, Office of National Tribal Liaison  
USDA – Animal Plant Health Inspection Service

12:00 pm Closing Ceremony  
Retrieval of Colors:

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**PISCES ROOM**

**Southwest Indian Agricultural Association Executive Board Meeting**

**Thursday, January 19, 2017 – 2:30 pm**

*The SWIAA Board would like to recognize and thank the following individuals for all of their time and effort to make this year's conference so successful:*

Homer Marks Sr.,	President	Tohono O'odham Nation
Andrew Antone Sr.	Vice President	Tohono O'odham Nation
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Agnes Joaquin,	Coordinator	Tohono O'odham Nation
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Tim Garcia,		Tohono O'odham Nation
Brian Davis Sr.		Gila River Indian Community
Louis R. Lopez		Tohono O'odham Nation
Trent Teegerstrom		University of Arizona
Sadie Marks		Tohono O'odham Nation
Brenda Antone		San Carlos Apache Tribe
Billman Lopez		Tohono O'odham Nation

*If we missed anyone who assisted to make the Southwest Indian Agricultural Association Annual Conference a success, we apologize*



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