

ALAMEDA COUNTY CONSERVATION PARTNERSHIP'S ANNUAL MEETING & 2018 NRCS FARM BILL UPDATE

DATE: OCTOBER 12, 2017

LOCATION: PURPLE ORCHID

AGENDA

4:00-5:00pm Optional Technical Session

- Part 1: Soil Health (4-4:45pm)
 - Introduction – Alyson Aquino
 - Working with livestock producers to improve soil health (shifting plant communities, decreasing bare soil, improving H₂O infiltration, reducing compaction, and sequestering more carbon) by adjusting livestock – *Wendell Gilgert, Point Blue*
 - Cover cropping and how it can improve your soil – *Alyson Aquino, NRCS*
 - Compost on agricultural lands – *Pelayo Alvarez, Carbon Cycle Institute*

- Part 2: Rodent Management (4:45-5:00pm)
 - Barn owls as part of your integrated pest management plan – *Carrie Wendt, Point Blue*
 - Barn owl box placement for greatest success of attracting barn owls
 - Behavioral changes of rodents when barn owls are present
 - Rodent removal rates
 - Barn owl hunting site preferences

5:00-6:00pm Social Hour / Networking Event

- Mingle while snacking on foods and beverages from local producers
- Meet some of the local producers who provided the food and find out more about their operation
- Talk with ag and rangeland experts who are attending the event
- Follow up on information learned at the technical session – all of the presenters will be in attendance!

6:00pm Dinner is Served!

6:00-7:00pm Dinner and General Program

- 6:15-6:20 = Greeting and Welcome Message – *Mark Connolly, Alameda County RCD Board of Directors President*
- 6:20-6:30 = 2017 Highlights and Upcoming Projects and Programs from the Alameda County RCD) – *Katherine Boxer, ACRCO Executive Officer*
- 6:30 – 6:40 = Briefing on local agriculture news from the Alameda County Ag Commissioner – *Humberto Izquierdo, Alameda County Agriculture Commissioner*
- 6:40-6:50 = 2018 NRCS Farm Bill Conservation Programs and Funding Opportunities – *Alyson Aquino, NRCS District Conservationist*

7:00pm Goodnight & see you next year!