



2025 State Liaison Representative/Commodity Liaison Committee Meeting Agenda

MONDAY, March 17

Arrive in Riverside, check in at Mission Inn Hotel

6:30 PM Palenque Kitchen, 3737 Main St #100, Riverside, Lobby @ 6:15 pm

TUESDAY, March 18

8:00 AM Meet in hotel lobby for van ride to Salinity Lab at UC Riverside

8:10 AM Depart Mission Inn for USDA Salinity Lab

8:15 AM Arrive in Meeting Room *Salinity Lab, 450 Big Springs Rd. Riverside, CA*
Breakfast and refreshments will be provided, Blackberry Farms

8:30 AM Welcome to the IR-4 2025 SLR/CLC Meeting, UC Riverside

Dr. Kari Arnold, IR-4 Associate Director, UC Davis ETOX
Logistics, bathrooms, fire escapes, meeting overview

8:45 AM Round Table Introductions

9:15 AM Overview of New IR-4 Communications Resources (zoom)

Hannah Ross, IR-4 National Information and Communications Officer
New IR-4 Intranet, Outreach Materials

9:35 AM Integrated Solutions (IS) 2.0 (zoom)

Dr. Alice Axtell, IR-4 Research Planning Manager and IS Platform Lead
Integrated Solutions, and IR-4 Future Outlook

9:55 AM Break

10:15 AM Southern California Agriculture, Challenges and Opportunities

Dr. Peggy Mauk, Professor and Director of Ag Ops, UC Riverside

10:45 AM Date Palm Pest Management: Challenges & Solutions in Iran

Haleh Khodaverdi, Staff Research Associate, UC Davis, Nansen Lab

11:05 AM Onion Downy Mildew

Dr. Ana M. Pastrana, Plant Pathology Advisor for Imperial, Riverside, and San Diego Counties, University of California Cooperative Extension (UCCE)

11:25 AM Monitoring and control of diseases and pests in *Ziziphus jujuba*.

Dr. Ning Di, Professor, Beijing Academy of Agriculture and Forestry Sciences

11:45 AM Discuss Next SLR Meeting Location/Date

12:00 PM Lunch, Blackberry Farms

1:00 PM SLR/CLC Round Table Discussion

Things to Consider: Identify pest issues of importance, IR-4 project challenges, and outreach opportunities in the Western Region.

2:00 PM UC Riverside, Agricultural Operations (Ag Ops) Tour

Dr. Peggy Mauk, Professor and Director of Ag Ops, UC Riverside
Nathan Leach, IR-4 Field Research Director, UC Riverside

4:00 PM Meeting Adjourns, Depart via Vans for Mission Inn Hotel

5:00 PM Meet in Mission Inn Lobby for Group Dinner

5:20 PM Depart Mission Inn for Group Dinner, walk to ProAbition Restaurant

5:30 PM Dinner Reservations, ProAbition Restaurant, 3597 Main St, Riverside

March 18-19, 2025
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WEDNESDAY, March 19th

Palm Desert Area - AG TOUR

- 7:00 AM** **Meet in Mission Inn lobby** to board vans
Taco Station breakfast burritos provided, no coffee
Check in with Kari for roll call
- 7:15 AM** **Leave for Hadley Date Garden and Packing Plant**
- 8:30 AM** **Whole Foods, Indio, Pick Up Sandwiches for Lunch**
44-459 Town Center Way, Palm Desert, CA 92260
- 9:00 AM** **Arrive at Hadley Date Garden**
83555 Airport Blvd #11, Thermal, CA 92274
Tour the packing plant and farm
Overview of IR-4's Impact on Date Farming
Peggy Mauk, Professor and Director of Ag Ops, UC Riverside
- 9:45 AM** **Leave Date Garden for Niland**
- 11:00 AM** **IR-4 Insecticide Registration Needs of Growers in Imperial County**
Hoary Stock Plant Trial (GPS location 33.2713970, -115.5463678)
Dr. Arun Babu, Entomology Advisor for Imperial County, UCCE
- 11:45 AM** **Depart Niland**, bagged lunch in vans
- 1:00 PM** **Arrive at Coachella Valley Agricultural Research Center**
86501 72nd Ave, Thermal, CA 92274
Dates, citrus, grapes, turf grass, mangoes, vegetable crops
Dr. Philip Waisen, Vegetable Crops Advisor, Riverside County, UCCE
Onion Mechanical Harvesting Variety Trial
CDFA Cover Crop Trial, Soil Health
- 2:00 PM** **Depart for Mission Inn Hotel**, Riverside, CA
- 5:00 PM** **Anticipated arrival back at hotel-may arrive earlier**
(may change due to traffic, please plan accordingly)
- 6:00 PM** **Meet in hotel lobby to walk to dinner, optional**