

Prescribed Fire Workshop in San Benito County June 5 and 6, 2019

June 5: Come learn about options for prescribed fire on private lands, including details on regulations and permits, unit preparation, burn planning, and more!

June 6: Workshop participants will have the opportunity to participate in a live-fire training in Bitterwater (weather permitting). Please wear long pants, long sleeved shirt (natural fibers only), leather boots, and bring sunglasses and leather gloves.

Date: June 5, 2019

Time: 8:00 am to 4:30 pm

Location: Hollister Veteran's Memorial Building, 649 San Benito St, Hollister, CA

Coffee, refreshments and lunch will be provided on June 5.

Date: June 6, 2019

Time: 8:00 am to 2:00 pm (weather permitting)

Location: Selleck-Ivens Ranch, 46340 Airline Highway in King City (Bitterwater) Light refreshment will be provided but bring your own lunch and water on June 6.

Cost: \$30.

Register here: http://ucanr.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=27528 or contact Devii Rao at drorao@ucanr.edu or 831-637-5346 x14. **Registration deadline is May 30.**

The workshop will be led by Lenya Quinn-Davidson, UCCE Fire Advisor, and Jeff Stackhouse, UCCE Livestock and Natural Resources Advisor. Lenya and Jeff are based in Humboldt County, where the Humboldt County Prescribed Burn Association has burned more than 900 acres on private properties in the last two years. Phil Dye of Prometheus Fire Consulting LLC is a CICCS qualified Type 2 Burn Boss and will be leading the burn on June 6.

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Detailed Agenda for June 5

8:00-8:30 Registration and refreshments

8:30-8:45 Welcome and introductions (Devii Rao, UCCE)

Options for prescribed fire on private lands, prescribed burn associations, and common myths around prescribed fire (Lenya Quinn-Davidson, UCCE)

Update from Humboldt County: prescribed burn objectives and range management, project costs, and bringing fire back to the people (Jeffery Stackhouse, UCCE)

Break

Cal Fire's Vegetation Management Program and other grant programs (Jonathan Pangburn, CAL FIRE)

Prescribed fire permitting (Jonathan Pangburn, CAL FIRE)

Air quality and smoke management (TBD, Monterey Bay Air Resources District)

How NRCS can support prescribed fire projects: unit preparation and implementation (Bob Gillaspy, NRCS)

Partnership opportunities with RCD of Monterey County (Jamie Tuitele-Lewis, RCDMC)

11:35-12:35 Lunch (provided)

Intro to fire ecology (Lenya Quinn-Davidson)

Fire weather: useful websites and tools (Jeffery Stackhouse)

Burn planning considerations (Phil Dye, Prometheus Fire Consulting LLC)

Burn unit preparation: techniques, equipment, tools (Steve Davis, Central Coast Rx Fire Council)

Break

Ignition techniques (Devii Rao, UCCE)

Safety and personal protective equipment (Lenya Quinn-Davidson and Jeffery Stackhouse)

Prescribed fire to control yellow starthistle at Pinnacles National Park (Brent Johnson, Pinnacles National Park)

Questions and discussion

Wrap-up and plan for next day's burn (Devii Rao and Phil Dye)

4:30 Meeting Ends