

2026 CWSS Annual Conference Agenda

Santa Barbara, California January 28-30, 2026

"Back to Basics"

DPR Requested Hours Law, Other

CCA AZ, ID, OR, WA, CCA, GCSAA, ISA, MT, NV hours pending.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2026

3:30pm-6:30pm	CONFERENCE REGISTRATION Maryana Schmidt, PAPA
5:00pm-9:00pm	CONFERENCE EXHIBIT/POSTER SETUP

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2026

7:00am-5:00pm	REGISTRATION AND CEU SIGN-IN/OUT Maryana Schmidt, PAPA
7:00am-5:00pm	EXHIBITS - San Rafel/ Sierra Madre Room & STUDENT POSTERS - Santa Barbara Foyer
7:00am-7:50am	STUDENT POSTER JUDGING – Santa Barbara Foyer
	ALL Wednesday SESSIONS will be held in Santa Ynez Room
7:55-8:00	WELCOME TO THE CONFERENCE
8:00-10:00	SESSION A: WEED SCHOOL: Common Factors Affecting Herbicide Performance
8:00	
8:30	
9:00	
9:30	
10:00-10:30am	MORNING BREAK
10:00-10:30am	STUDENT POSTER JUDGING – Santa Barbara Foyer
10:30-12:00pm	SESSION B: STUDENT RESEARCH UPDATES
10:30	
11:00	
11:30	
12:00	
12:00	STUDENT POSTER JUDGING – Santa Barbara Foyer
12:00-1:30pm	LUNCH (on your own)
12:00-1:30pm	STUDENT LUNCHEON (by invitation) – San Miguel/ Santa Rosa Room
1:30-3:30pm	SESSION C: GENERAL SESSION:
1:30	
2:00	
2:30	
3:00	
3:30-4pm	Afternoon Break - Vendor Displays & Poster Viewing
4-4:15pm	STUDENT AWARDS
4:15-5:15pm	SESSION D: WHAT'S NEW IN WEED CONTROL
5:15-6:45pm	CWSS MEMBER RECEPTION – San Rafael/ Sierra Madre Room

THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 2026

7:00am-5:00pm	REGISTRATION AND CEU SIGN-IN/OUT – Maryana Schmidt, PAPA
7:00am-5:00pm	EXHIBITS San Rafael/ Sierra Madre Room & STUDENT POSTERS - Santa Barbara Foyer
7:00am-7:30am	COFFEE & PASTRY SERVICES – Santa Barbara Foyer

MORNING CONCURRENT SESSIONS

	San Miguel/ Santa Rosa Room		Santa Ynez Room
8:00-10:00	SESSION E: AQUATICS	8:00-10:00	SESSION F: TREE AND VINE
8:00		8:00	
8:30		8:30	
9:00		9:00	
9:30		9:30	
10:00-10:15	MORNING BREAK	10:00-10:15	MORNING BREAK
10:15-11:45	SESSION G: MINOR CROPS	10:15-11:45	SESSION H: ROADSIDES, UTILITIES, AND INDUSTRIAL SITES
10:15	Matthew Fatino, UCCE Herbicide Performance Screenings in CA Agave	10:15	Chris McDonald, UCANR Using WeedCUT to Help Improve IPM on Roadsides
10:45	Ben Faber, UCCE Whacking Weeds in Coastal Subtropical Trees	10:45	Bob Brenton, Brenton VMS Fire Risk Management in Utility Operations
11:15	Steve Fennimore, Emeritus UC Davis A Role for Steam in Specific Crops	11:15	Scott Oneto, UC Extension Fuel Break Management Trial Results
11:45	Milt McGriffen, UCR TBD	11:45	Jerome Otto, Corteva Agriscience Fire Risk Management in Roadside Operations
11:45am-1:00pm CWSS BUSINESS & AWARDS LUNCHEON - San Rafael/ Sierra Madre Room			

AFTERNOON CONCURRENT SESSIONS

	San Miguel/ Santa Rosa Room		Santa Ynez Room
1:00-3:00	SESSION I: TURF AND ORNAMENTAL	1:00-3:00	SESSION J: AGRONOMY
1:00		1:00	
1:30		1:30	

2:00		2:00	
2:30		2:30	
3:00-3:15	AFTERNOON BREAK	3:00-3:15	AFTERNOON BREAK
3:15-5:15	SESSION K: FORESTRY, RANGE AND NATURAL AREAS	3:15-5:15	SESSION L: VEGETABLE CROPS
3:15	Chris Berry, Center for Biodiversity & Ecological Restoration Integrating Prescribed Fire & Grass Specific Herbicides.	3:15	
3:45	Chris McDonald, UC Agriculture & Natural Resources A Tale of Two Invasives, Black Mustard & Stinknet.	3:45	
4:15	Robert Freese, Irvine Ranch Conservancy Use of Pre-Emergent Herbicides for Site Preparation	4:15	
4:45	Brian Allen, UC Agriculture & Natural Resources Using Virtual Fence Technology & Grazing for Weed Control	4:45	

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30, 2026

7:00am-11:15am	REGISTRATION & CEU SIGN-IN/OUT Maryana Schmidt, PAPA
7:00am-7:30am	COFFEE & PASTRY SERVICE – Santa Barbara Foyer
	ALL Friday day SESSIONS Will be held in Santa Ynez Room
7:30-12:00	SESSION M: LAWS & REGULATIONS
7:30	Ventura Ag Commissioner Staff TBD
8:30	Harvard Fong, CA Dept. Of Pesticide Regulation Respiratory Protection
9:30-9:45	MORNING BREAK
9:45	Jose Chang, Santa Barbara Ag Commissioner Regulatory Updates
10:45	Karey Windbiel Rojas, UC IPM Pesticide Jeopar
11:45am-12:00pm	ADJOURN & TURN IN CEU SCANTRONS