

2023 Forum for Undergraduate Leadership (FUEL) Schedule

Weekly Discussions with Invited Speakers

12:00-1:30pm | Y2E2 101

Friday, October 13

Introduction to the FUEL Program

Brian Sharbono, *Director of Programs, Stanford Woods
Institute for the Environment*

Water and Agriculture in CA

[Felicia Marcus](#), *former Chair of the CA State Water
Resources Control Board; visiting fellow at the Woods
Institute's Water in the West Center*

Friday, October 20

Farmer Perspectives and Equity Challenges in CA

[David Mancera](#), *Director, Kitchen Table Advisors;
Agricultural Member, CA State Board of Food and
Agriculture; Board Member, Big Sur Land Trust*

Friday, October 27

Applying Science to Questions of Sustainability in Agriculture

[Corisa Wong](#), *3rd year PhD candidate in Civil and
Environmental Engineering who focuses on developing
tools to inform nutrient and water management for
sustainable agriculture*
[Matt Lees](#), *PhD candidate in Geophysics who has interests
in groundwater sustainability, with a particular focus on
remote sensing and land subsidence*
[Anna Gomes](#), *4th year PhD candidate in the Earth System
Science Program who is focused on soil biogeochemistry,
cover crop decomposition, and circular nutrient cycling in
CA's Salinas Valley.*

Sacramento Overnight Field Trip (Thursday, November 2 - Friday, November 3)

Thursday, November 2

- 11:15am Meet on Via Ortega in front of Y2E2 (opposite of the Via Ortega parking structure); grab a boxed lunch and load onto the bus
- 2:00-3:00pm **Community Alliance for Family Farmers (CAFF)**
36355 Russell Blvd, Davis, CA 95616
[Paul Towers](#), Executive Director
- 4:00pm Check-in to Embassy Suites by Hilton Sacramento Riverfront Promenade
100 Capitol Mall, Sacramento, CA 95814
- 5:45pm Meet in hotel lobby to walk to dinner
- 6:00pm Group dinner at Rio City Cafe
1110 Front St, Sacramento, CA 95814

Friday, November 3

- Up until 8:30am Breakfast in the hotel lobby (at your convenience)
- 8:30-9:30am **Pesticide Action Network, North America**
Embassy Suites Stagecoach Conference Room
[Asha Sharma](#), Organizing Co-Director, California
- 10:15-11:15am **CA State Assembly, Committee on Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials**
1020 N St, Sacramento, CA 95814
Josh Tooker, Chief Consultant
- 11:15am-12:45pm Lunch
- 12:45-1:45pm **CA Department of Food and Agriculture**
1220 N St, Sacramento, CA 95814
[Virginia Jameson](#), Deputy Secretary for Climate and Working Lands
- 2:30-3:30pm **CA State Water Resources Control Board**
1001 I St, Sacramento, CA 95814
[Laurel Firestone](#), SWRCB Board Member; former Executive Director of the Community Water Center
- 3:45pm Depart Sacramento; Anticipated arrival to Stanford campus is 6:30pm (please allow flexibility for traffic)

Salinas Field Trip (Friday, November 10)

7:30am	Meet on Via Ortega in front of Y2E2 (opposite of the Via Ortega parking structure); grab light breakfast snacks and load onto the bus
10:00am-11:30am	US Department of Agriculture - Agricultural Research Service <i>1636 E Alisal St, Salinas, CA 93905</i> Dr. Eric Brennan , <i>Research Horticulturist, Organic and Climate Smart Farming</i>
12:15-1:00pm	Lunch at ALBA
1:15-2:15pm	Agriculture and Land-Based Training Association (ALBA) <i>1700 Old Stage Rd, Salinas, CA 93908 (all afternoon programming will be held at ALBA)</i> ALBA tour led by Chris Brown , Development Director
2:15-2:45pm	Resource Conservation District of Monterey County (RCDMC) Laura Murphy , Soil Scientist
2:45-3:15pm	Induchucuiti Organic Farms Celsa Ortega , Organic Farmer, trained by ALBA
3:30pm	Depart Salinas; Anticipated arrival to Stanford campus is 5:30pm (please allow flexibility for traffic)