

California Drought Tour

September 1-2, 2015

(Field Trip)

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As farmers fallow fields, towns receive emergency drinking water and groundwater supplies are depleted, this two-day, one-night tour will provide the opportunity to see a close-up view of one of the state's hardest-hit regions – the San Joaquin Valley.

This new tour, co-sponsored by the California Department of Water Resources, will explore the impacts of California's unprecedented four-year drought on the nation's breadbasket and what steps are being taken to avert disaster.

Speakers from key governmental organizations and stakeholder groups will examine how the drought is impacting water systems, businesses and communities, and how local, state and federal government agencies are responding to this crisis. Topics to be discussed include:

- Emergency response strategies, providing drinking water to disadvantaged communities
- Groundwater overdraft, dry private wells and land subsidence
- Low reservoir conditions and zero water allocations
- The potential for an El Niño – will it help end the drought?
- Impacts to farmers and ranchers
- What actions are being taken to drought-proof us for the future?

The tour will begin and end at the Ramada Fresno North on 324 East Shaw Avenue at 7:30 a.m., Tuesday, Sept. 1. After traveling on the west side of the San Joaquin Valley, we will return to Fresno for a reception and dinner. On the second day, we will explore the east side of the Valley, returning to Fresno at approximately 5 p.m.

Early bird registration – \$525 for single occupancy or \$475 each for double occupancy (two people sharing one bed) until Aug. 3. After that, prices will increase to \$555 and \$505, respectively. Registration fee includes tour meals, hotel accommodations on Sept. 1, tour transportation, bus snacks and drinks, and materials.

All reservations are on a first-come, first-served basis. **Deadline to cancel and receive a full refund is 5 p.m., Friday, Aug. 14 due to hotel, meal and transportation bookings.** Substitutions are allowed through Aug. 28.

Tentative stops include:

- Friant Dam and Millerton Lake on the San Joaquin River
- the drought-stricken communities of East Porterville and Huron
- the historic Cantua Creek region
- the Coalinga Canal
- sites of continuing subsidence in the Western San Joaquin Valley
- and farming regions

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or call Dan Scott at the Water Education Foundation 916-444-6240 with any questions