



**California/Nevada Section  
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The Board of Trustees' Path Forward Committee is accepting input on the re-organization graphic that is published in the July/August 2013 edition of Resource magazine at <http://bt.e-ditionsbyfry.com/publication/?i=164821>. This is an opportunity for the membership to describe what it is we do as ASABE members and as Agricultural and Biological Engineers and build cohesion within the Society. Take some time to review the graphic and send any feedback to the Board of Trustees c/o Leon Schumacher at [schumacherl@missouri.edu](mailto:schumacherl@missouri.edu).

\* **Recent CA/NV Section Awardees**

ASABE Fellow Inductee – D. Ken Giles, UC Davis  
ASABE Int'l ¼ Scale Tractor Competition 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Modesto Junior College  
ASABE John Deere Gold Medal Awardee – Shrini K. Upadhyaya, UC Davis  
ASABE ADS/Hancor Soil and Water Engineering Awardee – Wes. W. Wallender, UC Davis  
ASABE Massey-Ferguson Educational Gold Medal Awardee – R. Paul Singh, UC Davis  
UCD College of Engineering Outstanding Senior Faculty Awardee – R. Paul Singh, UC Davis

Be sure to review the ASABE Annual International Meeting Technical Session Agenda at [www.asabemeetings.org](http://www.asabemeetings.org) for presentations from our section.

\* **AIM Highlighted in Lodi News- Sentinel**

The first in an intermittent series tracking the creation of a grape harvester at AIM engineering in Lodi is available for your enjoyment at [http://www.lodinews.com/news/article\\_50a1127b-3595-5948-b403-b26957cee092.html](http://www.lodinews.com/news/article_50a1127b-3595-5948-b403-b26957cee092.html).

\* **Wine Country Tractor Pull**

Pictures are up at [http://napavalleyregister.com/wine-country-tractor-pull/image\\_8fb62d92-e152-11e2-be99-0019bb2963f4.html](http://napavalleyregister.com/wine-country-tractor-pull/image_8fb62d92-e152-11e2-be99-0019bb2963f4.html) of the Third Annual Wine Country Tractor Pull in late June in Napa, CA! Some Cal Poly folks were highlighted!

**\* Northern and Southern California SAF Summer Meeting, Davenport, CA - August 23-24, 2013**

The 2013 SAF summer meeting is a combined effort of the Northern and Southern California Societies. It focuses on management challenges in the Santa Cruz Mountains - an area which operates under Forest Practice Special Rules - and the importance of working forests. We will be meeting in the gorgeous Santa Cruz coast area during the warmest time of the year. It is open to members of SAF as well as individuals with an interest in forestry and forest management issues.

Friday will begin with our Executive Meeting and continue with a Foresters Fund Auction. The general meeting will commence with a barbeque dinner at Cal Poly's Swanton Pacific Ranch, and our keynote speaker will be noted Central Coast historian, Sandy Lydon, speaking on the history of the Butano Forest. A Forester's Fund raffle and silent auction will follow the dinner, hosted by the Bay Area SAF Chapter.

Saturday is an all-day field trip to the beautiful lands of Big Creek Lumber Company and Swanton Pacific Ranch. The field trip includes lunch, a ride on Cal Poly's steam train through the redwoods, and refreshments throughout the day. The topic will be the unique challenges and sustainability of working forests in the Central Coast of California.

For more information, contact Rick Standiford at [standifo@berkeley.edu](mailto:standifo@berkeley.edu).

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This year's SWCS meeting, entitled "Resilient Landscapes - Planning for Flood, Drought & Fire" took place earlier this month. For more information, visit [www.swcs.org](http://www.swcs.org).

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- If you have questions or comments, feel free to contact Carolyn at 707-678-1655x117 or [carolyn.jones@ca.usda.gov](mailto:carolyn.jones@ca.usda.gov).
- If you have ideas for Update items or would like to get involved in the leadership team, please let us know.