NRCS TEXAS OUTREACH INITIATIVE WORKSHOPS

Hosted by:

UTPA Rural Enterprise Development and Arroyo Colorado Conservancy

Conservation Farming: Financial and Technical Assistance

Tuesday, April 29th, 2014

Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center

2401 E. Business 83, Weslaco, Texas

Join us for a free program to learn about conservation practices and the programs that support them. Various agencies offer financial and technical assistance to implement practices such as land leveling and pipe line installation.

AGENDA

9:00 AM	**Welcome and Introductions**
	Carlos Lago-Silva—Director of Rural Programs, UTPA–RED
9:10 AM	**Overview of Issues in the Arroyo Colorado Watershed / TSSWCB Funding**
	Ashley Gregory—Extension Assistant, ACC
	Ronnie Ramirez—Conservation Planner, TSSWCB
9:40 AM	**Water Conservation Conference – Managing the Rio Grande Waters**
	Erasmo Yarrito Jr.—Rio Grande Watermaster, TCEQ
10:10 AM	**El Niño or 'La Nada': Will Drought Return This Year?**
	Barry Goldsmith—Warning Coordination Meteorologist, NWS
10:40 AM	**Surge Valve Cooperative and Narrow Border Irrigation**
	Tom McLemore—Project Manager, TPAWE
11:10 AM	**NRCS Financial and Technical Assistance Programs**
	Raul Hinojosa—District Conservationist, USDA-NRCS
11:40 AM	**TDA Marketing and Finance Programs**
	Nelda Garza—Field Representative, TDA
12:00 PM	**Sponsored Lunch**
12:40 PM	**FSA Microloans, Operating Loans, & Continuous CRP (Riparian Buffers)**
	Arnulfo Lerma, Farm Loan Manager, USDA-FSA
	Cristobal Perez, County Executive Director, USDA-FSA
1:20 PM	**Questions and Event Evaluation**

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