



**SOUTHWEST VEGETATION  
MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION**



## **SWVMA Spring Conference 2022**

**Celebrating 25 Years**

Pulling Together in an Era of Rapid Change

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**FEBRUARY 10 AND FEB 11- 2022 | 1 - 5PM**

LOCATION: VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

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We are excited to announce that our annual conference will be held virtually and will include presentations discussing best practices for invasive species management, restoration efforts, wildfires & weeds and climate effects on the landscape.

### **Registration Costs and Continuing Education Units (CEUs)**

A minimum of 3 CEUs will be available for each of the 2 days, for a total of 6 CEUs for the entire meeting. Registration fees are as follows:

Meeting attendance (for both days): \$25

- 3 CEUs: Additional \$15 (must attend one full meeting day)
- 6 CEUs: Additional \$30 (must attend both full meeting days)

**Last Day of Registration is February 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Register here: <https://www.swvma.org/swvma-conference/>

### **Conference Highlight's**

- Challenges facing vegetation managers in Arizona
- Invasive plant removal and management in different parts of the state
- Habitat restoration/revegetation after wildfire and after invasive plant removal
- Mapping, monitoring and modeling locations of invasive plants in Arizona

## SCHEDULE



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### Day 1 Thursday, February 10

- 12:45 pm Log On - Break Out Room Intros
- 1:00 Welcome - Willie Sommers - SWVMA President
- 1:10 Keynote Speaker 1: *Invasive Plant and Wildfire Interactions in Arizona Ecosystems*.  
Dr. Molly Hunter - The University of Arizona
- 1:40 Presentation 1: *Yuma East Wetlands - Invasive Species Removal and Habitat Restoration*. Cathy Douglas and Jesus Melendrez - Yuma Crossing Natural Heritage Area
- 2:10 Presentation 2: *Invasive Plant Management at the TNC Aravaipa Canyon Preserve*.  
Emily Burns - Sky Island Alliance
- 2:40 Break
- 2:50 Presentation 3: *Bush Fire Replanting Project at Lower Sycamore*. Jenny Vitale
- 3:20 Presentation 4: *Arizona Forest Health Conditions Report*. Aly McAlexander - Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management
- 4:00 Wrap up and networking
- 4:15-5:00 "Cocktail Hour"

### Day 2 Friday, February 11

- 12:45 pm Log On - Break Out Room Intros
- 1:00 Welcome - Juanita Armstrong - Vice President SWVMA
- 1:10 SWVMA 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Recognition
- 1:30 Keynote Speaker 2: *Arizona Climate Update: Water Year 2021 Recap and Look Forward*. Dr. Michael Crimmins - University of Arizona
- 2:00 Presentation 5: *Predicting habitat suitability for invasive species, INHABIT*.  
Peder Engelstad – Colorado State University and Catherine Jarnevič - USGS
- 2:30 Presentation 6: *Early Detection and Distribution Mapping System - EDDMapS*.  
Rebekah Wallace - University of Georgia
- 3:00 Break
- 3:10 Presentation 7: *Monitoring mapping and treating invasive plants along the Verde River*. Elaine Nichols - Friends of the Verde River
- 3:40 Presentation 8: *iMapInvasives mobile tools and platform enhancements*.  
Michael Barbour - Arizona Game and Fish Department
- 4:10 Open Discussions and Wrap Up