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CALCP Annual Meeting September 24

Join your CALCP board members for a tour of the CU campus to see the trees effected by EAB. We'll see trees in different stages of destruction, see the traps that were set to trap the insect, learn about the new bio-agents released that are to aid in the killing of the EAB larvae, etc.

Lunch will follow the tour in a restaurant in Boulder, Dutch treat.

During the lunch we will hold our annual meeting to elect new board members and officers for 2016, review the minutes from our 2014 annual meeting and see financials for the end of the fiscal year.

Following the annual meeting, we will travel to the new Colorado Dept. of Ag facility in Interlocken for a tour there, and the regular board of directors meeting from 2:30 to 5:00 p.m.

Any paid member is welcome to attend any or all of the day's events.

Thursday Sept. 24 at 11:00 a.m.

Call office for reservations.

Exact meeting start location to be announced.

President's Message

Emilie Hudson

We have gone from record rainfall to the shear heat of the summer. I hope everyone is well and thriving through the challenges we have been faced with this spring. The good news is, we have not seen the spread of the Emerald Ash Borer beyond Boulder County. We all need to be diligent in maintaining the quarantines and cooperating with the efforts to keep it contained.

This time of year brings out the best in people, and the worst in people. We had the luxury of the moisture and now we are facing hot, dry, windy conditions in many areas. We have to keep the focus and perspective. We need to recognize that many of our clients have a different perspective on emergencies. I remind myself everyday to smile and address each issue as positively as I can. Our staff members have reached their max and still face a month of catching up. Just remember, we are all in the same boat, and we are here to serve our clients and communities. Always remember what is most important. It is easy to get ourselves in firefighter mode, but we need to step back, as much as time allows, and breathe, be proud of what we have accomplished and put time into creating the plan to work ourselves out of the endless.....cont. on page 3

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DOL-overtime pay

June 30, 2015

While you are probably aware of this I thought I would forward along with the link to the information sheet.

The Obama Administration released the much-anticipated proposed rules to expand overtime eligibility for an estimate five million workers, which – according to the DOL – is expected to cost employers an additional \$1.2 billion per year.

According to the agency's fact sheet (found at <http://www.dol.gov/whd/overtime/NPRM2015/factsheet.htm>) the proposed rules significantly increase the minimum salary thresholds, which are expected to be more than \$50,000 by the time the new rules would go into effect next year. The proposed rules also increase thresholds for higher earners at almost \$125,000 annually – adjusted yearly – *“to ensure that they remain meaningful tests for distinguishing between bona fide executive, administrative, and professional workers who are not entitled to overtime and overtime-protected white collar workers.”*

Norman Goldenberg, NALP

New CALCP Member
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Dean of College of Agriculture at CSU

After an extensive search for a new dean at the CSU College of Agriculture, Dr. Tony Frank recently announced that Ajay Menon will fill this position starting July 1. Ajay was the longtime dean of the CSU College of Business and although he lacked experience in agriculture directly, Ajay really was an ideal fit for the position when you consider the pressing needs of our college for a leader who understands the global marketplace, who knows Colorado and its industry needs, who has experience in elevating an academic college, who places highest value on a great student experience and who appreciates the importance of vision to an organization. Ajay has a strong statewide network through his work as the Colorado's first Chief Innovation Officer, and he can add real value to the growing statewide conversation about innovation in the Ag sector, according to Dr. Frank.

If you want more info about him and his appointment see <http://source.colostate.edu/?=17277>.

Native Plant Gardening and More...

Interested in learning how to use native plants in your garden? Take our class on this topic or delve deeper into learning more about Colorado's wildflowers by taking a Native Plant Master® course at Reynolds Open Space Park. All those completing three courses will receive a **Colorado Flora Certificate**. These and other offerings include:

[Creating Your Own Native Plant Garden](#) Thursday, 6/25, 9:00 - 10:30 AM

[NPM Course at Reynolds Park](#) Saturdays, 7/11, 7/18, 7/25, 8:30 AM – 12:40 PM

[Plant Field Sketching Class](#) Wednesdays, 7/22 and 29, 9 AM – 3 PM

[Alpine Plants Class](#) Wednesday, 7/29, 8 AM – 12 PM

Please share this information with your networks to help us get the word out about NPM. If you know someone who would like to receive notices of future classes, please have them contact npmassistant@jeffco.us. For a list of other Native Plant Master offerings, see www.npm.eventbrite.com. Register soon as offerings fill quickly.

If you are interested in educating others by becoming a **certified Native Plant Master volunteer**, see www.nativeplantmaster.org. Browse the Colorado Plant Database at <http://coloradoplants.jeffco.us> for research-based information on more than 1,000 Colorado plants.

For information about Jefferson County Extension, see www.jeffcoextension.org or call 303-271-6620. For Colorado State University Extension, visit www.ext.colostate.edu. Extension programs are available to all without discrimination.

Pres. Letter cont.
spring we are facing.

Remain responsible, diligent and educational as we move through the next phase of the hot, dry season.

I hope everyone has a safe and relaxing Independence Day. We would like to see everyone for our annual meeting on September 24. We have some critical issues coming up as a board and would appreciate the input from our members. We are here to serve our industry, but we need to be aware of the challenges you may be facing so we can confront them proactively and efficiently; improving our industry awareness and overall impact.

Dues notices sent in August

Paper dues notices will be sent in early August and are due for the 2015-16 year by September 1. If you do not receive a paper dues notice in the mail by August 15, please call the office to verify your mailing address.

Dues must be paid in order to continue receiving the periodic email alerts about classes, national issues and other items of interest, to keep your company listed on our website, and to use the membership discounts for STC, Pro-Green Expo and other classes.

New CALCP email address:

CALCP@treeandlawncareCO.org
Remove:
CALCP@lawncarecolorado.org

Water smart phone app is closer to release

CALCP, ALCC and the Colorado Water Wise Council have partnered to develop a new smart phone app for your phones to help you keep abreast of water restrictions all over the state. **Denver Water** has now uploaded their data and several other cities are also in the process so we are hopeful that it will be available soon. It will include landscape and water rules at your fingertips for many zip codes/jurisdictions throughout the state. The plan is for crews to be able to pull up the app, put in info about your location, and get the current rules, codes, ordinances, etc about the property where you are working.

We will send out notifications when the app is ready for distribution.

Job postings on website

CALCP can now post your job listings on our website for FREE. Just send the info about the job and how to make contact with the company in an email or word document and it will be posted on our website under job listings for 30 days. This benefit is available to CALCP members.

Delegates to Legislative Day on Hill

Tom Lynch and Justin Ketterer will be the official CALCP delegates to the National Association of Landscape Professionals Legislative Day-on-the-Hill July 19-21. Their trip will include working at the Arlington Cemetery Day of Remembrance, training sessions on how to approach legislators, the issues that will be discussed with legislators, and actual visits to their offices.

Two delegates have been sponsored by CALCP to attend this annual event for many years. It is a great opportunity to learn about national issues that affect our industry and to make a difference for landscape professionals in Colorado as well as all over the country.

Watch for their report in the September newsletter.

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Brett Adams, Green Industry Specialist
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BMP Quantification Study Nearing Completion

The BMP Quantification study undertaken this spring is nearing completion by Wright Water Engineers. In March, the GreenCO board, decided to proceed with the research study to gather quantification data for the BMP's so our data can be a part of the Colorado State Water Plan being developed this summer. The cost of this study was \$42,300 which has been raised from various GreenCO member associations and donations from several companies. CALCP donated \$12,000 toward this study.

Since 2002-3, the BMP's have been revised and added to a couple of times and we have been working with municipalities and water providers to get them included in city codes and training. Once the data is collected, we will have a need for **spokespersons** who can deliver a short prepared presentation to small groups. If you are interested in being a spokesperson, please contact the office immediately.

The list of companies that supported this project at press time include:

ALCC, CALCP, CNGA, GCC, ASLA, CNREF, Swingle Tree, Lawn & Landscape Co, Davey Tree Experts, L.L.Johnson Distributors, CPS Distributors, Gard'n Wise Distributors, Tru-Green, TerraCare Associates, Weisburg Landscape Co, Timberline Landscape, J.Rick Lawn & Tree, Ewing Irrigation, Heidrich Tree Farm, Plants of Distinction, Green Belt Sod Farm, Fredell Enterprises, Lawn Dr. of Denver and Aquacita, LLC.

Calendar of Events:

July 3-July 13—CALCP office closed.

July 9—CSU Short Course at CSU Campus. SOLD OUT.

July 16—CALCP board meeting at the home of Rick Roehm. Call 303 850-7587.

July ??—date TBD—Planning for 2016 Spring Training Conference. Send your ideas for speakers, topics and problems you encounter with the licensing process to the office or contact any board member. Call 303-850-7587.

July 19-21—PLANET Legislative Day-on-the-Hill in Washington DC. Call 303 850-7587.

August 3— CSU Annual Flower Trial Evaluations at CSU. Register to evaluate and for lunch at cas_trial_gardens@Mail.colostate.edu

Sept. 24—CALCP Annual meeting in Boulder at place to be determined. Call 303 850-7587.

Oct. 21-23 NALP (National Association of Landscape Professionals—formerly PLANET) conference in Louisville, KY call 800 395-2522 or go to <https://www.landscapeprofessionals.org/>

Have a safe and productive summer!

Chuckles

Help clean up.

The secret of happiness lies not in doing what you like but in liking what you have to do.

When you're angry, slow down and do nothing.

Find originality within yourself and cultivate it.

Maintain order in all aspects of your life.

Take a family picture every year.

Make sure others don't have to pick up after you.

Fix leaky faucets within two weeks, not 6 months.