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FCFB to host “Water 101” seminar on Dec. 18

An overview of Fresno County’s water issues, as well as the 2010 Water Bond, will be the focus of an educational seminar on Friday, Dec. 18 from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Fresno County Farm Bureau, 1274 W. Hedges Ave., Fresno.

The seminar, “Water 101—The Basics of Fresno County Water,” will focus on the sources of water for Fresno County; water terminology; federal, state and local water systems; basic water law; and current issues, such as the San Joaquin River restoration settlement, the Upper Kings Basin Regional Water Management Plan, and west side water supply uncertainty. Speakers include local experts in hydrology, water management and water policy. In addition, Sen. Dave Cogdill will provide an overview of “The Safe, Clean and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2010,” the November 2010 water bond.

The seminar is open to elected officials and their representatives; reporters, editors and news directors; farmers; livestock producers; agribusiness representatives; and community and business leaders. Members of the Greater Fresno Area Chamber of Commerce’s Water and Environment Committee are invited to attend as well.

“Fresno County’s water sources cover a wide range, and the issues are just as diverse -- whether it’s balancing demands for a limited supply, Endangered Species Act impacts on supply, groundwater recharge or river restoration,” said FCFB Executive Director Ryan Jacobsen.

There is no cost and lunch will be served. Seating is limited, and reservations are requested by Dec. 14. For more information or to RSVP, contact FCFB at (559) 237-0263 or info@fcfb.org.

Fresno County Farm Bureau is the county’s largest agricultural advocacy and educational organization, representing 4,800 members on water, air quality, land use, and major agricultural related issues. Fresno County produces more than 350 commercial crops annually, totaling over \$5.6 billion dollars in gross production value in 2008.

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