

# **PSSAC** Professional Soil Scientists Association of California

## 2016 PSSAC ANNUAL MEETING AND FIELD TOUR

*Register Today!*

**Theme:** Hydrology, Geomorphology, Soils, Stratigraphy, and Archaeology in the Southern San Joaquin Valley: Focusing on Buena Vista and Tulare Lake Basins

**Dates:** Thursday—Saturday; April 7-9, 2016

**Thursday** evening will include a business meeting and registration check-in between the hours of 4:00-7:00 p.m. Registration check-in will also be available **Friday** before presentations begin at 8:30 a.m. **Friday's** program will be held at the Harris Ranch, and will include presentations from our expert speakers. **Saturday's** field tour destinations include Tulare Lake, Sand Ridge, and nearby locations.

**Registration Fee is \$260 (early); \$275 (regular) and includes:** Friday morning continental breakfast; cheese and cracker evening reception with no-host bar; evening dinner with a choice of New York Strip Loin or Pacific Fresh Salmon, (with twice baked potatoes, fresh seasonal vegetables, fresh-baked cheese rolls, and chocolate mousse cake), dietary alternatives are available; Saturday's chartered bus for the field tour, box lunch and resource materials.

**Meeting Facility & Lodging for Participants:** Harris Ranch (located at I-5 and Hwy. 198). Individuals with state ID will receive a discounted rate of \$90/night. Individuals with a federal ID will receive a rate of \$92/night. The regular rate is \$149/night. All rates are tax free. Harris Ranch: 800.942.2333 or (559) 935-0717

### **Speakers/Leaders:**

- **Kerry Arroues** PSSAC Central Area Director, and retired NRCS Soil Scientist and author/co-author of many of the soil surveys in the southern San Joaquin Valley
- **John T. Austin** Retired NPS and author of *Floods and Droughts in the Tulare Lake Basin*
- **Junhua "Adam" Guo** Assistant Professor of Geology, CSU Bakersfield, specializing in clay mineralogy and sedimentology
- **Rob Hansen** Consultant and Professor, Ecology, Zoology, and General Biological Sciences at College of the Sequoias in Visalia, Calif.
- **Jack Meyer** Principal Geoarchaeologist, Far Western Anthropological Research Group, Inc.
- **Robert Negrini** Professor of Geophysics at CSU Bakersfield, and author of numerous papers directly related to areas in the southern part of the San Joaquin Valley, and more specifically, Tulare Lake
- **Robin M. Roberts** Educator and Historian, author of three books related to Kings County & Hanford history and "History and Development" sections for three soil surveys in the San Joaquin Valley.
- **Roy Shlemon** PSSAC Southern Area Director and Geological Consultant specializing in Quaternary geology, geomorphology, geoarchaeology, and soil stratigraphy
- **Phil Smith** MLRA Soil Survey Leader-San Joaquin Valley and California Delta



**Student Scholarships.** A limited number of reduced fee scholarship registrations are available for currently-enrolled university students. The reduced registration fee of \$50 is offered courtesy of gifts from PSSAC Members who support the efforts of students studying soil and earth sciences. Scholarship recipients will be responsible for their own lodging, but we will be happy to assist you in connecting with other students so you can arrange to share lodging expenses.

Please email your request for a scholarship to attend this meeting at a reduced fee to [info@pssac.org](mailto:info@pssac.org) and provide the following information: 1) Name; 2) Academic Standing; 3) University at which you are currently enrolled; 4) your academic email address; 5) telephone number; and 6) a brief statement of why you are interested in attending this meeting and what you hope to learn. Applications must be received no later than 5 p.m. on March 21, 2016, and selected applicants will be notified no later than March 26, 2016 at 5 p.m.

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### 2016 Annual Meeting Registration Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Affiliation/Company \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_ Entrée Selection: \_\_ Salmon \_\_ Beef

My Registration Fee is:

\_\_\_ \$260 for the early registration fee (postmarked no later than March 22, 2016) which includes resource materials and the food and beverages as listed, and a seat on the field tour bus. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_ \$275 for the regular registration fee (postmarked after March 22, 2016) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_ I have also included \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to be added to the scholarship fund, to help fund interested university students to attend this meeting and field tour. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_ My PSSAC Membership is current, please deduct \$10 from my registration fee. (Not applicable for scholarship students.) \_\_\_\_\_-\$10.00  
**Total Enclosed** \_\_\_\_\_

I have the following special dietary needs: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make your check payable to "PSSAC" and mail your registration to:**

**PSSAC  
P.O. Box 5972  
Vacaville, CA 95688**

\_\_\_ I have paid my registration fee online using PayPal (<http://pssac.org/meetings/2016-annual-meeting>) and have sent this form to provide my complete registration information. (Or you may email the information to [info@pssac.org](mailto:info@pssac.org).)