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**Subject:** RE: Speakers on SGMA for CA Plant & Soil Conference (Jan. 31-Feb. 1st)

Thank you for considering me for this spot and I apologize that I've been out of the office until today and unable to respond.

There is a CVSalts Executive Committee meeting scheduled for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> of February and I have a meeting with USEPA in San Francisco on January 31<sup>st</sup>, so it would be very difficult for me to speak at the conference. **Let me contact the reformed CVSalts Education and Outreach Committee to see if they may have someone available.** A discussion on CVSalts would be timely as the CVSalts Central Valley Salt and Nitrate Management Plan will be noticed for public review in mid-January (in fact the document was posted on the cvsalinity.org website at the end of December) and we will be having a workshop on March 9th.

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Jeannie,

As you can read below, Sarge Green from the CA Water Institute at Fresno State suggested you as a potential speaker for our Water Sustainability break-out session for the CA Plant and Soil Conference on Jan. 31- Feb. 1st in Fresno. This particular session is on the 2nd day (Feb. 1st) from 8:30 to 9:50 a.m. Basically looking for something on the sustainability of our water supply. The session will consist of three speakers, each having 20 min. for their presentation and 5 min. for questions, plus ~5-10 min. at the very end for general discussion. I am also considering an alternative format, whereby we could limit each speaker to 10 or 15 min. of "highlights" on their chosen topic and then have more time for a type of panel discussion/general discussion afterward-- that can be determined later, once the group of 3 speakers is determined. Thus far I have the two below. We do not have to focus entirely on SGMA for this session. Also open to other ideas related to water sustainability.

Please let me know if you would be willing to give this presentation. Our conference generally has ~200 attendees which include CSU and UC scientists and policy people, government agency personnel, agricultural consultants, a few growers and some students. Topics cover the entire breadth of agronomic production. I am attaching our draft agenda (not yet finalized).  
Appreciate your consideration of our request!

Best regards,  
--Sharon Benes

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