

# 2021 ESS Fall Meeting Program

Theme: **“Disruptive Innovation”**

## Monday, September 27

- 10:00 a.m. Registration Opens  
Location: Palisades Tahoe Main Lobby
- 1:00 p.m. Enjoy the wealth of activities available in the area. Additional information is available at:  
<https://www.palisadestahoe.com/events-and-activities/lake-tahoe>.
- 6:00 p.m. Opening Reception  
Location: The Tram Car at the Plaza Bar (base of the Tram)

## Tuesday, September 28

- 7:00 – 9:00 a.m. Breakfast: Palisades Tahoe Conference Center
- 7:00 – 5:00 p.m. Registration  
Location: Palisades Tahoe Conference Center
- 9:00 – 11:30 a.m. Regional Association Meetings  
ARD Location: Palisades Tahoe Conference Center (120 occupant capacity)  
NCRA Location: Palisades A (36 occupant capacity)  
NERA Location: Palisades B (24 occupant capacity)  
SAAESD Location: Palisades C (24 occupant capacity)
- 8:00 – 11:30 a.m. WAAESD Location: Base Camp (36 occupant capacity)
- 12:00 – 1:15 p.m. Networking Lunch – Palisades Tahoe Conference Center

- 1:15 – 1:45 p.m. General Session Opening – Palisades Tahoe Conference Center  
History of the Site– Robin Smuda & Abby Bennet, VP and President of Indigenous Student Organization of Nevada – Washoe Tribe Members  
History of the Village– Tom Feiten, VP of Marketing & Business Development-Palisades Tahoe  
Welcome – Charlene Hart, Associate Vice President, Research Administration -University of Nevada, Reno
- 1:45 – 3:15 p.m. Session I – Palisades Tahoe Conference Center  
Title: “Emerging from the Pandemic – Innovations Necessary to Sustain Higher Education”  
Moderator: Doug Steele, Vice President of Food, Agriculture & Natural Resources-Association of Public & Land-grant Universities  
Panelists: Noelle Cockett, President-Utah State University; Michael Drake, President-University of California; and Orlando McMeans, Chancellor and Dean-Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center and the College of Agricultural, Family and Consumer Sciences  
Session Description: The COVID-19 pandemic was unprecedented in so many ways, not the least of which was innovative approaches to avoid complete collapse. The questions now are what innovations have emerged that will shape the future and what innovations are on the horizon that will affect higher education?
- 3:15 – 3:45 p.m. Networking Break – Palisades Tahoe Conference Center
- 3:45 – 5:00 p.m. Session II - Palisades Tahoe Conference Center  
Title: “No-Boundary Thinking and the use of Transdisciplinary, Diverse Teams”  
Moderator: Susan Duncan, Associate Director-Virginia Agricultural Experiment Station  
Keynote Speaker: Patrick Sullivan, the CEO of Oceanit and author of *Intellectual Anarchy: The Art of Disruptive Innovation*  
Session Description: Learn a definition of disruptive innovation (DI), barriers to DI, strategic principles for innovation for which diversity in all of its incarnations is a cornerstone, delivery strategies and a finale: "Disrupt".
- 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. Book Signing with Patrick Sullivan - Palisades Tahoe Conference Center  
Dinner on your own or with conference VIPs (<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/vip-dinner-registration-tickets-169184030991>).

## Wednesday, September 29

7:00 – 8:15 a.m.

Networking Breakfast  
Location: Palisades Tahoe Conference Center

8:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Registration  
Location: Palisades Tahoe Conference Center

8:15 – 9:15 a.m.

Session III – Palisades Tahoe Conference Center

Title: Agricultural Research is the Solution to Climate Change

Moderator: Glenda Humiston, Vice President of Agriculture and Natural Resources-University of California

Speakers: Jewel Bronaugh– Deputy Secretary of Agriculture, Sally Rockey– FFAR, Adam Chambers– NRCS, Steve Kappes– ARS, Keith Gillis– California BFFE, Sharon Nance– Area 3 Assistant Conservationist NRCS.

Session Description: Agriculture faces the challenge of adapting to and mitigating the impacts of climate change on food, feed, fiber, and fuel systems. While agriculture is viewed as a substantial contributor to climate change, this dynamic can be changed by creating solutions to the complex, interrelated causes of climate change through the development of science-based and data-driven practices and policies that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and sequester carbon, while building resilience to the effects of climate change in our food, agricultural and forest systems. To focus the efforts of the Experiment Station Section this session will engage a panel of experts addressing a broad range of climate change issues in agriculture.

9:15 – 9:40 a.m.

Format: Individual table discussions will focus on developing national/regional climate change strategies. This information will be used to develop a unified, robust, and engaged response to addressing climate change issues in agriculture and forestry.

“Based on the expertise at your institutions, what are 2-3 strategies that leaders can take in the next 3-5 years that have regional or national potential to adapt to or mitigate climate change?”

9:40 – 10:00 a.m.

Networking Break – Palisades Tahoe Conference Center

10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Session IV – Palisades Tahoe Conference Center

Title: Leading Across Differences: Diversity, Inclusion and You

Moderator: Henry Fadamiro

Speaker: Nehrwoydrbote Abdul-Wahid, Lead Consultant-One Umhah Consulting

Session Description: Building diversity and inclusion in an institution requires intentionality of the leadership of its constituent organizations. Nehrwr will engage and challenge the directors in an empathetic and compassionate dialogue with the goal of capacity building in working with and across our differences. This session will focus on building leadership skills by tapping into the diverse talents of leaders, individuals and their work-teams using facilitated self-reflection, authentic dialogue and innovative and adaptive solutions.

11:00 – 11:30 a.m. Tram Ride to High Camp

11:30 a.m – 1:30 p.m. Networking Lunch & 2021 National Experiment Station Section Awards Ceremony– High Camp

Moderator: Carrie Castille, Director-NIFA

Award Presentations:

Excellence in Multistate Research

Excellence in Leadership

Excellence in Diversity & Inclusion

1:30 – 3:30 p.m. Experiment Station Section Business Meeting – High Camp

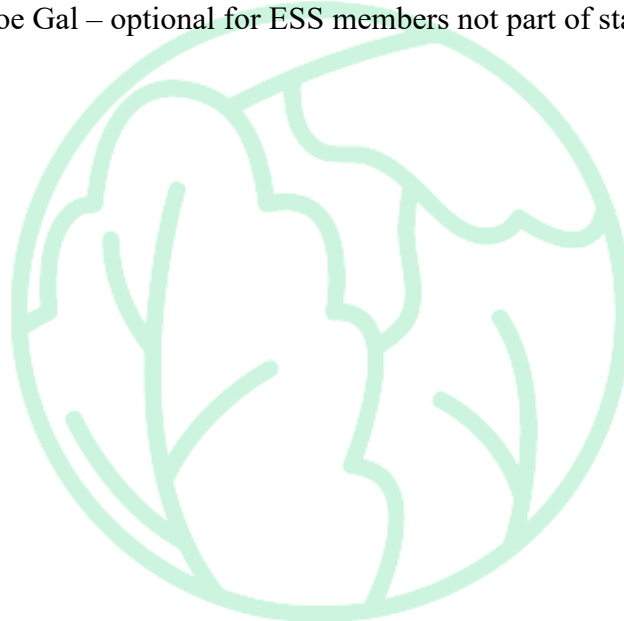
3:30 – 4:30 p.m. Enjoy free time at High Camp

4:30 – 5:00 p.m. Keep Tahoe Blue by Jesse Patterson, Chief Strategy Officer, League to Save Lake Tahoe – High Camp

5:00 p.m. Networking Dinner – High Camp

**Thursday, September 30**

- 7:00 – 9:00 a.m. Breakfast – Palisades Tahoe Conference Center
- 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. ESS Standing Committee Meetings  
BLC Location: Palisades Tahoe Conference Center, Main Room  
STC Location: Palisades Tahoe Conference Center, Creek Side
- 11:30 a.m. Shuttle departs for The Tahoe Gal – Palisades Tahoe main parking lot
- 12:00 – 4:30 p.m. Lunch Cruise on The Tahoe Gal – optional for ESS members not part of standing committee meetings and all companions



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