

## **Western SARE Subregional Conference Agenda**

### **Tuesday October 16, 2007**

6:30 P.M. PBACD & Western SARE Dinner Government House  
(Transport from hotels at 6:00 P.M.)

### **Wednesday October 17, 2007**

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7:30 – 8:30	Registration and Breakfast
8:30	Welcome (Lee S. Yudin Dean, CNAS/Director, CES/AES, and Olin Sims, President, National Association of Conservation Districts)
8:45	Opening Comments: Jerry Dewitt for National SARE and Western SARE
9:00	Island Team Panels
10:15	Jerry's Response
10:30	Break
10:45	Guided Poster Session (each poster presenter gets 4 minutes, all posters in PowerPoint.)
12:30	Lunch and Announcements
1:30 pm	Plenary session: Phil Rasmussen will speak on what we've seen and where we might go: short summary of what program evaluation is telling us at regional level
2:00 pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Iteration Tabletop Discussions (purpose: get people talking with one another and sharing their experiences over the last 10 years, respond to the regional results, do the Island issues match what SARE has learned regionally?)
3:00	Break
3:15	Plenary Session: Reconvene tabletops with instructions as to what happens in the next session – Jerry
3:30	2 <sup>nd</sup> Iteration Tabletop Discussions (purpose: answer the core questions 1 & 2)
4:45-5:00	Plenary session: Complete Day 1 Evaluations and Door Prize Drawings – Jerry
5:30-8:30 pm	Transportation to and from Chamorro Village (cultural foods and flea market, supper and an array of interesting activities)
8:00 pm	Organizational Team Meeting -- Evening analysis of tabletop discussions and discussion of next day

## Thursday, October 18, 2007

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- 7:30 – 8:30 Breakfast
- 8:30 Jerry Dewitt: Summary of conference so far and preview of the day ahead
- 8:45 Open forum on issues not raised the previous day or new ideas that came forth overnight.
- 9:00 3<sup>rd</sup> Iteration Tabletop Discussions (purpose: add new information into discussion mix and **begin** answering questions 3-5)
- 10:15 Break
- 10:30 4<sup>th</sup> Iteration Tabletop Discussions (**complete** answering questions 3-5)
- Noon Reports from each group on their priorities
- 12:30 Lunch (facilitators, staff, team and Jerry meet)
- 1:30 Final Tabletop Discussion (set 3-6 priorities on at least questions 4-5)
- 3:00 Break
- 3:15 Summary and wrap-up activity, turn in evaluations and door prize drawing – Jerry
- 4:30 Final speakers (Phil or AC member and Guam team rep close it out)

Day 1 tabletop sessions organized by island. Day 2 morning tabletop sessions organized by attendees' topical interests. Final afternoon Day 2 tabletop session is organized by island again.

## Five core questions for this subregional conference

### Question 1:

What will be needed to create stronger local food systems that are less reliant on imports?

### Question 2:

What are the local food production trends on your island? Do you think your local farmers can produce enough food for your area 5-10 years from now? What areas of production need improvement?

### Question 3:

The SARE program was commissioned, by Congress, to get its research results to the farmer and rancher. Has this been a success in your area of influence? Why or why not?

### Question 4:

What type of research, education and development is going to be necessary over the next 10 years to help economically sustain farming and the environment?

### Question 5:

If Western SARE received (from Congress) an additional \$1 million per region, what types of projects should be targeted or emphasized?