

PGMS 2012 Spring Regional Seminar and Site Visit to Focus on Water



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BALTIMORE (January 2012) – Water is one of the most important and talked about issues in the grounds industry currently and in order to provide grounds professionals with the tools they need to tackle this issue, the Professional Grounds Management Society (PGMS) will focus its 2012 Spring Regional Grounds Management Seminar & Site Visit on water and specifically its sustainability and conservation. This event is set to take place March 22-23, 2012 at Arizona State University (ASU) in Tempe, Ariz.

Several education programs will be offered during this two day event. The first program, presented by a team member from the ASU Global Institute of Sustainability, will cover the national and regional view of current and future water availability as it relates to global warming and increased population. Following, guest speaker Heather Kinkade will discuss alternative sources of water such as storm water and condensate water and how to maintain systems using these sources. Marc Bayer will present the third education program and will discuss the importance of an Irrigation Master Plan and how to develop one.

The fourth class, also presented by an ASU Global Institute of Sustainability member, will discuss plants in the future landscape including how our plants react to environmental stress and how to maintain the landscape with a water budget.

Three distinguished places will serve as the locations of the site tours. Attendees will get exclusive insider tours of the grounds management programs at Singh Farms compost facility, The Phoenician, Arizona's premier AAA Five Diamond Resort and The Desert Botanical Garden in Phoenix. These tours will provide attendees the hard-to-find opportunity to gain knowledge, ask questions, and see how other professionals in the field are dealing with the same water issues. With the critical question 'How will you be looking at and working with water in the future?' being asked of every grounds professional in the industry, we wanted to give them resources to tackle this issue. Because of this we have designed an education schedule to provide attendees

with topics devoted to water issues

and to show them actual working examples through the tours," explained Ellen Newell, CGM, associate director of facilities management at ASU and coordinator of the event.

For more information on the 2012 Spring Seminar and Site Visit please visit <http://www.pgms.org/2012RegionalArizona.htm>.