**Green Industry Research Consortium: S-1087 Multi-State Project**

**Schedule of Events**

**Dates:** Feb. 27-28, 2025

**Location: Vista and Carlsbad, CA**

**Registration:** $100/person (will update when registered number is determined for rental car information)

**Organizing Committee**

Dr. Melinda Knuth ([mjknuth@ncsu.edu](mailto:mjknuth@ncsu.edu))

Thank you to Jennifer Gray and Bill from AmericanHort for helping book the meeting room and connect with tour options!

**Hotels:**

# [Hilton Garden Inn Carlsbad Beach](https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/sanchgi-hilton-garden-inn-carlsbad-beach/?SEO_id=GMB-AMER-GI-SANCHGI&y_source=1_MjA4NDc0Ny03MTUtbG9jYXRpb24ud2Vic2l0ZQ%3D%3D), 6450 Carlsbad Blvd, Carlsbad, CA 92011, $175/night

# [Hilton Grand Vacations Club MarBrisa Carlsbad](https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/rooms/?ctyhocn=SANMBGV&arrivalDate=2025-02-20&departureDate=2025-02-22&room1NumAdults=2&inputModule=HOTEL_SEARCH&viewPackagesAndPromotionsRate=true&WT.mc_id=zLADA0US1GV2OLX3GGL4ADVMETA5LF6_SANMBGV7_129231037_&adType=PD&gclid=Cj0KCQiAs5i8BhDmARIsAGE4xHxXsfPVf1U2G4l0YCRmAelILwHv1E5XiyTteSIm1gQV4grAPpQ635MaAt_EEALw_wcB&dsclid=67293666629132288&dclid=CO259qXO9YoDFfEKiAkdd_41sA&hmGUID=835e45a9-a24d-43cc-1a94-773b8555f903), 1594 MarBrisa Cir, Carlsbad, CA 92008, $147/night

# [The Cassara Carlsbad, Tapestry Collection by Hilton](https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/sanppup-the-cassara-carlsbad/?SEO_id=GMB-AMER-UP-SANPPUP&y_source=1_MTQ4OTMxMDUtNzE1LWxvY2F0aW9uLndlYnNpdGU%3D), 5805 Armada Dr Building B, Carlsbad, CA 92008, $217/night

**Wednesday, Feb. 26 – Welcome**

Upon arrival, meet friends and old and new. Dinner on your own. If you would like to meet for dinner, please email Melinda so she can make proper reservations for a group.

Recommend Flying in/out of San Diego Airport.

Note: Melinda flying in on Feb. 26th @ 6 PM if you wish to catch a rental car ride!

**Thursday, Feb. 27 – Tour Day**

**8 AM Meet in Lobby of Hilton Gardens Inn Carlsbad Beach**

**8:15 AM Armstrong Garden Center? 5702 Paseo Del Norte, Carlsbad, CA 92008**

Drive from the hotel, 6 min.

**9:30 Quick breakfast/coffee stop**

20 minutes

**9:50 AM leave for Mellano & Co, 734 Wilshire Rd, Oceanside, CA 92057**

Drive to Oceanside, 40 min.

**10:30 AM Tour of Mellano & Co**

**12 PM Lunch Stop, 1 hr.**

Drive to Vista, 45 min.

**2 PM Altman Plants Vista, CA (Plant Connection Location)**

Drive back to the hotel, 30 min. (+/- 30 for traffic)

30-60 minute refresh window before dinner

**7 PM Dinner reservation**

**Schedule Note:** Alta Vista Botanical Garden if time, Open 8 AM - 4:30 PM, 5 min. Drive from Altman’s location.

**Friday, Feb. 28 – Meeting**

9 AM Central - Meeting, TBD Suite

\*All times are Pacific Daylight Time (GMT - 7).

\*Note: Virtual option is available to members. Please notify in the Google Calendar Invite if you are joining in person or virtually.

9:00 AM Call to order and introductions

Approval of agenda and minutes of previous meeting

Administrative Advisor Comments

Discussion of the 2024 national survey data and report generation

11:00 AM Roundtable discussion of state activities and ongoing/proposed projects

Joining together efforts of MREC PIG ASHS group and this group

MREC group has low involvement

Julie Campbell upcoming chair but not interested – anyone else?

Update on HRI website hosting

Update 50th anniversary of S1087 (started in 1976)

Voting upon new officers

Melinda Knuth outgoing chair

Daniel Tregeagle incoming chair, outgoing secretary

New secretary nominations

Proposed next meeting locations

Upcoming:

* Fall 2025 – Alaska - Host?
* Spring 2026 – TBD - Host?
* Fall 2026 – Charlotte NC - Host?

12:00 PM Adjourn general meeting and meet in committees

1:00 PM Committee Meetings

**Registered attendants:**

1. Melinda Knuth