



**Come and see for yourself** what federal, state, and local policymakers are doing to address burgeoning development in the West. Find out if anyone is looking at the big picture, and where we are losing agricultural lands and water to meet growing urban and environmental demands.

**Get answers to your questions.** How will climate change impact Western water supplies? What can be done to keep agricultural water supplies whole and still allow for economic growth? What does disappearing farm land mean for the wildlife that uses it for habitat?

**Learn more about what our national leaders are thinking.**

After being on the defensive during 12 years of Republican control of the House, will anti-farming organizations move aggressively to influence the Congressional agenda? Are federal water agencies equipped to meet the challenge? What types of tools are available to facilitate solutions to Western water supply problems?

**We will focus on these critical issues and more — don't miss this opportunity!**

## **Farming Is National Security**

**2007 Family Farm Alliance Annual Conference**  
**February 22-23, 2007**  
**Monte Carlo Resort and Casino**  
**Las Vegas, Nevada**

Family farms and ranches are experiencing a crisis in numbers. In the 1930s, there were close to seven million farms in the United States. Today, just over two million farmers remain. And 330 farm operators leave their land every week. Both statistically and anecdotally, for the first time in many generations we see sons and daughters of farmers opting to leave the family farm because of uncertainty about agriculture as a career.

Traditional farms and ranches are disappearing, and this year our country will actually become a net importer of food, drawing frightening parallels to our dependence on foreign oil.

At what point will too much agricultural land be taken out of production? Do we want to rely on imported food for safety and security? The last Americans to experience food shortages are members of the so-called Greatest Generation and their parents. For the most part, they have left us, taking with them the memories of empty supermarket shelves.

The Europeans, who have starved within memory, understand the importance of preserving their food production capability. They recognize it for the national security issue that it is.

Farming IS national security. The Family Farm Alliance believes that Western irrigated agriculture is a strategic national resource that must be protected and enhanced. On February 22-23, 2007, you can learn about the progress and challenges we face.

### **Conference Dates and Times**

Thursday, February 22, 2007	8:00 am – 5:00 pm
Friday, February 23, 2007	8:00 am – 12:00 noon

**SEE INSIDE FOR INFORMATION  
ON PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS AND  
A SPECIAL HOOVER DAM TOUR**

### **GREAT LOCATION - GREAT ROOM RATES**

*The Monte Carlo is a great hotel on the strip in Las Vegas.  
Take advantage of affordable room rates and  
SUPER SAVER discounts for early registration.*

## 2007 PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- When agricultural lands disappear, wildlife disappears with the food. Hear from respected Western educators how the ecological effects of land use conversion in the American West affect biological diversity.
- A panel of Western experts will discuss climate change, impacts to water supplies, and the most ambitious cloud seeding program ever undertaken in the West.
- Learn firsthand how political and academic leaders are working to resolve Western environmental conflicts and improve environmental decision-making through collaborative problem solving approaches.
- Hear from the Bureau of Reclamation's leadership team about "Managing for Excellence", the agency's high priority response to *Managing Construction and Infrastructure in the 21st Century Bureau of Reclamation*, a comprehensive report completed earlier this year by the National Research Council (NRC) of the National Academy of Sciences. Learn what representatives of national water and power customer organizations have to say about "Managing for Excellence".

### **Check out returning annual conference traditions:**

- Reclamation Roundtable — Commissioner Bob Johnson and the five regional directors of Reclamation will again discuss hot Western water issues, ranging from the settlement of San Joaquin River disputes to a controversial species recovery program on the Platte River.
- Washington Insider's Panel — Joe Raeder moderates this annual conference tradition that features majority and minority staffers from key congressional water committees. This year's panel discussion will be particularly timely, as Democratic control of the House and Senate will result in significant changes to the makeup and agendas of the committees that oversee Western water policy. Will the new Congress focus on key water issues? Or will the committees of the 110th Congress conduct aggressive oversight of Bush administration policies and actions? Find out what the insiders think.

## **HOOVER DAM TOUR!**

Join Bureau of Reclamation staff for a tour of what many believe is the most significant structure that has been built in the United States. On Friday, February 23rd, staff from the Bureau of Reclamation's Lower Colorado River Region will act as tour guides



for an up close and personal tour of Hoover Dam, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation's most significant structure, and the first of the world's truly great dams.

Hoover Dam is perhaps the most recognizable concrete gravity arch dam in the world. It is 726 feet in height from bedrock to the roadway, and 1,244 feet between the canyon walls at its widest point. There is enough concrete in the dam to pave a three-inch thick, 18-foot wide highway from San Francisco to New York City.

On Friday afternoon, upon completion of the annual meeting and conference, you can extend your stay in Las Vegas and spend a few hours behind-the-scenes at Hoover Dam, just a 30 minute drive from the Monte Carlo Resort. You will be able to peer over the west side of Boulder Canyon, where the cobalt waters of the Colorado River far below are dizzying and dazzling. Tour the Arizona powerhouse and check out the ten giant generators, which are housed in a wing along the canyon wall that extends 650 feet (about two city blocks) with a roof over eight stories high. Follow a tunnel into the canyon wall to view one of four penstocks — each 30 feet in diameter, big enough for a locomotive to pass through.

The Hoover complex is considered to be one of the seven civil engineering wonders of the world, and the power and water that it provides are critical to the Southwest economy. Join us for a brief few hours in Boulder Canyon, where you will witness one of the greatest construction achievements in history.

### **THE FREE FEBRUARY 23rd HOOVER DAM TOUR**

**Transportation will be provided  
Tour departs Monte Carlo at 1:00pm  
PLEASE SIGN UP ON  
REGISTRATION FORM  
IF YOU WANT TO JOIN US!**



# Annual Conference Registration Form

February 22 & 23, 2007  
Monte Carlo Resort and Casino  
Las Vegas, Nevada

Name(s): 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_  
3. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Super Saver Registrations # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$299.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(by December 22, 2006)

Early Registrations # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$329.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(by January 23, 2007)

Full Registrations # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$345.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(after January 23, 2007)

Extra Thursday Luncheon Tickets # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$45.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Must be spouse or guest of registered attendee; please list names):  
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Hoover Dam Tour # \_\_\_\_\_  
(there is no cost for the tour but please indicate # of participants) \$ N/C

**Total Due** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## PAYMENT INFORMATION

Check Enclosed (payable to Family Farm Alliance)

Credit Card: VISA Mastercard (Sorry, no AMEX or Discover)

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Card (Print Please): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Card Holder: \_\_\_\_\_

Billing Address (if different than above): \_\_\_\_\_

**REFUND POLICY:** There will be a \$15 fee for cancellations at any time. Cancellations received between February 1 and February 15 will be refunded at 50% of the amount paid, less the \$15 cancellation fee. Cancellations after February 15 or no-shows are not refundable.

Complete registration and return to:  
Family Farm Alliance, P.O. Box 1705, Clearlake Oaks, CA 95423 or Fax 707-998-9987  
If you need more information, please contact us at 707-998-9487 or ffameeting@aol.com



## Annual Conference Hotel Reservations



**Special Family Farm Alliance Rate:  
February 20-22 \$110.00/night + tax**  
*(A limited number of reduced rate rooms are available for  
nights of February 23 –24, see information below for details)*

**Room Reservation Deadline: January 20, 2007 or until our block is filled.  
Please note the room block may fill prior to the cutoff date, so make your reservations early!**

**Make your reservations directly with the  
Monte Carlo Reservations Department  
at (800)311-8999 or (702)730-7000  
To ensure the special rate,  
callers must use code *XFFA07***

### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION:**

- All hotel room reservations must be made directly with the Monte Carlo Reservations Department by calling (800-311-8999)
- Family Farm Alliance attendees must use the code “XFFA07” to get the special rate. (Rates cannot be changed at check-in or check-out for guests who fail to identify their affiliation at the time of the reservation).
- Reservations must be received by the Monte Carlo by close of business on Saturday, January 20, 2007 to receive guaranteed group rate.
- Reservations after January 20 are subject to availability and may be at a higher rate.
- All room cancellations or changes must be made directly with the Monte Carlo Reservations Department at (800-311-8999)
- A limited number of rooms are available for the weekend following the conference. The room rate for Friday, February 23 is \$160 plus tax and the rate for Saturday, February 24 is \$180 plus tax. Weekend rooms will be assigned on a first come first serve basis.
- The Monte Carlo requires a one night deposit on all rooms. Credit cards will be charged for one night by the hotel when the reservation is made.
- Charges are fully refundable up to 48 hours of scheduled arrival date. Cancellations made after 48 hours of scheduled arrival will be charged for one night.

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