

## **SPRING RATINGS OPEN HOUSE EVENT**

### **For Landscape Horticulture Academics and Professionals**

**The UC Landscape Plant Irrigation Trials** evaluates plant material to identify low water-use plants for California. Each 2-year trial begins by irrigating plants regularly during the first summer after planting, then assessing performance during the second growing season on three irrigation treatments corresponding to the Water Use Classification of Landscape Species (WUCOLS) levels of Low, Moderate, and High. Growth and quality ratings are collected by researchers during this period.

To ensure our evaluations are representative of industry opinions and preferences we would like to invite you to evaluate our current trial plants on either day of our spring **Ratings Open House** event on **April 25 & 26**, with alternate dates of May 2 & 3, if rain should occur. The field is located south of the UC Davis Campus – event parking is free, and detailed directions will be provided by email after you have made your on-line reservation. Participation entails recording your quality ratings for one individual per treatment for each species/cultivar, providing you the opportunity to evaluate the performance of the species across all treatments without rating every plant in the field.

**The ratings take about 60-100 minutes to complete and participants may arrive any time between 8:00 am to 12 noon.**

**Participation is voluntary, by invitation, and is not open to the general public at this time.**

**Space is limited; please RSVP by filling out the survey located at:**

<http://ucanr.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=20553>.

A reminder along with a map to the site will be sent the week before the event. If you have other questions, contact the researchers by email or phone. Information is listed below.

**Important Details:** Participants should wear sturdy, comfortable shoes, as the fields are packed dirt. You may also want to bring sunscreen and a hat, as the majority of plants are in full sun. Carpooling is encouraged, but not required. You will be provided a ratings sheet, writing implement, and given general instructions when you arrive. **Cold water will be provided.**

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