

# California Turfgrass & Landscape Foundation

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As the CTLF passes its second year, we are moving ahead at a rapid pace. We appreciate the great response to our challenges of supporting research throughout California on issues of turfgrass and landscape.

Highlights of the year were the establishment of membership classes and a dues structure. I would encourage anyone in the turf industry to join and have their businesses support CTLF. We are now offering an extended year for 2014 so if you register now you will get the rest of 2013 and all of 2014. Go to the foundation website at [www.CaTLF.com](http://www.CaTLF.com) to print out a membership form. They can also be obtained by sending an email to me at [Bruce@Williams-GolfConsulting.com](mailto:Bruce@Williams-GolfConsulting.com) Membership is for individuals, educators, students, golf facilities, commercial representatives, etc.

From a financial perspective we had our best year ever. So far this year we have brought in \$261,713.20 in revenues via contributions and grants. Much of this is due to our allied associations in CA and our many chapters of GCSA. A large thanks to Nor Cal for their continued support! We also raised \$2020 in dues and \$47.17 in dividend income. While raising over a quarter million dollars is impressive, much of the credit goes to Dr. Jim Baird who collaboratively works with us to present grants to companies and also The Metropolitan Water District. Roughly \$100,000 came in from MWD and \$50,000 from the manufacturer of Methiozolin. \$132,000 has been approved and sent to UCR for a variety of research projects. Another \$100,000 remains to be distributed to UCR for their MWD project. Expenses of the organization are minimal with approximately \$20,000 spent on administration in 2013 so less than 8% of our revenues.

UCR Fall Field Day was a huge success. It is estimated that we had 230 participants. Just a few years ago we were lucky to get 150 people. Great job by the UCR team. Thanks to all who participated and supported the event. Next year the date is Thursday, September 11, 2014 so put it on your calendar!

What kind of research takes place at UCR and other areas around the state? At the field day there were a number of areas that showed research results.

- Management of Anthracnose
- Evaluation of products for turf water conservation
- Establishment of turfgrass using subsurface drip vs. overhead sprinkler irrigation
- Evaluation of products to alleviate salinity stress
- Groundcovers and buffalograss for water conserving landscapes
- Postemergence control of crabgrass and broadleaf weeds
- Drought tolerant turfgrasses for southern California
- Once and for all, do fungicides really offer plant health benefits?
- Kikuyugrass management
- Biochar effects of turf management
- Root knot nematodes in turf

It should also be noted that Dr. Baird conducted field research throughout the state of CA. While UCR is in So Cal we realize that our support of turfgrass and also the research behind that is a statewide proposition.

Additional studies are underway that were not discussed at the field day including the use of methiozolin as a poa annua control. Dr. Baird has built a great research team that includes as many as 6 graduate students and even some post-doctoral people. Dr. Baird also works with other PhD's in the state and from other states to bring us the latest information to help us do our jobs.

So what can you do to get involved and support CTLF? Please consider the following:

- Go to our website
- Join CTLF
- Consider participating in Rounds for Research through the foundation or your local chapter
- Consider participating in GolfPreserves in which most golf courses can get carbon certificates that the CTLF will then market for a revenue source and also to support California Alliance for Golf legislative issues
- Try to attend the UCR Fall Field Day.

A big thanks to Barb Mikel for sharing our information with the NCGCSA and also Rodney Muller for championing our cause. While we do have representatives on our board from Nor Cal, and we surely thank Mike McCullough and Jim Abate, we are always open to having greater representation and involvement from that part of our great state.



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