

# BIOCONTROL IN ACTION WORKSHOP

## DAY 1 AGENDA

Wednesday, April 30th, 2025

10:30am - 3:45pm

The Industrial Commission of Arizona

800 W Washington St, Phoenix, AZ 85007

10:30-11:00 Check-in with Snacks

11:00-11:20 Welcome and Introductions

Nicole Cook, RiversEdge West, Education and Outreach Coordinator

Aly McAlexander, AZ Department of Forestry and Fire Management, Forest Health Program Manager

11:20-11:45 RiversEdge West History, Restoration Partnerships, and Tamarisk Beetle Program

John Leary, RiversEdge West, Senior Restoration and GIS Project Manager

11:45-12:30 The History, Biology, and Future of Biocontrol

Dr. Dan Bean, Colorado Department of Agriculture, Palisade Insectary, Director

12:30-2:00 Lunch and Networking

2:00-2:30 USGS Remote Sensing of Tamarisk Conditions and Beetle Activity in San Carlos

Blanche Hooke, San Carlos Apache Tribe Forest Resources Program, Wildlife Biologist

2:30-3:00 Lessons Learned: Assumptions and Realities of Restoration Alongside the Tamarisk Beetle

Dr. Sarah Sayles, Gila Watershed Partnership of Arizona, Executive Director

3:00-3:30 Panel - Biocontrol and Integrated Invasive Plant Management

John Leary, RiversEdge West

Dr. Dan Bean, Palisade Insectary

Blanche Hooke, San Carlos Apache Tribe Forest Resources Program

Moderated by: Dr. Sarah Sayles, Gila Watershed Partnership of Arizona

3:30-3:45 Closing

5:00-6:00 Happy Hour at Arizona Wilderness DTPHX Beer Garden

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## DAY 2 AGENDA

Thursday, May 1st, 2025

7:00am - 10:00am

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- 7:00-7:15 Check-in with Coffee and Light Breakfast at The Industrial Commission of Arizona
- 7:15-7:45 Travel to Lower Gila River Site  
*Transportation provided. Attendees can use personal vehicles, but are encouraged to carpool to limit the number of cars on site.*
- 7:45-8:00 Meet at Lower Gila River Site  
Coffee and Light Breakfast continues  
Specific location tbd
- 8:00-9:30 Lower Gila River Site Visit  
Identification and Sampling of Tamarisk Beetles, Monitoring Tamarisk Defoliation, Beetle Lure Demonstration, Overview of Treatments  
Dr. Dan Bean, Colorado Department of Agriculture, Palisade Insectary, Director  
Aly McAlexander, AZ Department of Forestry and Fire Management, Forest Health Program Manager
- 9:30-10:00 Travel back to The Industrial Commission of Arizona