Speaker:
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"The Role of Advisors in the UC Cooperative Extension system"

Biosketch:
Dr. Amber Vinchesi-Vahl joined UC Cooperative Extension in Colusa, Sutter and Yuba counties as the Area Vegetable Crops Advisor in April 2016. Amber received both her Masters and PhD in Entomology at Washington State University where she studied transportation impacts to the alkali bee, a native, ground-nesting bee commercially managed for alfalfa seed production. Following graduation, she worked as a postdoctoral scholar at Oregon State University on insect-vectored diseases of potato and at Washington State University on Lygus bug in alfalfa seed. Her vegetable crops program in the Sacramento Valley focuses on soilborne fungal pathogens, weed control using in-row cultivators, and soil health in processing tomatoes, and cucumber beetle management in fresh-market muskmelons.. Though trained as an entomologist, the issues facing vegetable crop growers are multidisciplinary and she enjoys working with growers to diagnose field issues. Amber also speaks regularly to Master Gardeners about vegetable pest management and solitary and native bees. She has co-authored multiple peer-reviewed articles and extension publications, including a regional Vegetable Crops Newsletter, and is a regular contributor to the UC Weed Science blog. Amber frequently delivers educational presentations and hosts annual field days and extension meetings for her clientele. Amber is an active member of the Pacific Branch Entomological Society of America and serves as chair of the Student Travel Awards. She is currently Leader of the UC ANR Pest Management Program Team and an Affiliate of the UC IPM Program.