

**Drip Irrigation System**  
**Planning, Installing and Maintaining**  
**David Hargrove - Rillito Nursery**  
**July 31, 2010**

On Saturday, July 31, 2010, eleven members of the TGRS met at the Rillito Nursery to attend a class on planning, installing and maintaining a drip system. After helping ourselves to some delicious treats and water we proceeded to a shaded tent area for the start of our lecture. Our host David Hargrove, who is head of the Rillito Nursery irrigation department, began with an introduction of the various components required to put in a drip system. David talked about how to modify our existing watering system and how to prepare for installing a new drip system. I thought of my irrigation system and wondered if it was installed correctly. We discussed timers, emitters, and what type of connectors to use for various situations you may run into as you do your installation. The more David talked about the drip system the more questions we came up with. By the time the clinic ended we had so much good information on how to put in a drip system, I couldn't wait to get home and compare what I had to what was discussed at the clinic.