



# **Santa Rita Updates: Research, NEON, Sahuarita, and Renovations**

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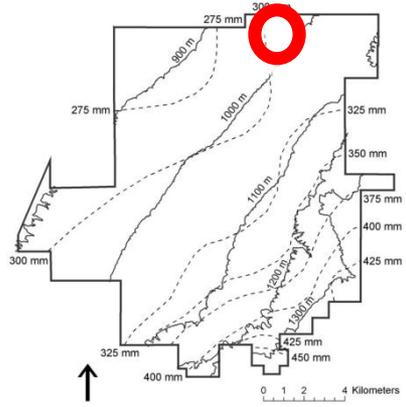


## Research Update: since October 2009

- *7 new Range Use Applications approved*
- *26 Current projects*
- *5 projects completed*
  
- *12 new publications (including in press):*
  - Russ Scott: had 4 including*  
Scott, R.L. 2010. Using watershed water balance to evaluate the accuracy of eddy covariance evaporation measurements for three semiarid ecosystems. Agricultural and Forest Meteorology 150:219-225.

- *Fundamental Instrument Unit (FIU) site visit (Aug 2010)*
- *FIU permitting process ongoing*
- *possible construction start January 2012*

<p><b>Fundamental Instrument Unit (FIU)</b> Towers and Soil</p>	<p><b>Drivers:</b> Temp, Humidity, Wind, PPT, Insolation, CO<sub>2</sub>, O<sub>3</sub>, NO<sub>x</sub> <b>Responses:</b> fluxes of C, H<sub>2</sub>O, energy</p>
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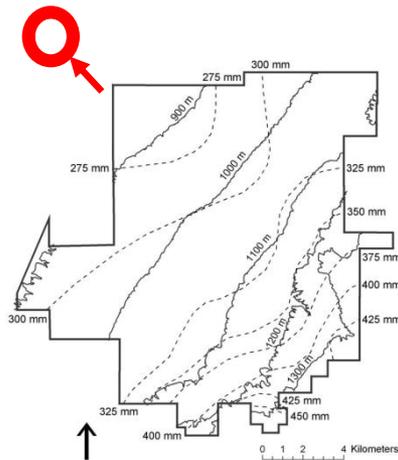




# Sahuarita High School Weather Station

- *on-line access beginning April 2010*

<http://sahuarita.cals.arizona.edu/>



## Sahuarita High School Meteorological Station

31 57.637 N 110 58.422 W



For "Near" Real-Time Data:

- [Basic Weather](#)
- [Advanced Weather](#)
- [Station Operations](#)



Wondering if should bring your umbrella to school today? How about if the sport fields might be closed? Click [here](#) to see how much it rained over the last couple of hours.



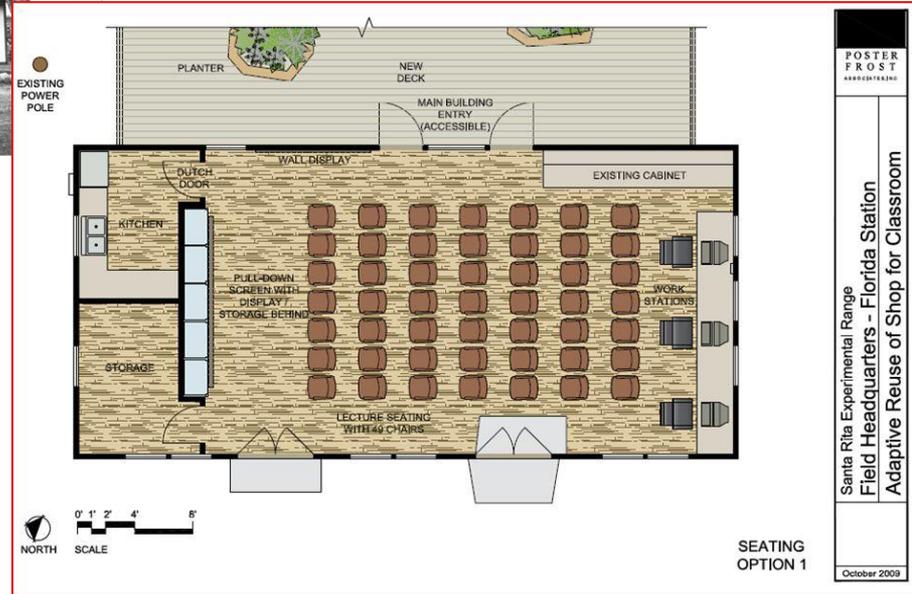
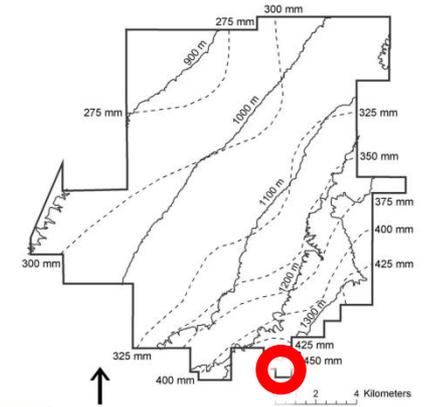
Meteorology is important to consider in baseball and softball games. For instance, **wind** flowing against a softball in flight slows the forward motion, making those homeruns tougher. On the other hand, **wind** flowing with a softball helps it fly longer distances. Air expands when **temperatures** are high, lowering the density of the air, which has the potential to increase the distance a softball can fly. If temperature stays the same, but humidity increases, the density of the air also decreases (this may seem counterintuitive, but it is true!). Click [here](#) to see current wind, temperature and humidity conditions at the Sahuarita High School softball field.

**Station History:** On 10 July 2009, University of Arizona faculty and graduate students installed this meteorological station at Sahuarita High School (SHS). Since then, they have been organizing data for public use. Funding for the station was authorized by the Board for the Joint Technical Education District (JTED, <http://www.pima.jted.org/>) in December 2008. In the future, the SHS faculty will integrate the weather station facility and data generated by the station into SHS curricula.

Questions? Contact Professor Mitch McClaran at [mcclaran@email.arizona.edu](mailto:mcclaran@email.arizona.edu)

# Headquarters Renovation Update:

- *sewer and building upgrades, new classroom*



~ \$1,000,000 Federal Stimulus Funds

A landscape photograph showing a rocky field with several large, light-colored boulders in the foreground and middle ground. The ground is covered with sparse, dry grasses and small shrubs. In the background, there are rolling hills and mountains under a clear sky. A semi-transparent white banner is overlaid on the left side of the image, containing the text "Welcome to RISE #7".

**Welcome to RISE #7**