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AGVENTURE 2019

The LC CWA celebrates 10 years of this instrumental ag education program



2019 class (left to right): Allison Panella, Nicholas Walker, Avela Carretero, Debbie Strickler, Ut Huynh, Mark Roberts, Jessica Pyska, Larry Galupe, Susan Parker, Eliot Hurwitz, Patrick Sullivan and Lily Woll.

On September 13, twelve community leaders participated in the second AgVenture session. Class members learned about the lake, the Irrigated Lands Program and toured Lake County AVA's, Beckstoffer Vineyards and Kendall Jackson Winery.

In August, the class learned about the Lake County pear industry and toured Panella Orchards and the Scully Packing shed. Class members heard presentations about pear cultivation, pest management and marketing from Dr. Broc Zoller, Diane Henderson, Toni Scully and Pat Scully.

In its tenth year, this flagship program has educated more than 100 elected officials, department heads and community leaders about the role agriculture plays locally and broadly. The program has been instrumental in improving the ag literacy among local decision-makers over the last decade.

The final two sessions will cover walnuts, livestock, PCAs and pesticides, labor, olives and agricultural technology.

Class members this year include two supervisor candidates, tribal representation, city and county staff, and community organizers.

The Steering Committee, operated under the Lake County chapter of the California Women for Agriculture includes Toni Scully, Annette Hopkins, Brenna Sullivan, Terry Dereniuk and Diane Henderson. Terry and Diane are also Lake County Farm Bureau board members.



Clint Nelson of Beckstoffer Vineyards discusses aspects of wine grape cultivation at Amber Knolls on Session 2.

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PEAR COUNTRY PREMIERE OF JULY RISING
Thursday, September 26th at 7:00 PM
Big Oak Ranch
4595 Gaddy Ln, Kelseyville, CA



101ST ANNUAL MEETING
DECEMBER 8-11, 2019
MONTEREY CONFERENCE CENTER

From the Office

Happy harvest season! Recently, the USDA announced Lake County growers' eligibility for the WHIP+ program for losses from the 2018 wildfires. More information on page 8 and 9.

In other recent news, the Big Valley Groundwater Basin was recently inducted into SGMA by way of rejection of Lake County's alternate plan. The Board of Supervisors voted in August to form the GSA. For more information and implications, see page 12.

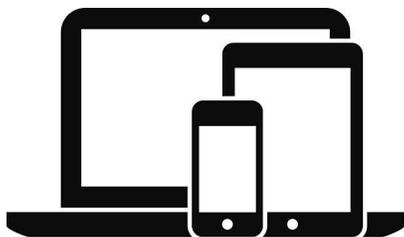
Billing for the Irrigated Lands program will begin in mid-November. If you have any changes to your irrigated acreage in 2019, please let the office know so we can adjust your bill.

The California Farm Bureau Annual Meeting will be in Monterey from December 8-11. Contact the office if you are interested in attending.

Our summer office intern, Rebecca Harper, left for school in August. We want to extend a huge thanks to Rebecca for helping with the Annual Meeting, updating the webpage and organizing member data. We wish her all the best at Oklahoma State!

Are you getting Lake County Farm Bureau email updates?

If not, you could be missing out on important information! Some emails in our system are out-of-date or not provided upon membership enrollment.



If you wish to get Lake County Farm Bureau emails about events, training or regulatory changes send an email to lcfarmbureau@sbcglobal.net!



Why was the scarecrow honored at his work conference?
Because he was outstanding in his field!

Lake County Farm Bureau's Mission Statement

Lake County Farm Bureau strives to protect, promote, and enhance the agricultural industry in Lake County and beyond, through political involvement, education, information and services.

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The Lake County Farm Bureau Board of Directors meets the second Wednesday of each month. Contact the office for times and locations.

Do you have a story or issue related to agriculture in Lake County and would like to see it published in our newsletter? Contact the office at lcfarmbureau@sbcglobal.net!

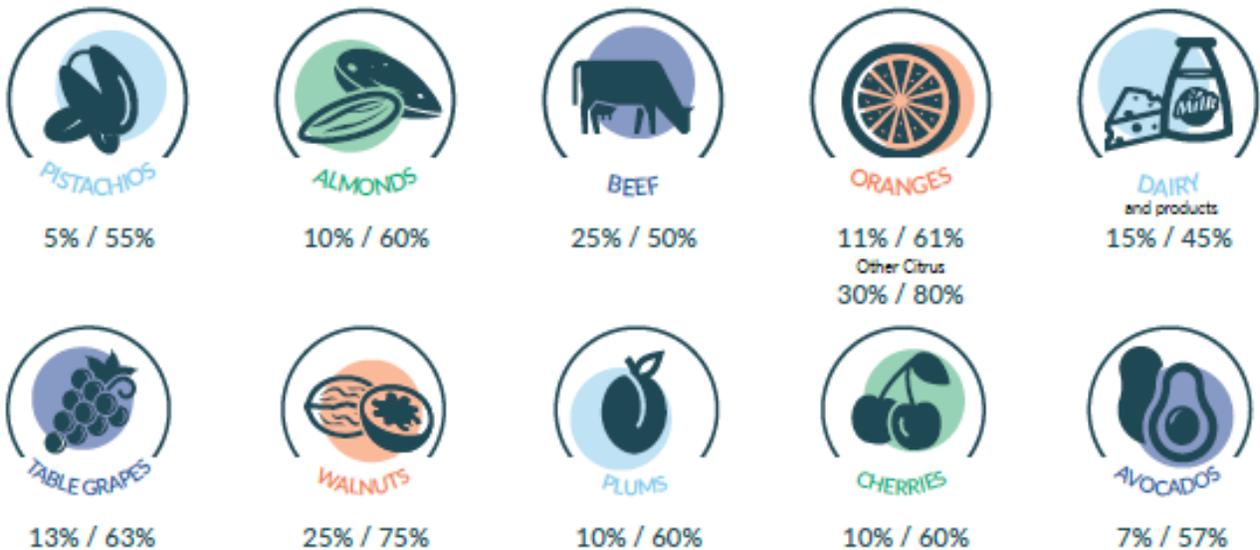


LATEST ROUND OF CHINA TRADE TENSIONS NEGATIVELY IMPACTS CALIFORNIA AGRICULTURE

As of September 1, 2019, nearly 70 percent of U.S. imports from China and almost all the U.S. exports to China are subject to tariffs. Farmers and ranchers have experienced an expansion of tariffs on exports since the Spring of 2018 when China retaliated on \$3 billion worth of U.S. food and agricultural exports in response to President Trump's steel tariffs.

TOP IMPACTED CALIFORNIA AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

Tariff percentage before trade dispute / Total tariff as of 9/1



\$9.2 Billion

U.S. Agricultural Exports in 2018

#5

Among U.S. Agricultural Exports in Markets 2018



Export Growth

2008-2018 (All American agricultural goods)



Source: California Department of Food and Agriculture, <https://www.fas.usda.gov/regions/china>

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Lake County Events and Dates

- **September 24:** Cover Crops in Walnut Orchards, UCCE Field Day
- **September 26:** July Rising Premier, Kelseyville
- **September 27:** Farm to Fork Dinner, Kelseyville
- **September 28:** Pear Festival, Kelseyville
- **October 5-6:** Falling Leaves Quilt Show, Konocti Challenge
- **October 12-13:** Harvest Festival, Steele Wines
- **October 13:** Autumn Festival, Boatique Winery
- **November 15:** Women and Wine, Boatique Winery
- **November 15:** Submit ILRP changes for billing
- **December TBA:** Ag Department Grower Meetings
- **December 8-11:** CFBF Annual Meeting, Monterey

Annual FREP/WHPA Conference

OCTOBER 28-30, 2019. DOUBLETREE BY HILTON, FRESNO CALIFORNIA



For over 25 years, FREP has presented its pioneering fertilizer research at annual conferences. Since 2007, FREP has collaborated with the Western Plant Health Association (WPHA) to create a conference that balances technical research with discussion on practical application. Presenters from academia, industry, and agricultural consulting provide general and technical information, current research and data, and practical applications addressing statewide and regional nutrient management issues.

Save the Date for the 2019 FREP/WPHA Nutrient Management Conference! The 2019 conference will be held on October 29-30 in Fresno, California.

Local Ag Directory: Useful Numbers and Websites

Steven Hajik, Ag Commissioner	(707)263-0217	lakecoag@co.lake.ca.us	Dept. Fish and Game, Lake County	(707)263-0217	Ag@lakecountyca.gov
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Labor Laws and Regs Update

ICE Conducts Largest-Ever Immigration Raid

Bryan Little, Farm Employers Labor Service August 2019

National news outlets reported significant immigration enforcement actions aimed at food processing facilities in Mississippi on Aug. 7. According to these accounts, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), working with local law enforcement authorities, focused on poultry processing facilities.

ICE reportedly detained 680 persons, variously described as “undocumented people,” “illegal immigrants,” or simply as “workers.” Various news outlets described the enforcement actions as the largest one-day immigration enforcement action in history.

Individuals apprehended have also been variously described as having unenforced deportation orders pending against them. Many were released on their own recognizance or placed on home restriction with personal tracking devices.

Media accounts were less clear about what role, if any, enforcement agencies believe employers might have played in any criminal activities related to the presence of undocumented workers.

One report indicated that law enforcement authorities acted on tips from sources inside the operations of these employers. This implies law enforcement will be investigating whether the employers were involved in encouraging or facilitating the employment of undocumented workers. Employers involved in immigration-related enforcement action in Iowa in 2008 were convicted of various immigration and labor law-related crimes.

While the Aug. 7 enforcement actions did not occur on agricultural operations, such enforcement activity will probably impact agricultural operations that rely on these businesses to process their products and will have ripple effects in their local communities.

California farm employers can take steps to prepare themselves should they be affected by similar enforcement actions.

- Have a valid and complete Form I-9 for each employee and keep it for the required retention period (three years from hire date or one year

after the end of employment, whichever is later; see Key Considerations for Employers in Immigration Resources from FELS.

- Don’t ignore a Social Security Administration “No-Match” letter indicating some of the name-number combinations reported by employees don’t match the agency’s records; see Social Security Changes Course on Mismatch Letters.

Questions, concerns or comments? Please email Farm Employers Labor Service at info@fels.net or call 800-753-9073.

Cal/OSHA Wildfire Smoke Regulation Now in Effect

Bryan Little, Farm Employers Labor Service August 2019

The California Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board of the Department of Industrial Relations issued an emergency regulation requiring protection for employees exposed to smoke from wildfires. The regulation took effect on July 30 (see Cal/OSHA Press Release, Cal/OSHA Emergency Regulation to Protect Outdoor Workers from Wildfire Smoke in Effect, July 30, 2019).

The result of a petition submitted in November 2018 by California Labor Federation and WorkSafe, the regulation will be effective through Jan. 18 but can be renewed for an additional 180 days. While the emergency regulation is in effect, the Division of Occupational Safety and Health (Cal/OSHA) will conduct a rulemaking to create a permanent wildfire smoke regulation.

Compliance with the Wildfire Smoke Respiratory Protection Regulation

Employers must protect employees from exposure to wildfire smoke under these conditions:

- An Air Quality Index (AQI) greater than 150 (Hazardous for Sensitive Groups) resulting from the presence of particulate matter of 2.5 micrometers or smaller (PM_{2.5}); the regulation is not triggered by the presence of other pollutants (ozone, for example) that might result in an AQI of 150 or greater; and,

The employer should “reasonably anticipate” that employees may be exposed to wildfire smoke.

You can obtain information about current air quality conditions at:

- US EPA AirNow
- US Forest Service Wildland Air Quality Response Program
- California Air Resources Board

Exemptions

- Workplaces in enclosed buildings or vehicles with filtered air supplies.
- Employees who are exposed for a total of one hour or less during a shift.

Employee Communication and Training

- Communicate information in a manner readily understandable by all affected employees.
- Encourage employees to communicate to you about possible wildfire smoke hazards without fear of reprisal.
- Inform employees about the current PM2.5 AQI and protective measures available to them to reduce wildfire smoke exposures.
- Encourage employees to inform you about worsening air quality and any adverse symptoms experienced due to wildfire smoke exposure, including asthma, breathing difficulty and chest pain.
- Provide effective training and instruction using the regulation's Appendix B (regulatory text linked above in English and Spanish includes Appendix B); this can take the form of workplace training similar to other types of safety trainings you provide employees.

Control of Wildfire Smoke Exposure

- Check air quality at the location where employees will be working, both before and periodically during each shift, particularly if you have reason to believe the air quality might be such that it would trigger the regulation.
- Use engineering controls (where feasible): providing enclosed buildings, structures, or vehicles with filtered air.
- Use administrative controls (if practicable) where engineering controls are infeasible or cannot reduce PM2.5 exposure to AQI 150 or less: relocating work to a location where AQI is 150 or less for PM2.5, change work schedules to allow work when air

quality is not hazardous, reduce work intensity, or provide additional rest periods.

- Use respiratory protection equipment (respirators) where engineering controls are infeasible and administrative controls are not practicable to reduce exposures to below AQI 150 for PM2.5.
- Use NIOSH-approved respirators such as N95 respirators (see N95 Mask Commonly Asked Questions, California Office of Emergency Services;).
- Provide respirators for voluntary use and encourage employees to use them.
- Respirator use requirements such as fit-testing and medical evaluation are not required for respirators provided for voluntary use under this regulation.

N95 respirators are generally readily available, but supplies might be short during a wildfire, so be prepared. You can order them from any of several online sources such as Uline, Amazon or Grainger.

When AQI exceeds 500 from PM2.5 during a wildfire smoke event, you must comply with respirator use regulations as specified in General Industry Safety Order 5144, Respiratory Protection. GISO 5144:

- Requires the use of feasible engineering controls;
- Requires the use of respirators when engineering controls are in-feasible or while they are being instituted;
- Requires medical evaluation and fit testing for mandatory respirator use;
- Imposes respirator selection criteria; and
- Requires implementation of a written respiratory protection program that includes fit testing and medical evaluation.

AQI exceeding 500 for PM2.5 has been seen for relatively short periods in past wildfires. Given the likely short duration of such conditions and the time-consuming administrative burdens of complying with GISO 5144, you might choose to cease operations until the AQI for PM2.5 drops below 500, at which time you may resume operations under GISO 5141.1

USDA Offers Disaster Assistance for California Farmers Hurt by 2018, 2019 Disasters

Agricultural producers affected by Wildfire disasters in 2018 and 2019 can now apply through the Wildfire and Hurricane Indemnity Program Plus (WHIP+). Sign-up for this U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) program began Sept. 11.

“There is no doubt that extreme weather has greatly impacted California’s agricultural producers over the last several years, and 2019 is no exception,” said Connie Conway State Executive Director for Farm Service Agency (FSA) in California. “With record amounts of crops prevented from planting nationwide and other devastation, more than \$3 billion is available through this disaster relief package passed by Congress and signed by President Trump in early June.”

WHIP+ Eligibility

WHIP+ will be available for eligible producers who have suffered eligible losses of certain crops, trees, bushes or vines in counties with a Presidential Emergency Disaster Declaration or a Secretarial Disaster Designation (primary counties only). Disaster losses must have been a result of hurricanes, floods, tornadoes, typhoons, volcanic activity, snowstorms or wildfires that occurred in 2018 or 2019. Also, producers in counties that did not receive a disaster declaration or designation may still apply for WHIP+ but must provide supporting documentation to establish that the crops were directly affected by a qualifying disaster loss.

A list of counties that received qualifying disaster declarations and designations is available at farmers.gov/recover/whip-plus. Because grazing and livestock losses, other than milk losses, are covered by other disaster recovery programs offered through FSA, those losses are not eligible for WHIP+.

Eligible crops include those for which federal crop insurance or Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) coverage is available, excluding crops intended for grazing. A list of crops covered by crop

insurance is available through USDA’s Risk Management Agency (RMA) Actuarial Information Browser at webapp.rma.usda.gov/apps/actuarialinformationbrowser.

The WHIP+ payment factor ranges from 75 percent to 95 percent, depending on the level of crop insurance coverage or NAP coverage that a producer obtained for the crop. Producers who did not insure their crops in 2018 or 2019 will receive 70 percent of the expected value of the crop. Insured crops (either crop insurance or NAP coverage) will receive between 75 percent and 95 percent of expected value; those who purchased the highest levels of coverage will receive 95-percent of the expected value.

At the time of sign-up, producers will be asked to provide verifiable and reliable production records. If a producer is unable to provide production records, WHIP+ payments will be determined based on the lower of either the actual loss certified by the producer and determined acceptable by FSA or the county expected yield and county disaster yield. The county disaster yield is the production that a producer would have been expected to make based on the eligible disaster conditions in the county.

WHIP+ payments for 2018 disasters will be eligible for 100 percent of their calculated value. WHIP+ payments for 2019 disasters will be limited to an initial 50 percent of their calculated value, with an opportunity to receive up to the remaining 50 percent after January 1, 2020, if sufficient funding remains.

Both insured and uninsured producers are eligible to apply for WHIP+. But all producers receiving WHIP+ payments will be required to purchase crop insurance or NAP, at the 60 percent coverage level or higher, for the next two available, consecutive crop years after the crop year for which WHIP+ payments were paid. Producers who fail to purchase crop insurance for the next two applicable, consecutive years will be required to pay back the WHIP+ payment.

Additional information about WHIP+ program eligibility and payment limitations can be found at farmers.gov/recover or by contacting your local USDA Service Center.

Additional Loss Coverage

The Milk Loss Program will provide payments to eligible dairy operations for milk that was dumped or removed without compensation from the commercial milk market because of a qualifying 2018 and 2019 natural disaster. Producers who suffered losses of harvested commodities, including hay, stored in on-farm structures in 2018 and 2019 will receive assistance through the On-Farm Storage Loss Program.

Additionally, producers with trees, bushes or vines can receive both cost-share assistance through FSA's Tree Assistance Program (TAP) for the cost of replanting and rehabilitating eligible trees and WHIP+ will provide payments based on the loss value of the tree, bush or vine itself. Therefore, eligible producers may receive both a TAP and a 2017 WHIP or WHIP+ payment for the same acreage. In addition, TAP policy has been updated to assist eligible orchardists or nursery tree growers of pecan trees with a tree mortality rate that exceeds 7.5 percent (adjusted for normal mortality) but is less than 15 percent (adjusted for normal mortality) for losses incurred during 2018.

For more information on FSA disaster assistance programs, please contact your local USDA service center or visit farmers.gov/recover. For all available USDA disaster assistance programs, go to USDA's disaster resources website.

Lake County growers should contact Katie Delbar at 1252 Airport Park Blvd STE B1 Ukiah. Her phone number is (707) 468-9223.



2020 Specialty Crop Block Grant Workshop Schedule

The California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) will present four workshops and two webinars on the 2020 Specialty Crop Block Grant Program (SCBGP) competitive solicitation process. Workshops will feature an overview of the program, a review of the concept proposal questions, a live demonstration of the online application system, and more. All prospective SCBGP applicants are encouraged to participate.

There is no cost to attend the workshops or webinars; however, space is limited and CDFA requests that attendees register in advance. To register, email grants@cdfa.ca.gov with your name and contact information, the workshop/webinar you would like to attend, and the number of seats required. Further details will be provided with confirmation of registration.

Workshops and webinars will be held at these locations on the following dates:

SAN DIEGO COUNTY:

September 24, 2019 (Tuesday) from 9:30 am to 11:30 am
San Diego County Farm Bureau, 420 S. Broadway, Suite 200, Escondido, CA 92025

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY:

September 25, 2019 (Wednesday) from 9:30 am to 11:30 am
San Luis Obispo County Farm Bureau, 4875 Morabito Place, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

WEBINAR 1:

September 26, 2019 (Thursday) from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm
Details will be provided upon registration

MODESTO COUNTY:

October 1, 2019 (Tuesday) from 9:30 am to 11:30 am
Stanislaus County Farm Bureau, 1201 L St., Modesto, CA 95354

WEBINAR 2:

October 2, 2019 (Wednesday) from 9:30 am to 11:30 am
Details will be provided upon registration

SACRAMENTO COUNTY:

October 3, 2019 (Thursday) from 9:30 am to 11:30 am
CDFA Gateway Oaks, 2800 Gateway Oaks Drive, Room 101, Sacramento, CA 95833

CDFA conducts an annual competitive solicitation process to award SCBGP funds to projects that enhance the competitiveness of California specialty crops. Specialty crops include fruits and vegetables, tree nuts, dried fruits, horticulture, and nursery crops (including floriculture). For more information, please visit www.cdfa.ca.gov/grants.

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AGRICULTURAL SUPPLIES

◆Grow West	707/279-4654
Bob Bartley Pump, Inc.	707/279-2304
Central Valley Builder's Supply	707/963-3622
Cold Creek Compost	707/485-5966
Davebilt Company	707/263-5270
Lakeshore Feed & Grain	707/994-9335
◆Nutrien Ag Solutions	707/462-0597
Rainbow Ag Services	707/279-0550
Stokes Ladders	707/279-4306
Belkorp Ag	707/584-9111
Wilson Repair Service	707/263-3667

AGRI-TOURS and CAMPING

Eleven Roses Ranch	707/998-4471
Camp Indian Meadows LLC	707/942-2267
Dancing Poly Farm and Food	707/413-0054
Live Oak Belgians	707/275-3365

ASSOCIATIONS

◆Allied Grape Growers	559/276-0210
California Women for Agriculture	707/279-4335
◆Lake County Fair	707/263-6181
Lake County Farmers' Finest	707/263-6076
Lake County Winery Association	707/357-5237
◆Lake County Chamber of Commerce	707/263-5092
Lake County Horse Council	707/279-1903

AUTOMOTIVE

Lakeport Tire & Auto	707/263-5422
Tire Pros	707/994-9097
Joel Place Automotive	707/275-8813

CHRISTMAS TREES

Elk Mountain Christmas Tree Farm	707/275-2075
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- ◆Business Support Member

Do you see information that needs to be updated or changed? Are you a LCFB agricultural or business member not on this list? Please call or email the Lake County Farm Bureau for additions or corrections!

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Jonas Energy Solutions	707/994-5911
Lucerne Roofing	707/263-4200
Wright Construction	707/987-9227
North Coast Barns	707/355-2276
Shore Side Electric	707/279-9248
Hiatt Construction	707/245-6860
Totorica Plumbing	707/279-4020
DS Concrete Inc.	707/350-3399

CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS

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Kelseyville Lumber	707/279-4297
Lake County Electric Supply, Inc.	707/263-7002
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◆Savings Bank of Mendocino County	707/263-7102
◆Umpqua Bank	707/262-3342
◆Redwood Credit Union	707/545-4000

FOOD PROCESSING

Adobe Creek Packing	707/279-4204
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Chacewater Wine & Olive Mill	707/279-2995
Lake County Walnut	707/279-1200
Lauenroth Walnut Dryer	707/279-8561

★Scully Packing Co.	707/263-7327
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HAY SALES AND SERVICES

Carstensen Hay	707/278-0545
Holdenreid Harvesting	707/279-0650
Poe Orchard and Pastures	707/263-7561
Adamson Ranch	530/263-5488

INSURANCE

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Lunas Insurance	707/263-5601
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Suenram Ranch	707/279-4580
Keithly Ranches	707/279-4044
Oak Rose Ranch	707/275-8052
Seevers Ranch American Shetland Ponies	707/349-1994
McIntire Ranch	707/279-4874
Williams Equine Enterprises	707/972-0602

MEDICAL SERVICES

Jameson Chiropractic	707/263-3124
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♦Bengard Marketing Inc.	707/263-1990
North Coast Winegrape Brokers	707/995-1505
Lake County Winegrape Commission	707/279-2633

NURSERIES

Bailey's Nursery	707/279-9168
Duarte Nursery	800/472-3833
Jaguar Gardens Nursery	707/995-5218
Spring Thyme Nursery	707/262-0920
Star Gardens	707/987-0998
Suchan Nursery (walnuts only)	707/275-2461

PEST CONTROL

Bat Control Specialist	888/409-7378
California Exterminators Alliance	707/277-9103
Pestmaster Services	707/275-3333
RB Pest Control	707/263-5245
Weed Tech	707/998-1318
Wildlife Pest Management	888/409-7378

FARM LABOR CONTRACTORS

Baeza Agricultural Company	707/263-3355
Bella Vista Farming Company	707/279-4220
Nissen Vineyard Services	707/963-3480

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Big Valley Properties	
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Noble Realty	707/275-0115

RESTAURANTS & WINE BARS

Focused on Wine	707/279-2112
O'Meara Bros.	707/262-1234
Lake County Wine Studio	707/275-8030
Saw Shop Gallery Bistro	707/278-0129

ROADSIDE FARM STANDS

McKay Ranch Veggies and Pumpkin Patch	707/263-7613
Eden Berry Farm LLC	707/917-0183
Dietmar Renker/Renker Farms	707/279-4409
Hanson Ranch Farmstand	707/279-4761
Clover Creek Family Farm	707/275-9315

RETAIL

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SERVICES

AirKayaks.com	707/998-0135
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Chapel of the Lakes Mortuary	707/263-0357
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The Pear Doctor	707/279-4335
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SGMA: Big Valley Groundwater Basin Update

Elizabeth Larson, LakeCo News, August 28, 2019

On August 27th, the Lake County Board of Supervisors voted to move forward with forming the Big Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency, a move county leadership said is necessary to keep local control of the watershed.

The unanimous vote to adopt a resolution to form the new agency – in accordance with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, which went into effect as part of California Water Code in January 2015 – followed a brief public hearing Tuesday morning.

Public Works Director Scott De Leon – who has been serving as interim Water Resources Department director and was appointed by the board to permanently oversee the department later in the meeting – took the agency formation to the supervisors, who were sitting jointly as the Lake County Watershed Protection District Board of Directors.

The state has listed the Big Valley Watershed as a medium priority basin. As such, the 2014 Groundwater Sustainability Act requires the county to develop a groundwater sustainability plan or an alternative groundwater sustainability plan “in an effort to ensure that groundwater basins reach sustainability within 20 years of implementing a groundwater basin sustainability plan,” according to De Leon’s written report to the board.

De Leon’s report said the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act “provides local agencies a framework for managing groundwater basins in a sustainable manner and recognizes groundwater is most effectively managed at the local level.”

The Lake County Watershed Protection District submitted an alternative groundwater sustainability plan for the Big Valley groundwater basin to the state in December 2016, De Leon said. Because the county submitted the alternative plan, it also is required to submit annual reports, which it has done for 2017 and 2018.

In July, the California Department of Water Resources notified the Lake County Watershed Protection District that the Big Valley Groundwater Basin Alternative Sustainability Plan had not been accepted, as Lake County News has reported.

In the state’s notification letter to De Leon, it said the alternative plan wasn’t recommended for acceptance because it lacked sufficient information and data to assess if it would result in sustainable groundwater management as defined in state water code.

“In order to maintain local and sustainable management of the Big Valley groundwater basin, it is in the best interest for the County that the Board of Directors of the Lake

County Watershed Protection District approve the resolution authorizing the District to form the Big Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA). The formation of a GSA complies with State regulations and is necessary to obtain funding for the development of a Big Valley Groundwater Sustainability Plan,” De Leon wrote in his report.

In his report, De Leon suggested that the advisory group for the new agency include representation from the county, tribal governments, municipal water supplies, the Chi Council for the Clear Lake Hitch, domestic well owners and agricultural users.

Supervisor Bruno Sabatier asked De Leon for clarification on the condition of the watershed, noting that at the meeting earlier this month there had been a lot of discussion about the basin having a plentiful supply at this time. De Leon said the county has been monitoring the basin for 50 years at least. “The basin shows that it recovers.”

As the agricultural practices have changed in the basin from pears to other products, they are seeing a definite change in the availability and use of groundwater. “The basin is healthy,” De Leon said. He added, “This really is an effort to maintain local control over the basin, as opposed to having the state come in and take it over, which I think we all agree is a good thing.”

De Leon said the county is working with constituents and stakeholders to submit more information to the state to reduce the basin from medium to low priority status. That, he added, is a parallel process to the required groundwater sustainability agency formation.

During the brief public comment, Lake County Farm Bureau Executive Director Brenna Sullivan said the organization supported the resolution, and that it has submitted comments to the California Department of Water Resources to update agriculture-specific information that was wrong in the state’s files about the watershed.

She said the Farm Bureau similarly had given the state updated information about groundwater in Upper Lake that reduced that watershed to low priority. Sullivan said they also wanted a strong agricultural voice on whatever advisory board is formed.

The final resolution the board approved unanimously included a seven-member advisory panel with two seats set aside for agriculture.

De Leon said that upon acceptance of the resolution, the county Water Resources Department will move forward in applying to the state to form the Big Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency.

California Members Release Statement on Planned Veto of SB1

Governor Gavin Newsom recently announced his plans to veto SB 1. SB 1 would allow state agencies to adopt protections under the federal Endangered Species Act, Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, Fair Labor Standards Act and other major environmental and labor laws that were in place before President Trump took office in January 2017.

Congressman John Garamendi (D-CA03), with U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) and Representatives Josh Harder (D-CA10), Jim Costa (D-CA16), and TJ Cox (D-CA21) released the following statement in advance of Governor Gavin Newsom's veto of Senate Bill (SB) 1:

"While we support the objectives of SB1—to protect clean air, drinking water, and our environment—the bill as written would jeopardize those very goals. It is critical that all Californians, especially those in our disadvantaged communities, have a reliable supply of clean, fresh drinking water, in addition to water for our environment and essential agriculture industry. We applaud the Governor's leadership in vetoing this bill, and his efforts to solve California's difficult water challenges with solutions that meet the needs of the 21st century.

"Working together with all water users provides the best hope for avoiding endless litigation on the management of California's water supply. We know this through experience. Continuing the collaborative process put in motion by the Governor can result in improved habitats and protect fish and wildlife species, while also ensuring improved water supply reliability for our communities and family farms across California."

Jamie Johansson, President of California Farm Bureau Federation also released the following statement,

"We appreciate Governor Newsom's decision today on SB 1. From the beginning, the governor has listened to the solutions offered by farmers, ranchers and their communities. Vetoing SB 1 allows those communities to continue on a collaborative path that will result in a long-term water future that facilitates economic growth and ecosystem protection and restoration. We know there is a lot of hard work ahead, but we like work and look forward to it."

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2019 grants will be awarded at Good Farm Fund's winter feast, which will be held on Tuesday December 10 at the Barra Wine Event Center in Redwood Valley. This event sells out early. So get your tickets early! On line tickets are available now at GFFWinter.brownpapertickets.com

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If conditions warrant, the second and third tranches will be made in November and early January, respectively. **The first tranche will be comprised of the higher of either 50 percent of a producer's USDA calculated payment rate or \$15 per acre**, which may reduce potential payments to be made in tranches two or three. USDA will begin making **first tranche payments in mid-to-late August. Per-acre specialty crop payment rates, and livestock payment rates are all currently available on farmers.gov/mfp.**

MFP payments are limited to a combined \$250,000 for non-specialty crops per person or legal entity. MFP payments are also limited to a combined \$250,000 for dairy and hog producers and a combined \$250,000 for specialty crop producers. However, no applicant can receive more than \$500,000.

Eligible applicants must also have an average adjusted gross income (AGI) for tax years 2014, 2015, and 2016 of less than \$900,000 or, 75 percent of the person's or legal entity's average AGI for tax years 2014, 2015, and 2016 must have been derived from farming and ranching. Applicants must also comply with the provisions of the Highly Erodible Land and Wetland Conservation regulations.

The MFP rule and a related Notice of Funding Availability will be published in the Federal Register on July 29, 2019, when signup begins at local USDA FSA offices.

Growers will need visit their local USDA Farm Service Agency to resister for the program, available Monday, July 29th – Friday, December 6th

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California Bountiful Featured Recipe

Faithful Basil Pesto

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4 cups fresh basil, stems removed
1/2 cup toasted pine nuts
1/4 cup whole, peeled garlic cloves
1/2 tsp. kosher salt
1/2 tsp. cracked black pepper
2 cups extra virgin olive oil
1 cup grated Grana Padano or Parmesan cheese



DIRECTIONS

Pulse basil, pine nuts, garlic, salt and pepper in a food processor until mixture is slightly coarse. With machine on, add olive oil in a slow, steady stream until incorporated. Fold in cheese and pulse until smooth, being careful not to overblend.

Makes 3 cups

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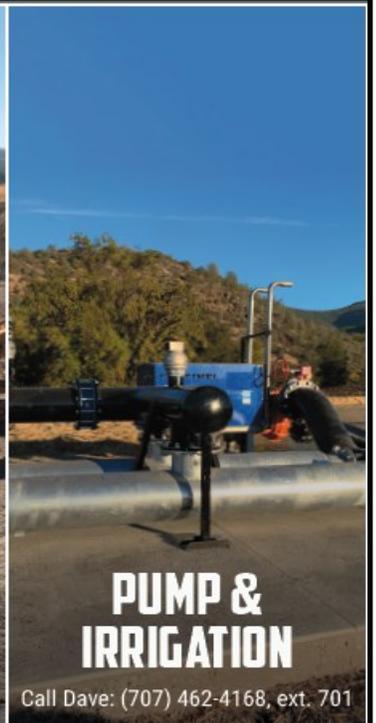
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