



November 30, 2018

### **Agriculture, Generally**

The State Board of Food and Agriculture will be hosting their monthly meeting on Monday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> from 10am to 2pm at CDFA: 1220 N Street, Sacramento, CA 95814. The Board will discuss opportunities for enhancing local food production and highlight efforts with locally-based representatives involved within Farm to Fork efforts. Speakers include: Raja Ramachandran with ripe.io; Paula Daniels with the Center for Good Food Purchasing; Linda Mallers from Farm Logix; Zenobia Barlow and Karen Brown from the Center for EcoLiteracy; and Robyn Krock with Valley Vision. *Staff contact: Taylor Roschen, [troschen@cfbf.com](mailto:troschen@cfbf.com) or 916-446-4647.*

### **Citrus**

The California Department of Food and Agriculture is announcing one vacancy on the Citrus Pest and Disease Prevention Committee, responsible for advises the CDFA secretary on activities associated with the statewide citrus-specific pest and disease work plan that includes but is not limited to outreach and education programs and programs for surveying, detecting, analyzing, and treating pests and diseases specific to citrus. A vacancy exists for a grower from the Coast Region. Interested applications should send a resume by December 31<sup>st</sup> to: Raymond Leclerc, California Department of Food and Agriculture, Plant Health and Pest Prevention Services, 1220 N Street, Room 221, Sacramento, California 95814. *Staff contact: Taylor Roschen, [troschen@cfbf.com](mailto:troschen@cfbf.com) or 916-446-4647.*

### **FARMER Program**

The California Air Resources Board (CARB) is holding a [workshop](#) to gather input on its Funding Agricultural Replacement Measures for Emission Reductions (FARMER) Program. The FARMER Program provides financial incentives to replace harvesting equipment, heavy-duty trucks, pump engines, tractors, and other equipment that's used in agricultural operations for the purpose of reducing emissions. The workshop will focus on implementation of the program in the 2018-19 fiscal year. In 2017-18 the FARMER Program received \$135 million and an additional \$132 million was provided by the legislature for the 2018-19 fiscal year.

The workshop is being held **December 18 from 10:30 to 12:00 at the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District office in Fresno**, with video conferencing available at the District's Modesto and Bakersfield offices. CARB staff is planning to provide an update on the status of the implementation of the program and accept feedback on implementation for the upcoming year. Staff Contact: Noelle Cremers at [ncremers@cfbf.com](mailto:ncremers@cfbf.com) or (916) 446-4647.

### **Industrial Hemp**

Farm Bureau staff attended a summit hosted by the University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources regarding industrial hemp research, including cultivation potential, resource use, pest

management, and state/federal regulations. *Staff contact: Taylor Roschen, [troschen@cfbf.com](mailto:troschen@cfbf.com) or 916-446-4647.*

### **Land Use**

The Strategic Growth Council has approved \$47.9 million in grant funds derived from Cap and Trade funding through the Sustainable Agricultural Land Conservation Program (SALC) to fund 17 agricultural conservation easements in 13 counties, including Yuba, Sutter, Monterey, Shasta, Santa Clara, Marin, Sonoma, Fresno, San Joaquin, San Luis Obispo, Madera, Sacramento and Sierra. *Staff contact: Taylor Roschen, [troschen@cfbf.com](mailto:troschen@cfbf.com) or 916-446-4647.*

The Strategic Growth Council, in coordination with the California Department of Conservation, has released a call for qualified contractors who can provide technical assistance to selected technical assistance recipients for the Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Planning Grants component of the Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program (SALC). The goal of the technical assistance program is to support cities and counties by addressing needs to advance skills in conservation easement plans and policies, developing viable projects and submitting grant applications. To accomplish this, Contractor will conduct outreach to cities and counties to understand interests, assess local needs, develop and implement training curriculum, assist in the development of eligible grant projects and application development, and, if a TA Recipient is awarded a grant, assist with the implementation of the grant project. Though County Farm Bureaus may not be the appropriate entity to apply for this contracted position, we do encourage them to distribute this information to local land trusts and other organizations with expertise in municipal planning and agricultural conservation easement elements. The request for proposals can be read [here](#). Proposals are due to the Department by December 21<sup>st</sup>, by 11am. *Staff contact: Taylor Roschen, [troschen@cfbf.com](mailto:troschen@cfbf.com) or 916-446-4647.*

### **Proposition 65**

The Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) have proposed regulatory changes to the provisions of Proposition 65, which would, in response to the *Beechnut* case, require the use of arithmetic mean to determine exposure rates rather than also geometric means, and clarify averaging must be done on individual lots rather than a product-wide basis. This may mean that food producers and processors that have food products which contain Prop 54 listed chemicals, may have to change how they evaluate their exposure levels. The proposed regulatory changes can be read [here](#). Farm Bureau has joined a coalition of agricultural and business organizations in opposition to these regulatory changes and will provide a comment letter that effect on Monday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. *Staff contact: Taylor Roschen, [troschen@cfbf.com](mailto:troschen@cfbf.com) or 916-446-4647.*

### **Seeds**

The Department of Food and Agriculture has announced a vacancy on the Seed Advisory Board, a body responsible for enforcement of the California Seed Law and making recommendations to the Secretary on all matters pertaining to the seed law and regulations, enforcement, seed laboratory diagnostics and annual budgets. The position is for one ag seed labeler or dealer from the central coast or southern CA region. Interested applicants should send a letter of interest, a resume and a completed [Questionnaire](#) to: the California Department of Food and Agriculture, Pest Exclusion Branch, 1220 N Street, Suite 344, Sacramento, California 95814, Attention: Seed Services Program. The deadline for applicants is January 30, 2019. *Staff contact: Taylor Roschen, [troschen@cfbf.com](mailto:troschen@cfbf.com) or 916-446-4647.*