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REGISTER TODAY FOR CFFA'S 86TH ANNUAL MEETING IN LAGUNA BEACH



On behalf of Board Chairman, Kevin Herman and his wife, Diane, we invite you to join your colleagues and industry friends at the California Fresh Fruit Association's 86th Annual Meeting at The Montage in beautiful Laguna Beach, March 13th - 15th!

Please do not miss the opportunity to participate! Registration is \$425 for a single and \$645 for a couple. As of February 19^{th,} the rate will go up to \$525 per person and \$665 for a couple.

Registration includes Chairman's Welcome Reception, Industry Workshop, Annual Membership Meeting & Breakfast, Suppliers Party and access to the Hospitality Suite. Monday Afternoon Activity options include the 6th Annual Bocce Ball Tournament, a Mixology Class, and the 18th Annual Mila Caratan Golf Tournament.

There are two convenient ways to register for Annual Meeting; online registration using the link (http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=tcpx4zdab&oeidk =a07eim2peclf1bb329f), or submit the registration form (https://files.constantcontact.com/35cbbf3f001/5dc1aaf7-6f9d-4991-9658-38a518579dcb.pdf) to the Association's office via email, fax or mail.



Due to high demand, the room block at The Montage is full. Please contact the CFFA office to be placed on the wait list and we will do our best to accommodate each person that wishes to stay on site.

We would like to thank all our sponsors for their support!

Sponsorships are available, with information available by visiting (https://files.constantcontact.com/35cbbf3f001/787fae65-bf0f-49f2a7a0-155e2586a4e6.pdf).

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Courtney Razor at crazor@cafreshfruit.com.

CAL/OSHA READOPTED ETS TAKES EFFECT

On January 14th, the second readoption of Cal/OSHA's Emergency Temporary Standard (ETS) went into effect.

Since it was voted on in December, there have been multiple updates from the state affecting the workplace requirements within this rulemaking. Cal/OSHA recently updated their FAQs to reflect the guidance released by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), which included the recommendation of "additional mitigation measures, including continued focus on testing and masking to best contain this more transmissible variant in our communities." As a reminder, in accordance with Executive Order N-84-20, the CDPH's isolation and guarantine recommendations override the ETS.

Cal/OSHA has revised the "CDPH Isolation and Quarantine" section of their FAQ page to remove the "Antigen test preferred" from table 2 of the exclusion requirements. The team at Kahn, Soares, Conway, LLP, has provided an updated table that can be accessed by visiting (https://mvemail.constantcontact.com/Updated-Requirements-from-CDPH-and-Cal-OSHA.html?soid=1133888863733&aid=o0x-O8d7p-s).

This revision suggests that applicable employees may use at-home testing kits when required to test negative on a diagnostic specimen in order to return to work. To view the updated guidance, please visit/click here (https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Guidance-on-Isolation-and-Quarantine-for-COVID-19-Contact-Tracing.aspx).

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CAL/OSHA OFFERING FREE WEBINARS ON REVISIONS TO COVID-19 ETS

The Cal/OSHA Consultation is offering free webinars on the revisions to the COVID-19 ETS. These revisions became effective on January 14th. The free two-hour webinar will cover the changes to the ETS and provide resources.

The webinars will be offered on Tuesday, February 1st, Thursday, February 3rd, and Wednesday, February 9th. For more information or to register, visit (https://www.dir.ca.gov/dosh/coronavirus/webinars.html). For more information, contact Adam Borchard (aborchard@cafreshfruit.com).

CVCF SEEKING INDUSTRY FEEDBACK FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT

The Central Valley is one of 60 applicants (out of 529 nationwide) selected to compete for up to \$100 million dollars through an economic development grant that will go towards building the agricultural economy through technological innovation and bringing partners together to help recover from the pandemic and significantly grow the local economy.

The Central Valley Community Foundation (CVCF) and the eight community colleges in the region are coming together to create programs that align with agricultural industry needs and help local talent get the right training to fill open positions.

On January 26th from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. the CVCF is seeking participation from industry members to participate in an informational meeting to gain feedback to ensure these grant dollars are used effectively. During the meeting, CVCF staff is asking for input in the following areas:

- What training has been the most valuable for your employees?
- What jobs go unfilled?
- What type of skills do those jobs require?
- What type of technology do your employees need to know how to operate?
- What obstacles do your employees face to obtain this training?

To participate in the meeting visit (https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84787117956).

For more information or for any questions, please call Hannah Johnson at (559) 779-1190 or <u>Hannah@centralvalleycf.org</u>.

REGISTER FOR THE 51ST ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT



The California Fresh Fruit Association is set to hold its 51st Annual Golf Tournament on Friday, March 4th.

Join friends and colleagues at the Kings River Golf & Country Club in Kingsburg, where the day will begin

with a breakfast from 8:15 to 10:15 a.m. Then at 10:30 a.m., four-person teams, arranged by a blind draw, will drive out to their hole assignments, and tee off with a Shotgun Start. The tournament is a one best net ball, shamble format. Participants will receive an individual tournament gift and will have the opportunity to win Team prizes, "Closest-to-Hole" prizes and "Hole-In-One" Vehicle and Cash prizes. Food and beverages on the course during play; and sponsored hors d'oeuvres, No-Host beverages and awarding of prizes following the tournament. Come and join us for a day of fun!

Sign-up forms, sponsor forms and more information can be found here (<u>http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=tcpx4zdab&oeidk</u> =a07eiy3m57c724e7ff5)

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For additional information, please contact Allyson Calderon at <u>acalderon@cafreshfruit.com</u>.

FAIRMONT ELEMENTARY SEEKING SPONSORS FOR SANGER UNIFIED AG COMPLEX



Educators and stakeholders at Fairmont Elementary in Sanger are seeking financial support for the future Sanger Unified Ag Complex. The education center will seek to help students identify to pursue a career in agriculture.

The Sanger Unified Ag Complex will impact student careers in banking, health, conservation, machinery and harvesting practices, computer coding, drone and technology uses. The program needs support from valley farmers, ranchers, technology, and food systems.

Fairmont Ag Foundation understands that it's the responsibility of all stakeholders to build the future of California agriculture through integrating education of agriculture into their STEM program.

For more information or to support the Sanger Unified Ag Complex program please visit <u>www.growthelegacy.org</u> or contact the Fairmont Ag Foundation at <u>info@growthelegacy.org</u>.

CROP INSURANCE ENDORSEMENT



During its November meeting, the CFFA Board of Director's voted to continue the endorsement of **Rain and Hail Insurance Service, LLC.** for 2022. This is the 26th consecutive year of the partnership and both organizations truly

value the relationship.

All crop insurance companies operate with uniform rates and some growers may not be concerned about who their provider is. The Association would like to help you with that decision by recommending Rain and Hail Insurance because of its commitment to the agricultural industry and the company's financial strength.

Again, the Association recommends Rain and Hail Insurance for its members. Rain and Hail Insurance works with numerous agencies throughout California to provide this coverage.

Please be aware the crop insurance deadline for peaches, plums, nectarines, apricots, cherries, table grapes, pears and apples are January 31, 2022.

If you have questions, please contact Ian LeMay at (559) 226-6330 or Craig Gonzales at (559) 224-2300.

CALIFORNIA TABLE GRAPE COMMISSION ACCEPTING SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS



The **California Table Grape Commission** has announced there are three types of college scholarships available for students in the table grape growing regions of California to apply for.

Two types of scholarships are offered for field workers: one for \$25,000 for those attending a fouryear California university or college and one for

\$14,500 for those attending two years of community college followed by two years at a California university or college. A third type of \$25,000 scholarship is for those interested in studying agriculture at a California university or college and building a career in the table grape industry. Three of each scholarship will be awarded.

The deadline for all scholarship applications is Friday, February 11, 2022. For more information please visit (https://www.grapesfromcalifornia.com/community-outreach/).