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86TH ANNUAL MEETING REGISTRATION TO LAUNCH NEXT WEEK



On behalf of CFFA Chairman Kevin Herman and his wife, Diane, the Association is pleased to announce that the 86th Annual Meeting is set to take place March 13th to 15th, 2022 at The Montage in beautiful Laguna Beach!

Registration is set to open on Monday, November 1st. Sponsorship opportunities are available by visiting (http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=tcpx4zdab&oeidk=a07eilp6s9c23deae9b).

We look forward to seeing you in Laguna Beach!

CFFA PRESIDENT MEETS GOVERNOR NEWSOM AND L.T. GOVERNOR KOUNALAKIS



On Tuesday, October 26th, CFFA President Ian LeMay met with Governor Gavin Newsom and Lieutenant Governor Eleni Kounalakis in Sacramento. LeMay thanked the Governor for his veto on AB 616 and conveyed the Association's willingness to engage with the Administration. For additional

information, please contact Ian LeMay (<u>ilemay@cafreshfruit.com</u>).

2022 WAGE AND BENEFIT SURVEY AVAILABLE

CFFA is conducting a wage and benefit survey among its membership to provide a market reference for Association members making important labor decisions for their businesses in 2022. Results from the survey will be compiled anonymously in an aggregated, tabulated manner based on commodity, contract labor, and type of operation.

To complete the survey, please see attached. If you have any questions, please contact Adam Borchard (aborchard@cafreshfruit.com).

END OF LEGISLATIVE SESSION UPDATE

The California Legislature adjourned the first year of the 2021-22 session at 9 p.m. on Friday, September 10th. Over 800 bills that were

passed out of the Assembly and Senate have been acted on by Governor Gavin Newsom. Please see attached for an overview of bills of particular interest to CFFA members. For more information contact Director of Government and Public Policy Adam Borchard (aborchard@cafreshfruit.com).

CFFA OPPOSES INTERIM WATER PROJECT OPERATIONS PLAN

On October 26th, CFFA joined a coalition of statewide agricultural organizations, including the **California Apple Commission** and California Blueberry Association, to oppose new court filings in the state's litigation over the 2019 Biological Opinions (BiOps) for the operations of the Central Valley Project and the State Water Project. These court filings include an unprecedented interim operations plan for the upcoming water year that, unlike the 2019 BiOps, was not expert peer-reviewed and has been thoroughly criticized by water agencies. The plan was also opposed in two separate letters by California's Republican Congressional delegation and Democratic members, including U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein and Congressmen Jim Costa, John Garamendi, and Josh Harder.

You can view the attached letter. If you have any questions, please contact Adam Borchard (aborchard@cafreshfruit.com).

42ND ANNUAL HARVEST EVENT JUST TWO WEEKS AWAY

On Friday, November 12th, the California Fresh Fruit Association PAC will hold its 42nd Annual Harvest Event, taking place from 6-9 p.m. at the Vintage Press Restaurant (216 N. Willis, Visalia).

Ticket cost is \$300 and includes dinner for two. All proceeds benefit the Association's political action committee, FruitPAC. We hope you will plan to join us!

Sponsorship Opportunities: Our Associate Members may also use our online registration to become event sponsors! The cost of a Silver Sponsorship is \$1,000 and includes two dinners. The cost of a Gold Sponsorship is \$1,500 and includes four dinners.

Both Sponsorship levels will also receive promotional consideration before, during, & after the event, in the form of recognition in OnTarget, our Harvest Event program, Annual Report & more! We hope that you will support this very important event.

For more information, including registration and sponsorship, please contact Allyson Calderon (acalderon@cafreshfruit.com).

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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 four-year 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/).

GRAPE, NUT & TREE FRUIT EXPO SET FOR NOVEMBER 12TH

The Annual Grape, Nut & Tree Fruit Expo will be held on Friday, November 12th at The Big Fresno Fair. CFFA President Ian LeMay will be providing an update on the state of the table grape and fresh fruit industries.

Attendees of the expo have the opportunity to earn 3.5 hours of PCA credits or 5 hours CCA credits. The event will feature an industry trade show and attendees will be provided a complimentary breakfast and Tri-Tip lunch. For the complete event agenda please visit (https://agexpo.biz/2021-grape-nut-tree-fruit-expo-schedule/). To register visit (https://agexpo.biz/register/).



FOOD SAFETY SEMINAR FOCUSING ON ADJACENT LAND USE SET FOR NOVEMBER 4TH



The CONTACT Food Safety Webinar Series will hold a presentation focusing on "Adjacent Land Use Risk: Done Talking About It? Ready to Do Something?" presented by produce safety expert Dr. Trevor Suslow.

The webinar will be held on Thursday, November 4th from 12:30 to 2 p.m. The talk will cover the broad landscape of adjacent land concerns and make the case that it is time to find solutions and resources to overcome this barrier.

Advanced registration is requested. To register, please visit (https://virginiatech.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_iB3HD7znS963 ZfnsPPvG7Q). For additional information, please see the attached flyer.

CFFA BOARD OF DIRECTORS SET TO MEET NEXT WEEK

The California Fresh Fruit Association's next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for next Friday, November 5th. The meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. and will be held at the Monterey Plaza Hotel & Spa. Inquiries & RSVPs regarding the upcoming meeting should be directed to Courtney Razor at (crazor@cafreshfruit.com).



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