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PAST CFFA CHAIRMAN LOUIS CARIC PASSES



The Association is sad to announce the passing of past Board Chairman Louis “Louie” “Big L” Caric. He served as Chairman of the Board of Directors from 1988 to 1989, and was an Honorary Lifetime Member of the Association.

On behalf of the Association, we send our condolences to the entire Caric family.

CFFA will provide additional details as they become available.

CARD CHECK CLEAN-UP BILL PASSES LEGISLATURE

On May 4, the State Legislature passed AB 113, which is the budget trailer bill that contains the agreement between Governor Gavin Newsom and the California Labor Federation to “clean up” last year’s card check legislation, AB 2183 (Stone). The bill scraps the so-called labor peace election as an alternative for unionization elections, which, despite its name, would have required employers to forego their First Amendment and property rights affirmed by the U.S. Supreme Court in the *Cedar Point* case. AB 113 leaves in place card check, also called the majority support petition, as the sole procedure for conducting an “election.” AB 113 does not eliminate other provisions of AB 2183, such as the administrative penalties and appeal bond requirements.

AB 113 passed on a largely party-line vote, 29-9 in the Senate and 60-17 in the Assembly. State Senator Marie Alvarado-Gil of Jackson was the only Democratic lawmaker to vote against the bill. The bill now awaits Governor Newsom’s signature and will go into effect immediately. For additional information, please contact Director of Government and Public Policy Adam Borchard (aborchard@cafreshfruit.com).

CARB PASSES ZERO-EMISSION REGULATION

On April 28, the California Air Resources Board (CARB) passed the Advanced Clean Fleets Regulation (ACF), a medium and heavy-duty zero-emission fleet regulation with the goal of achieving a zero-emission truck and bus California fleet by 2045. The regulation applies to fleets performing drayage operations and high priority fleets. High priority fleets are entities that own, operate, or direct at least one vehicle in

California, and that have either \$50 million or more in gross annual revenues, or that own, operate, or have common ownership or control of a total of 50 or more vehicles (excluding light-duty package delivery vehicles). The regulation affects medium- and heavy-duty on-road vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) greater than 8,500 pounds and off-road yard tractors. CARB passed the regulation despite vigorous opposition from business and agricultural stakeholders. More information about the ACF is provided in the memorandum provided by **Kahn, Soares & Conway** is attached.

Without widespread technological adoption and up-scaling, substantial public funding, and timely improvements by utilities to build and upgrade infrastructure for electrification, the path to attain the aspirational zero-emission goal by 2045 remains uncertain at best. CFFA will continue to engage the utilities and CARB and San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District staff on the challenges and complications of ACF implementation. CFFA encourages members to report to the Association of grid upgrade delays by the utilities at member facilities. These on-the-ground narratives are important to develop an industry case for postponement of the ACF’s milestone targets.

ZEV Milestone Schedule by group and year:

Percentage of vehicles that must be zero-emission	10%	25%	50%	75%	100%
Milestone Group 1: Box trucks, vans, 2-axle buses, yard trucks, light-duty package delivery vehicles	2025	2028	2031	2033	2035
Milestone Group 2: Work trucks, day cab tractors, 3-axle buses	2027	2030	2033	2036	2039
Milestone Group 3: Sleeper cab tractors and specialty vehicles	2030	2033	2036	2039	2042

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CFFA PARTNERING WITH ZENITH INSURANCE TO HOST HEAT ILLNESS AND ATV SAFETY TRAINING IN SELMA NEXT WEEK

The California Fresh Fruit Association is partnering with Zenith Insurance to host a Heat Illness and All-Terrain Vehicle Safety Training in Selma. The seminar will be held in-person and be

offered in English and Spanish. A complimentary lunch will be provided.

Heat illness is a serious concern for employees working outside and in environments with high temperatures as the harvest season prepares to get underway. Each of the trainings will provide managers, supervisors, and foremen with best practices to prevent employee heat illness and incidences involving ATV's.

To participate in the session, please see the information below.

Selma
Date: Wednesday, May 17
Time: English and Spanish held concurrently – 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Location: The Swan Court Conference Center, 2950 Pea Soup Anderson Blvd., Selma, CA 93662
To register, please visit (<http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=tcpx4zdab&oeidk=a07ejq3csmb1bb70659>)
To see the informational flyer, please visit (<https://files.constantcontact.com/35cbbf3f001/e658ac8f-adbf-4460-9f9a-f48ac7498f42.png>)

For questions, please contact Director of Membership & Communications Courtney Razor (crazor@cafreshfruit.com).



RURAL HOSPITAL AID BILL AWAITS GOVERNOR NEWSOM'S SIGNATURE

On May 4, the Legislature unanimously passed budget trailer bill AB 112, which authorizes \$150 million for the Distressed Hospital Loan Program. The legislative action was spurred by the closure of Madera Community Hospital in December 2022 and concerns about the financial viability of other rural hospitals. AB 112 also follows efforts by Fresno Assemblywoman Esmeralda Soria, who authored AB 412 to provide a similar relief program, which CFFA supported. Earlier this year, CFFA took the lead among a business and agriculture coalition in calling upon the state to address the ongoing public health crisis affecting rural hospitals in the Central Valley.

AB 112 now awaits Governor Newsom's signature and will go into effect immediately. For more information, please contact Adam Borchard (aborchard@cafreshfruit.com).

CFFA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING SET FOR JUNE 13

As a reminder the next CFFA Board of Directors Meeting is set for Tuesday, June 13. The meeting will take place at the Association office and will begin at 9 a.m. For more information or to RSVP, please contact Courtney Razor (crazor@cafreshfruit.com).



RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP TODAY!

The Association would like to thank each of our members for their continued support of the organization. March 1, 2023 was the beginning of CFFA's new fiscal year and each member should have received a renewal notice in the mail. It is the goal of the Association to retain all of our member companies, as you are each vital to the success of the California fresh fruit industry.

It is our sincere desire that you and your company continue to experience the value of your CFFA membership!

Please reach out to Director of Member Services & Communications Courtney Razor (crazor@cafreshfruit.com) with any questions or concerns regarding your membership.



BIOLOGICAL SUMMIT SET FOR JUNE 20-21 IN SALINAS
Western Growers in partnership with Wharf42 are hosting a biological summit on June 20 and 21, 2023, in Salinas.

The event has been designed to provide growers, consultants, entrepreneurs, and policymakers with a detailed overview of biological research and development. The Summit will feature keynote speakers, panel discussions and targeted breakouts. To learn more about Biological Summit, please visit (<https://www.salinas-summit.com/>).

