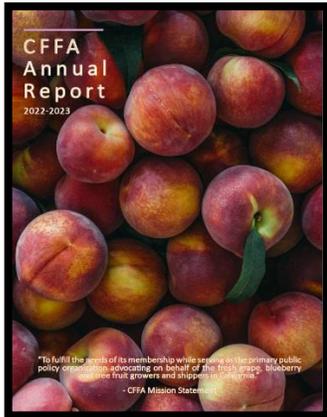


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CCFA RELEASES 2022-23 ANNUAL REPORT



The Association is pleased to announce the release of its 2022-23 Annual Report. The publication highlights the key areas of focus that CFFA leadership and staff took part in over the last fiscal year. It is the hope that membership continues to see value in the advocacy efforts the Association has focused on to ensure the success of the California fresh fruit industry for years to come.

The CFFA Board of Directors and staff will continue to strive to provide the highest level of support to our members throughout the 2023-24 fiscal year.

To access the 2022-23 Annual Report, please [click here](#).

If you wish to receive a hard copy version, please contact the CFFA office at (559) 226-6330.

For questions, contact Courtney Razor at (559) 226-6330 or crazor@cafreshfruit.com

SGMA PROBATIONARY HEARINGS

On June 21, the State Water Resources Control Board presented its timeline for holding probationary hearings for the six critically overdrafted, high-priority groundwater basins that the Department of Water Resources (DWR) determined to have inadequate groundwater sustainability plans (GSPs) under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). Board staff pointed to declining groundwater aquifer levels, the impacts to domestic drinking water wells, continued subsidence, and infrastructure damage as the basis for the order and timing of the hearings. A draft report of Tulare Lake's deficiencies is expected in August, followed by Tule's in September.

High priority:

1. Tulare Lake – December 2023
2. Tule – January 2024
3. Kaweah – March 2024
4. Kern – April 2024

Lower priority:

5. Delta-Mendota – September 2024
6. Chowchilla – October 2024

The State Water Board staff also described the steps that inadequate basins will need to take to exit probation. These steps include: revisions to the GSPs to address the deficiencies identified by DWR, technical meetings by the local agencies with Board staff, Board staff review, Board-DWR coordination, and a formal decision by the State Water Board. The SGMA basins can be located on DWR's SGMA at (https://sgma.water.ca.gov/webgis/index.jsp?jsonfile=https%3a%2f%2fsgma.water.ca.gov%2fportal%2fresources%2fjs%2fmapc_onfigs%2fGsaMaster.js). For more information, please contact Director of Government and Public Policy, Adam Borchard (aborchard@cafreshfruit.com).

USDA EXTENDS DISASTER FUNDING



Funding Available to Help Restore Lands to Pre-Disaster Condition, Replace or Repair Fencing

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has extended the deadline for accepting [Emergency Conservation Program](#) (ECP) applications from California agricultural producers who need assistance to address damages from severe storms. The application deadline has been extended an additional six months to **October 13, 2023**.

Visit www.fsa.usda.gov to learn more.

Conservation concerns that were present on the land prior to the disaster are not eligible for ECP assistance.

FSA EMERGENCY RELIEF PHASE 2 AND PANDEMIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM WEBINAR SET FOR WEDNESDAY JUNE 28



Farmers and Ranchers are encouraged to join your local Farm Service Agency (FSA) office staff for an educational webinar covering the Pandemic Assistance Program and Emergency Relief Program Phase 2. Farm Service Agency staff from offices in Fresno, Madera, Merced, Monterey, San Benito, Stanislaus, and Tulare Counties will be available during this time.

The Pandemic Assistance Revenue Program (PARP) will assist eligible producers of agricultural commodities who experienced revenue decreases in calendar year 2020 compared to 2018 or 2019 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. PARP will help address gaps in previous pandemic assistance, which was targeted at price loss or lack of market access, rather than overall revenue losses.

ERP Phase 2 is a tax year-based certification program that will provide aid to producers who suffered a loss in revenue due to necessary expenses associated with losses of eligible crops (excluding crops intended for grazing), due in whole or in part, to a qualifying disaster event that occurred in the 2020 or 2021 calendar year.

The Webinar will take place on Wednesday, June 28, 2023, at 10 a.m. Please RSVP to Jeffrey.Sledd@usda.gov.

To Access the meeting please Join:

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING RECAP

On Tuesday, June 13, the CFFA Board of Directors met at the CFFA office in Fresno. The Board reviewed the 2022/23 fiscal year audit and approved the following new members: **AgPipe Inc.** (Irvine, CA), **Bantle Avocado Farms** (Carlsbad, CA) and **MultiColor Ecological Agriculture, Inc.** (Visalia, CA).

The next Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Thursday, November 2, at the Hotel SLO in San Luis Obispo, CA. For questions, please contact Director of Member Services & Communications, Courtney Razor (czrazor@cafreshfruit.com).



SAFE FRESH FRUIT WEBSITE FOCUSING ON FOOD SAFETY IS NOW LIVE

The Association is pleased to announce the launch of www.safefreshfruit.com as part of the strategic partnership with **George Nikolich Consulting, Inc.** This new food safety website is

sponsored by the California Fresh Fruit Association and is meant to serve as a collaborative forum for members to participate in.

The Association is committed to the principle that food safety is not a competitive issue and should not be levered for that purpose. Through the sharing of experiences, expertise, knowledge and ideas, the mission of this website is to support the California fresh fruit industry in its effort to reduce food safety risks and supply consumers with safe, wholesome fresh fruits.

Please encourage your food safety staff to visit the website. For questions, please contact George Nikolich (george@safefreshfruit.com) or Ian LeMay (ilemay@cafreshfruit.com).

ACTING SECRETARY OF LABOR RELEASES STATEMENT ON THE TENTATIVE AGREEMENT REACHED BETWEEN INTERNATIONAL LONGSHORE AND WAREHOUSE UNION, AND THE PACIFIC MARITIME ASSOCIATION

On June 14, Acting U.S. Secretary of Labor Julie Su issued a statement on a tentative agreement that was reached between the leaders of the International Longshore and Warehouse Union (ILWU) and the Pacific Maritime Association (PMA).

The statement by Acting Secretary Su read, "This afternoon, the leaders of the International Longshore and Warehouse Union and the Pacific Maritime Association reached a tentative agreement covering 22,000 workers and 29 West Coast ports, demonstrating once again that collective bargaining — though sometimes difficult — works.

"Thanks to the hard work and perseverance of the leadership of the ILWU and the PMA, the tentative agreement delivers important stability for workers, for employers and for our country's supply chain. This important milestone is welcome news to all, and on behalf of President Biden, we are pleased to congratulate both parties on what they have achieved."

The Association will continue to be engaged and will inform CFFA members of any updates as they become available.

For additional questions, please contact Director of Trade, Caroline Stringer at cstringer@cafreshfruit.com.

CFFA OFFICE CLOSED FOR THE FOURTH OF JULY

In observance of the Fourth of July holiday, the Association's office will be closed on Tuesday, July 4. The office will reopen on Wednesday, July 5. We wish all of our members a safe and happy holiday!

