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AG AND NATURAL RESOURCE DAY A SUCCESS

Inaugural Lake County Ag Day welcomes 1000 local students to Fairgrounds



Sheep shearing demonstration by Kaos Sheep Outfit



P: Sharon Whitaker



Students learn about carrots



Garton Tractor and Holdenried Harvesting



Photo by Sharon Whitaker



PG&E Electrical Board demonstration

The inaugural Lake County Ag and Natural Resource Day took place on March 16, 2017. Around 1,000 local students from kindergarten through sixth grade attended the event which allowed classrooms to explore the various exhibits around the Fairgrounds.

Nearly 50 educational booths, livestock exhibits and activities were present for interaction. These included farm implements and tractors from Holdenried Harvesting and Garton Tractor, vintage farm equipment from Ely State Stop, booths from local county agencies, clubs and non-profits, agricultural activities from local growers and livestock demonstrations.

The event also featured art and essay contests encouraging students to discuss agriculture and natural resources under the theme "Lake County: Then and Now."

The event was a collaboration effort between the Lake County Fair Foundation, Lake County Farm Bureau, UCCE 4-H, Lake County Office of Education, Umpqua Bank and was spear-headed by Lake County Fair CEO Debbie Strickler.

Event organizers are planning for next year's event which will take place on March 15, 2018 with the theme "Bounty of the County." Please contact Brenna at the Lake County Farm Bureau if you wish to participate in 2018!

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We hope to see you all at Celebration 2017: 94th Annual Meeting and Love of the Land dinner on June 29th! This event is an opportunity to visit with the agricultural community and enjoy Lake County wine, a delicious BBQ dinner and an exciting Dessert Auction! The Annual Meeting is our primary fundraiser for the LCFB Scholarship and other youth-focused programs. The event also helps raise money for the Kelseyville FFA program who provide us with our tri-tip dinner. You should be receiving your invitations; please RSVP before June 22 and contact the office if you are interested in becoming a sponsor for the event!

Lake County Farm Bureau has been active throughout the winter months advocating for the preservation of agricultural land in the county's new cannabis ordinance. See page 15 for more information.

Mt Konocti Winery is hosting two trainings for Farm Bureau members! Heat Illness training in English and Spanish will be on May 24th and Forklift Training will be on June 26th also in English and Spanish. Both trainings are provided by Basi Insurance. More information can be found on page 7.

Thank you for your continued membership with the Lake County Farm Bureau! We look forward to seeing you in June!

Welcome new 2017 members!!

ET AL Wines

Scenes from Lake County

Robert Irwin of Kaos Sheep outfit educates students about sheep and the wool industry at Lake County Ag and Natural Resource Day. Scully Packing, Holdenried Harvesting, Garton Tractor and the Lake County Horse Council were among Lake County Farm Bureau members who attended with equipment, displays and livestock.



Lake County Farm Bureau's Mission Statement

Lake County Farm Bureau strives to protect, promote, and enhance the agricultural industry in Lake County and beyond, through political involvement, education, information and services.

Do you have a story or issue related to agriculture in Lake County and would like to see it published in our newsletter? Contact the office at lcfarmbureau@sbcglobal.net!

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The Lake County Farm Bureau Board of Directors meets the second Wednesday of each month. Contact the office for times and locations.

Thank you for your continued membership!

As one of the most heavily regulated segments of the California economy, Farm Bureau provides more advocacy work than ever before on behalf of local farmers and ranchers, tackling the serious issues that face the agricultural community.

This past year Lake County Farm Bureau has concentrated on many issues that impact your ability to farm:

- Reduced Monitoring advocacy to reduce additional regulatory burden of the Irrigated Lands Program
- Working for protection of agricultural land in framework of new cannabis laws
- Free and low-cost training for Farm Bureau members and their employees
- Collaboration with County Water Resources in implementation of SGMA
- Providing educational events for youth and the public.

If something comes up locally, Lake County Farm Bureau works to make sure the issue is covered and your voice is heard!

The California Farm Bureau Federation works tirelessly to monitor legislative developments in Sacramento and advocates in your behalf on policy issues. The American Farm Bureau Federation engages in Washington, D.C. to work federal agricultural

policies and programs to the benefit of all states.

In December, the state delegation of farmers from all around California voted to increase California Farm Bureau Federation dues to keep up with overhead and ensure that CFBF continues to be at the forefront of state legislative issues. This dues increase will maintain the excellent legal advice available to all members, keep staff at the State Capitol to continue their outreach to legislators and ensure the organization's strength. In response, the Board of Directors of Lake County Farm Bureau have determined that a dues increase is necessary to sustain our organization's local operations, and to continue to add value to your membership.

Beginning on May 1st, renewals of Ag memberships will go from \$125 to \$175 annually. We realize that an increase in anything these days may not be welcome news, but your local Farm Bureau is making a commitment to our collective future by staying engaged, involved and vocal. We encourage you to continue to be a member of Farm Bureau as the value of your membership is paid many times over through advocacy on the local, state and national level. Now, more than ever, we're there for you! On behalf of the Board of Directors, thank you for your continued membership.



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Dates and Events, May/June 2017

- **May 11:** Article 72 Cannabis hearing, Planning Commission. 10am
- **May 13-14:** Mother's Day Camp-out with the Lake County Horse Council, Cowboy Camp
- **May 23:** Northern California mid-year meeting
- **May 24:** Heat Illness Training, Mt. Konocti Winery
- **May 25:** Article 72 Cannabis hearing, Planning Commission, 9:05am
- **May 27:** Lake County Wine Adventure
- **June 3:** Lakeport Sprint Boat Grand Prix, Library Park
- **June 11:** Fiesta of the Horse, Rancho de la Fuente
- **June 18:** Beer, Wine and Swine Bacon Fest.
- **June 22:** CAPCA ED, Sacramento
- **June 26:** Forklift Training, Mt Konocti Winery
- **June 29:** *Celebration 2017; Annual Meeting and Love of the Land Dinner; Cole Creek Equestrian Center.*

Local Ag Directory: Useful Numbers and Websites

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Are you getting LCFB email updates?



Lake County Farm Bureau regularly emails members with important information about trainings, events and meetings that sometimes get scheduled between newsletter printings. There are email addresses that are out of date in our system and a number of members who failed to provide an email when they signed up. We will continue to print important information in the newsletter, but don't miss out on the latest information by email!

If you have not been getting Lake County Farm Bureau emails, please contact Brenna at the office at lcfarmbureau@sbcglobal.net or 263-0911. Thank you!

IRRIGATED LANDS PROGRAM UPDATE

Growers Assessed Penalties for Failure to Obtain Water Quality Permits

The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board approved penalties for growers in Fresno, Madera, Merced, Stanislaus and Tulare counties who failed to obtain regulatory coverage, or failed to submit required farm evaluations that identify management practices that prevent pollution into surface and groundwater. Penalties ranged from \$8,135 to \$34,490.

“Farmers who fail to obtain regulatory coverage or don’t submit required management practice reports undermine our Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program,” said Andrew Altevogt, assistant executive officer for the Central Valley Water Board. “With these penalties, the Board is sending a strong message that growers must obtain the appropriate permit coverage and coalition members must honor their reporting obligations. The number of penalties assessed demonstrates the Board’s commitment to obtaining compliance with Board orders.”

State law requires commercial irrigated lands to acquire water quality permits to ensure pesticides and fertilizers used on cropland do not run off into streams, or enter groundwater. The permits allow growers to join coalitions that conduct monitoring and provide reports to the Board on behalf of the growers. The permits require coalition members to annually submit a farm evaluation that identifies pollution management practices, surface water discharge points, wellhead protection and other information pertinent to water quality protection. The penalties approved during the Feb. 23 Board meeting were assessed to five growers who failed to obtain permit coverage, and three growers who failed to provide farm evaluations.

The Central Board has set their sites on the Sacramento Valley for operations not enrolled or delinquent in their Farm Evaluations. If you are not enrolled, please contact the Lake County Farm Bureau office ASAP to get coverage.

Sacramento Valley releases Draft 2016 Water Quality Sampling Results

Larry Walker and Associates recently released a draft version of the Sacramento Valley’s 2016 water quality sampling results. Samples were collected throughout the year for the Coalition. The October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016, monitoring year was characterized by above-average precipitation during the months of January, March, and April, and below-average precipitation during all other months. The two sample collection periods include the monitoring period from October 2015 to March 2016 and the Coalition Irrigation Season from April 2016 through September 2016.

In the entire Sacramento Valley Watershed, statistically significant toxicity was not observed in any of the individual toxicity results analyzed in either sediment or water column. Only one registered pesticide (chlorpyrifos) exceeded applicable water quality objectives or ILRP Trigger Limits in one monitoring sample. Approximately 70% of samples collected had no detected pesticides, and more than 97.5% of all pesticide results were below detection .

Both Middle Creek and McGaugh Slough (Lake County’s monitoring sites) had exceedances in dissolved oxygen, pH and e coli. However, Larry Walker & Assoc. found that these exceedances are likely not linked to agriculture and were caused primarily by low flows, stagnant conditions, or extensive submerged aquatic vegetation in some cases.

To summarize, the results from the ILRP monitoring in 2016 continue to indicate that with few exceptions, there are no major water quality problems with agricultural discharges in the Sacramento River Basin. Pesticides were infrequently detected (~2.3% of all pesticide results for 2016 were detected), and rarely exceeded applicable objectives. The majority of exceedances continue to consist of conductivity, dissolved oxygen, and E. coli. These parameters are primarily controlled by natural processes and sources that are not controllable by agricultural management practices.

The SVWQC continues working hard to tell the Sacramento Valley’s story to Regional Board staff. This, coupled with Lake County’s positive inspection results of the winter, will hopefully lead to more opportunities to reduce regulatory burden.

Lake County Farm Bureau Spring Trainings:

Heat Illness Training , May 24

Mt Konocti Winery, 2550 Big Valley Road, Kelseyville

7:00am –9:00am or 10:00am to noon

Heat Illness Prevention Training will be provided at Mt. Konocti Winery by Basi Insurance on May 24, 2017. There will be two sessions available: one starting at 7:00am and one starting at 10:00am. The class will be taught in both English and Spanish.

Cost: \$25 per employee for Farm Bureau members
\$50 for non-Farm Bureau members

To RSVP: Contact the Lake County Farm Bureau office by **May 22** and give names of employees or supervisors attending the training.
(707) 263-0911 or lcfarmbureau@sbcglobal.net.
Checks can be brought to the training and are made payable to 'Lake County Farm Bureau'

Did you know?...

California employers are required to take these four steps to prevent heat illness:

- 1.Training - All employees and supervisors must be trained on heat illness prevention***
- 2.Water - Provide water at no charge***
- 3.Shade - Provide access to shade and encourage employees to use it.***
- 4.Planning - Develop and implement written procedures for complying with the Cal/ OSHA Heat Illness Prevention Standard.***

Forklift Training ~ June 26th

Mt. Konocti Winery 2550 Big Valley Rd. Kelseyville

7:00-9:00 am or 10am-noon

Cost: Free for Farm Bureau members*
\$50 for non-members

This training is being provided in both English and Spanish; classes will be provided concurrently.

To RSVP: Please contact Brenna Sullivan at the Lake County Farm Bureau at (707) 263-0911 or lcfarmbureau@sbcglobal.net with names of your employees attending the training by **June 20, 2017**. When you RSVP please state which employees are getting re-certified and which employees are being trained for the first time.

* Forklift Training is being provided for free for Farm Bureau members and their employees through a grant California Community College Chancellor's Office that supports agriculture both in educational pathways as well as workforce development.



Ag Department trapping Program for European Grapevine Moth and Vine Mealy Bug

In 2017, the Agricultural Commissioner's office will be placing traps in vineyards for two important pests, European Grapevine Moth and Vine Mealybug.

In August 2016, the European Grapevine Moth was declared eradicated and all quarantines in California were eliminated. The European Grapevine Moth, *Lobesia botrana*, is a serious pest of grapes, causing significant damage to the flowers and berries of grapevines. This year, traps will be placed in vineyards for the European Grapevine Moth as part of a statewide survey requested by the California Department of Food & Agriculture. This program will run from April 2017 through the end of August 2017. The Agricultural Commissioner's office would like to ask for your cooperation in assisting our staff with the survey this year. Our staff will need to access vineyards throughout the county. If you have locked/coded gates please contact our office.

The Vine Mealybug is a small insect that can cause severe economic damage in grapes. This pest has been previously detected in the county and is still present in some locations throughout the county. The spread of this pest can present long term pest control issues. The Agricultural Commissioner's office will be placing a limited number of traps throughout the county to monitor for this pest. This program will run from May 2017 through the end of October 2017. Grape growers are highly encouraged to place traps within their own vineyards for Vine Mealybug. At the end of the trapping season, personally placed traps can be brought into the Agricultural Commissioner's office to be inspected by staff members. Vine Mealybug traps can be purchased through Ag Unlimited. The approximate cost is \$5.53 per trap/lure.

For more information or if you have locked or coded gates please contact the Agricultural Commissioner's office at (707) 263-0217.

From Washington: EPA Reveals Options for Revised CWA WOTUS Rule

At an April 19 meeting with state and local government organizations, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Corps of Engineers water officials floated options for crafting a revised Clean Water Act (CWA) jurisdiction rule over "waters of the United States" (WOTUS) using the late Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia's narrower test for jurisdiction in *Rapanos v. United States*. This including developing a new definition of WOTUS to replace the one promulgated in the Obama Administration Clean Water Rule (aka WOTUS rule).

The April 19 meeting was a Federalism consultation with local and state governments under Executive Order 13132 – Federalism, and was the Trump Administration's initial effort to reach out on rescinding or revising the WOTUS rule. President Trump issued his Executive Order in February that says EPA and the Army Corps of Engineers should look at rescinding or revising the WOTUS rule and "consider" basing a new jurisdiction rule on Scalia's test.

EPA and the Corps stated in the meeting that they were planning a two-step process in replacing the Obama WOTUS rule: Step 1 – Notice a rulemaking to rescind the Obama WOTUS rule and re-promulgate the 1986 rule, including the 2003 and 2008 (Bush-era) guidance that was superseded by WOTUS; and Step 2 – Notice a rulemaking to craft a new WOTUS2 rule consistent with Scalia's test that says CWA jurisdiction should be limited to "relatively permanent" waters that share a "continuous surface connection" with navigable waters. EPA asked for comments and other ideas from the group before June 19 (the 60-day comment period as provided under the Federalism EO).

During the meeting, state and local groups, including the Environmental Council of the States, Association of Clean Water Administrators, U.S. Conference of Mayors, Council of State Governments and National and Western Governors' Associations (among about 20 others) emphasized a need for the rule to provide clarity and direction on implementation, and to clearly restate and explain the exemptions to regulation provided by the CWA itself.

Below are a list of bills CFBF is currently watching:
Labor Mandate: AB 5 (Lorena Gonzalez-Fletcher, D-San Diego) requires employers of 10+ employees to offer additional hours of work to existing hourly wage employees before hiring more or subcontractors. Does not require you to offer jobs to existing workers if it involves overtime. Requires employers to maintain documentation that many hours worked by a newly hired employee or subcontractor were first offered to existing employees. It is enforceable by civil lawsuits. CFBF opposes.

Labor: Essentially, forbids employers from cooperating with immigration enforcement authorities. AB 450 (Chiu, D-San Francisco). Mandates employers seek search warrants and subpoenas from federal immigration officials seeking employee related records, or wishing to enter your place of business. There are many other employer requirements in the bill. CFBF fears that requiring federal immigration authorities to have search warrants and subpoenas will make inspections much more onerous. CFBF opposes.

Natural Resources: SB 506 (Nielsen, R-Gerber) would require the Dept. of Fish and Wildlife to update its information on its website regarding Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement program to provide information that is more clear to the public regarding compliance. CFBF supports.

Food Waste: AB 1219 (Eggman, D-Stockton), is intended to get more food donated to those in need, instead of going to landfills. Food waste is the largest component in landfills at 5.5 million tons per year. Much of it wholesome and edible, but food manufacturers, retailers, and restaurants cite liability fears as a top barrier to donating food. CFBF supports.

Lake County CWA News

The Lake County Chapter of the California Women for Agriculture has been busy gearing up for the eighth year of AgVenture. Lake County Farm Bureau Executive Director Brenna Sullivan will be the program coordinator for 2017. The Steering Committee has invited a diverse list of county staff members, local leaders and legislators to take part in the four-session educational event.

LCCWA have also picked recipients for their 2017 scholarship. The LCCWA has pledged \$6000 to educational scholarships in 2017 that are open to graduating seniors and college students pursuing an agricultural field.

If you are interested in joining LCCWA, please visit their website at <http://www.lakecountycwa.org/>

Interested in becoming a Board member?

There are positions open on the Lake County Farm Bureau's Board of Directors for the 2017-2018 year. The Annual Meeting on June 29th marks the beginning of the term for officers and directors.

The director positions are open to voting (agricultural members) in good standing with the Lake County Farm Bureau. Board meetings are once a month with minimal time commitments outside of committees or special events. If you are interested in becoming a director, the office is happy to provide information and get you in contact with the nominating committee.

WHAT THE LCFB HAS BEEN DOING FOR YOU



March 7: Cannabis hearing
March 16: Lake County Ag and Natural Resource Day
March 20: Submittal of Lake County Reduced Monitoring Report
March 27: Sac Valley Water Quality Meeting, Yolo County
March 29: CPR training, Big Valley Grange

April 7: Tactical Advisory Committee meeting, cannabis
April 4: Consultation with Sac Valley Water Quality Coalition re:
April 24-26: Northern California Manager's Conference, Sonoma County
May 1: Conference call; Colusa County Farm Bureau re; cannabis regulations

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One head of lettuce
One beet
Half onion
Parsley
Mint, a good handful of each
One Peach
Chevito
Fava beans, about a dozen
Tuscan Olive Oil
Balsamic Vinegar
Seasoned
Rice Wine
Vinegar
Salt and Pepper



DIRECTIONS

Dice the beet and onion and place in small bowl. Sprinkle with salt and pepper and cover with rice wine vinegar. Let sit while you prepare the remainder of the recipe. Dice the peach and set aside. Crumble about 1/3 cup of Chevito, set aside. Shell the fava beans and set aside. Wash and tear the lettuce into bite size pieces and place in serving bowl. For the parsley, tear leaves from stems and place in serving bowl. For the mint, pull the leaves from the stems and stack. Roll them up and cut crosswise so that they are in thin strips. Place in serving bowl. Dress the lettuce/herb mix with about 1/4 cup of olive oil, 1-1/2 T. of balsamic vinegar and a splash of rice wine vinegar. Sprinkle with salt and pepper to taste. Drain the pickled beets and onions, and toss into serving bowl along with peach and Chevito.

**Thank you to Lake County Farmer's Finest for the recipe!
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California Fuel Tax and Agriculture



The Fuel Tax & Vehicle Fees increases (SB 1- Jim Beall, D-San Jose) passed the legislature and was signed by the governor on April 28. Diesel fuel tax will be increased 20-cents/gallon and gasoline 12-cents/gallon, with annual inflation adjusters after 2020. It also raises sales and use surtax from 1.75% to 5.75% on diesel fuel. Vehicle fees will be based on vehicle's value ranging up to \$175 per vehicle. The increased fees will be used to repair California's roads and bridges, and fund mass transit.

The bill was supported in testimony by Transportation California, a business and labor group; the California Trucking Assn.; and the League of California Cities. Opponents citing its added cost include the National Federation of Independent Business/California, the California Farm Bureau and the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Assn.

The bill has provisions regarding the Truck and Bus rule, where owners would have to be confirmed in compliance with the rule before registration and transfer of ownership. Problems with the CARB database and lack of CARB staff to help have made this a big issue for many farmers. The California Trucking Association received a longer commercial truck life relief from CARB to support the bill.

CFBF is seeking another opportunity to register with CARB so ag vehicles can be kept until 2023. Currently trucks can only drive 15,000 miles annually, it will drop to 10,000 miles in 2020. CFBF also asked that "Low-Use" be kept at 5,000 miles permanently. It is scheduled to drop to 1,000 miles in 2020.

Fuel tax increases are expected to be transferred to higher costs for retail goods.

Farm Bureau announces O'Reilly Auto Parts Discounts for Members

New savings on automotive and equipment parts have become available to Farm Bureau members in California, through a benefit with O'Reilly Auto Parts.

Effective May 1, Farm Bureau members can save between 5 percent and 20 percent from O'Reilly Auto Parts on select parts they use every day, such as brake pads and rotors, filters, batteries, belts, hoses and many other commonly replaced parts. O'Reilly Auto Parts offers a wide selection of automotive, fleet and heavy-duty parts to cover every piece of equipment on a farm or ranch.

The discount may be applied at more than 500 O'Reilly Auto Parts stores in California, by presenting a Farm Bureau membership card and using the California Farm Bureau account number. Members can obtain the account number by calling their local county Farm Bureau office or via the member help line at 800-698-3276. The discount may also be applied to online orders at O'Reilly's professional customer website, firstcallonline.com, by Farm Bureau members who have established an account at their local O'Reilly Auto Parts store.

The Farm Bureau benefit includes free delivery within 5 miles of a local O'Reilly Auto Parts store and free access to firstcallonline.com for parts look-up and ordering, vehicle specs, technical service bulletin documents and more. O'Reilly Auto Parts offers cash on delivery, daily charge, weekly charge and monthly charge accounts, depending on a customer's individual needs.

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CDFA Releases Draft Regulations on Medical Cannabis Cultivation Program

The California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) released proposed regulations for the state medical cannabis cultivation and licensing program.

Release of the draft regulations marks the official start of a 45-day public comment period provided under California law. All interested parties are encouraged to submit comments about the proposed regulations to CalCannabis, the branch of CDFA that is overseeing the cannabis cultivation regulatory framework.

There is currently budget trailer bill language designed to align the Medical Cannabis Safety and Regulation Act with Proposition 64, the Adult Use of Marijuana Act. If that bill passes, these proposed regulations will be withdrawn and a new set of regulations will be proposed that is consistent with changes in the law. However, public comments on the published regulations are still very important, as many of the provisions in the licensing regulations will carry over to new regulations if the trailer bill passes.

CalCannabis is preparing to accept applications for state cannabis cultivation licenses beginning January 1, 2018.

For more information and updates on California's cannabis cultivation licensing program, please visit CalCannabis at cannabis.cdfa.ca.gov

To Comment:

Public hearings:

Thursday, May 25, 2017, 1pm-3pm
Ukiah Convention Center, Cabernet Room
200 South School Street, Ukiah, CA

Wednesday, June 14, 2017, 1pm-3pm
California Department of Food and Agriculture Auditorium
1220 N Street, Sacramento, CA

Email Comments

Write in the email subject line: Comments on Medical Cannabis Cultivation Regulations
Address the email to: CalCannabisRegs@cdfa.ca.gov

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California Department of Food and Agriculture
CalCannabis Cultivation Licensing
Proposed Medical Cannabis Regulations
Attn: Rachele Kennedy
1220 N Street, Suite 400
Sacramento, CA 95814

Lake County Cannabis Ordinance Update

Following recommendations from the Board of Supervisors, two cannabis-related items have been scheduled before the Planning Commission:

May 11, 2017

10:00 A.M.

Consideration of a proposed Resolution of intent to amend Article 72 to allow the outdoor cultivation of medical cannabis in "RL" and to create a certification of compliance process for cannabis cultivation.

May 25, 2017

9:05 A.M.

Consideration of proposed amendments to Article 72 to amend certain definitions, allow outdoor cultivation in "RL" and create the certification of compliance process for cannabis cultivation

The Lake County Planning Department is currently proposing to open up Article 72 (which limited cannabis production to 20 acres on zoned A with a residence) to Rural Lands. Cannabis growers would then self-certify that they are following all provisions set forth in Article 72.

Following certification, the Planning Department would pick top candidates for a pilot program to test the new ordinance. The Planning Department is hoping to have an ordinance written by November.

It is **critically important** to have agriculture represented at the upcoming Planning Commission and Board of Supervisor meetings. Please call the Lake County Farm Bureau office at 263-0911 if you have any questions.



Safe Storage of Pallets and Bins

The following information is provided by Nationwide, the #1 farm insurer in the U.S

Indoor storage of stacked idle pallets and bin boxes presents one of the greatest challenges to sprinkler systems because it creates an ideal arrangement for the rapid spread of fire.

Managers often look at indoor pallet storage from an operational efficiency perspective and don't recognize that this practice can easily overcome typical automatic sprinkler systems. The result can be devastating to a business, including potential production interruption and total loss of a building. Wood pallets and bins dry out quickly, which makes them susceptible to catching fire with a relatively small ignition source. When combined with a high heat release rate and a large amount of built-in air space, fire can develop rapidly.

Controlling or extinguishing such a fire is especially difficult because the undersides of pallets and bins are shielded from the discharge of automatic sprinklers, preventing water from reaching the base of the fire. High piling considerably increases both the challenge to sprinklers and the probability of involving a large number of pallets or bins in the event of a fire. To avoid fire hazards, Nationwide recommends storing idle pallets and bins outside or in a detached structure. Do not store them in non-sprinklered warehouses containing other stock of significant value. The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 13 Standard for the Installation of Sprinkler Systems details the following guidelines for pallets or bins stacked on the floor of buildings equipped with typical automatic sprinkler systems (control mode density-area systems):

Wood pallets and bins: Stack no more than 6 feet high. Each pallet pile of no more than 4 stacks should be separated from other piles by at least 8 feet of clear space or 25 feet of commodity.

Plastic pallets and bins: Stack no more than 4 feet high. Each pallet pile of no more than 2 stacks should

be separated from other piles by at least 8 feet of clear space or 25 feet of commodity. Protection should employ high-temperature-rated sprinklers.

Read a full-length article on myNSightOnline.com to view tables detailing recommended clearance of stored idle pallets and bins or to learn more about pallet management in the food industry.

MyNSightOnline.com features a growing library of risk management and safety articles. Nationwide customers have broader online access to additional risk management tools, resources, training and workers' compensation information developed specifically for farmers and ranchers. Simply visit farm.nationwideagribusiness.com to log in or click 'Sign up for account access.' For help signing up, contact the Farm Service Center at 1-800-418-3188.



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An Important Change in Injury Reporting

By: Aaron Canez, Basi Insurance

The California State Division of Workers' Compensation Insurance Rating Bureau (WCIRB) has amplified its regulations regarding the notification of injuries (WCIRB Bulletin No. 2016-25). **California Labor Code 6409** was amended and put into service as of 01 January 2017. **THIS IS IMPORTANT.**

BEFORE

An employer was required to submit a report of an injury that resulted in lost time beyond the date of that injury. **HOWEVER**, the injured employee could be sent to a medical clinic for treatment, if necessary. The employer would pay cash for the medical services and not have to submit a claim to their Workers' Compensation (WC) insurer. This ensured that the employer's modification rating would not be impacted. The employee would be 'sent home' for the duration necessary for recovery and all would be fine. No documentation needed.

AS OF 01 JANUARY 2017

THE ATTENDING MEDICAL PERSON is now **required** to submit a report [CA DIR Form 5021 (8CCR14003)] for **ANY** treatment given to an on-the-job, injured employee. It will not matter whether the employee is hospitalized, sent home for recovery or sent back to work. The medical facility has five days to submit the report. Not doing so will place them in violation of Labor Code 6409.1(b), with an assessment of "...not less than \$5000.00".

THE EMPLOYER is also obligated to make a similar report. This will include any treatment considered 'First Aid' rendered at the worksite. The key: COST.

A Band-Aid, costing thirty cents is equal to a broken arm costing \$800. For the WCIRB, there is no difference. The gist is that small medical (clinic visit) and first aid are equal for statistical purposes (Labor Code 5401(a)). What needs to be reported (also within five days) is the cost of whatever treatment given. Not doing so will incur the wrath (and \$5000 penalty) of the WCIRB.

Whether the employer pays cash for an employee injury or submits a claim to their WC insurer is irrelevant. The WCIRB wants the numbers. In my lifetime, I have never known a farm to be

accident free. OK. If WCIRB wants info, then, give them info. Submit your injury reports via your WC insurer. I am sure the insurance people will be very happy to take on that job.

DOCUMENTATION

Do not forget to record your actions. Write up a Supervisors Incident Report for all injury incidents, no matter how small (8CCR 3203(a)(8); 8CCR 14001 & Labor Code 6058). This action is for your company's and your own protection. If the employee refuses any medical assistance, **WRITE THAT DOWN!** Use the Additional Information section on the Supervisor's Report **AND** have the employee sign that entry.

How this new requirement affects your Mod, we do not know. The important point, out of all of this, is to protect yourself and your business.



After a career in the US Army for over 40 years, Aaron began work as a safety consultant. As a part of the support team, Aaron makes on-site visits to Basi clients to review the workplace facility. Once he has reviewed the site, recommendations are made to assist the client in maintaining OSHA compliance. At the client's request, Aaron will provide job specific training in English and Spanish to be sure all employees are well versed and safe in all areas of their work. Aaron also has extensive background training as a former EMT and firefighter, as well as in chemistry, making it easy for him to find various ways to keep your business safe.





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