



AGRICULTURE & WATER



Have you met California Assemblymember Cecilia Aguiar-Curry? A Co-Chair of the CSG West Agriculture and Water Committee, she will work with Wyoming Senator Brian Boner to facilitate member dialogue and collaborative solutions to issues faced throughout the region. We look forward to supporting the committee's efforts in the coming years.

WHAT DO YOU SEE AS THE EMERGING AGRICULTURE AND WATER ISSUES IN THE WEST?

First, we ask more of our farmers than any other nation in the world. We need to support them as they compete in international markets with those who get more support, and less requirements, from their respective governments. Our domestic requirements should respect this, and our international trade advocacy must reflect this.

I also believe we need to do everything we can to support family farms. As a farmer, I consider everyone in the agricultural industry, large and small, to be a friend. But smaller farmers and those trying to join us in the world of agriculture, find it much harder to navigate government requirements and paperwork, and establish partners and customers across our country and the world. It's our job to help them.

We also need to work to anticipate and address the challenges of climate change. Evolving weather and water conditions threaten to change the way we farm, and even our ability to grow the food we all depend upon. I've been a long supporter of funding for sustainable agriculture, and water-and energy-use efficiency programs.



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WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE PEOPLE TO KNOW ABOUT YOUR DISTRICT?

California is not all Los Angeles and San Francisco. The 4th Assembly district serves almost half a million constituents who reside mostly in small cities and rural communities. We have the world's greatest wines in Napa, Sonoma, Clarksburg, and the Capay Valley. And we are home to many of the world's foremost sustainable and organic farms.

We also are home to one of the world's leaders in agricultural research, viticulture and food sciences at the University of California, Davis. Our Aggies are not only a tremendous source of pride, but the technical assistance we enjoy helps me on much of my legislation and work on policy issues for my district.

Unfortunately, we have also been devastated by wildfires and cycles of drought over the past decade. So, while we have a lot to be proud of, I am most proud of how our people have come together to support each other as we face numerous crises on a regular basis.

WHAT IS ONE THING THAT MOST PEOPLE DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU, BUT WOULD FIND INTERESTING?

I have worked in roles to change sprinkler pipe, picked apricots, cut apricots, worked on tomato harvesters and at a tomato processing plant, and performed numerous roles on our walnut/almond ranch.