

# FRIDAY REVIEW

LEGISLATIVE AND GOVERNMENTAL UPDATE

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## Budget

The Assembly Budget Subcommittee 3 on Climate Crisis, Resources, Energy and Transportation will be meeting on Wednesday, August 18<sup>th</sup>. The agenda has yet to be released but the committee will likely discuss the remaining agricultural climate-related funding to be appropriated in the state's budget process. Staff: Robert Spiegel, [rspiegel@cfbf.com](mailto:rspiegel@cfbf.com) or 916-446-4647.

## Climate Change

The Joint Assembly and Senate Committee on Climate Change policies will be meeting on Tuesday, August 17<sup>th</sup> starting at 1:30pm to discuss an annual update on statewide trends of greenhouse gas emissions. You can listen to the hearing live [here](#). Staff: Robert Spiegel, [rspiegel@cfbf.com](mailto:rspiegel@cfbf.com) or 916-446-4647.

The California Air Resources Board is hosting a workshop on the Draft Cap and Trade Auction Proceeds 4<sup>th</sup> Investment Plan on Thursday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> from 2:30-5pm. The meeting will be held over Zoom and interested parties can register to view the workshop [here](#). The Investment Plan is submitted to the Legislature every three years to guide the investment of Cap-and-Trade auction proceeds and will cover 2022 to 2025. Staff: Robert Spiegel, [rspiegel@cfbf.com](mailto:rspiegel@cfbf.com) or 916-446-4647.

The Senate Appropriations Committee will be hearing two Farm Bureaus opposed climate bills, AB 284 (Robert Rivas, D-Salinas) and AB 1395 (Al Muratsuchi, D-Torrance). AB 284 would require the Air Resources Board, as a part of the next Scoping Plan, to develop climate change goals (carbon sequestration and emissions reductions) for natural and working lands. AB 1395 would increase the state's current emissions target from 40% emissions reductions below 1990 levels by 2030 to 90% emissions reductions below 1990 levels by 2045. It's likely both of these bills will be placed on the suspense calendar due to significant costs and will be heard more substantively at a later date. Staff: Jim Houston, [jhouston@cfbf.com](mailto:jhouston@cfbf.com) or Robert Spiegel, [rspiegel@cfbf.com](mailto:rspiegel@cfbf.com) at 916-446-4647.

## Water

A measure that would require the Department of Conservation to establish a program named the "Multi-benefit Land Repurposing Incentive Program" to provide grants to groundwater sustainability agencies (GSAs), counties, or other specified entities designated by GSAs or counties, is scheduled to be heard in the Senate Governance and Finance Committee on Thursday, August 19<sup>th</sup>. [AB 252](#) (Robert Rivas, D-Hollister) would establish the program to develop or implement local programs supporting multi-benefit land repurposing at the basin scale. Farm Bureau has not positioned on AB 252 but continues actively working with the sponsor and author to address concerns. Farm Bureau opposes

permanent conversion of productive agricultural land to other uses after being idled by SGMA. *Staff: Danny Merkley, [dmerkley@cfbf.com](mailto:dmerkley@cfbf.com) or (916) 446-4647.*

A measure that would provide funding for technical assistance to farmers in critically over drafted groundwater basins will be heard in the Senate Appropriations Committee on Monday, August 16<sup>th</sup>. [AB 350](#) (Carlos Villapudua, D-Stockton) would establish a program at the Department of Food and Agriculture to provide funding for technical assistance providers to help farmers in critically over drafted groundwater basins in the San Joaquin Valley to plan and implement water use efficiencies. Farm Bureau continues to work with the author on amendments to address concerns. *Staff: Danny Merkley, [dmerkley@cfbf.com](mailto:dmerkley@cfbf.com) or (916) 446-4647.*

[SB 559](#), a measure that would provide grant funding for repairs on the Friant-Kern Canal, the State Water Project and the Delta Mendota Canal is scheduled to be heard in the Assembly Appropriations Committee on Thursday, August 19<sup>th</sup>. As previously reported, SB 559 (Melissa Hurtado, D-Sanger), would establish the Canal Conveyance Capacity Restoration Fund to support subsidence repair costs, for the Friant-Kern Canal, the Delta-Mendota Canal and the California Aqueduct. Local and federal funding has also been identified, and the state funds provided in the measure are contingent upon those local and federal funds being provided. Additionally, the State Budget identifies \$200 million in general fund dollars over two years to lessen the total amount needed to be appropriated by the California Legislature. Farm Bureau supports the measure. *Staff: Danny Merkley, [dmerkley@cfbf.com](mailto:dmerkley@cfbf.com) or (916) 446-4647.*