

California Farm Bureau

FRIDAY REVIEW

LEGISLATIVE AND GOVERNMENTAL UPDATE

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Appointments

Craig Scholer, 36, has been appointed Deputy Secretary for Legislative Affairs at the California Environmental Protection Agency. Scholer has been Chief of Staff in the Office of Assemblymember Mark Stone since 2018, where he served in multiple positions from 2012 to 2018, including Legislative Director and Senior Legislative Aide. He was Campaign Manager for Assemblymember Sharon Quirk-Silva and worked for the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors. Scholer is a Democrat.

Crop Protection

The Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) held a Registration Fee Webinar in March to discuss a proposal to increase registration fees for new products and amendments to existing registered products. Details on the proposal were included here, and a video of the webinar is available here. Following public comment, DPR has decided to move forward with registration fee increases. The fee for each application to register a new pesticide product or amend an existing product will remain the same at $1,150 and $25, respectively. The fee for each pesticide products annual renewal will increase to $1,525. As required by statute, DPR will file an emergency regulation on August 10th which will be followed by a five-day public comment period. The emergency regulation will become effective September 1st of this year. Once the emergency regulation is filed next week, Farm Bureau will review and comment. *Staff: Taylor Roschen, troschen@cfbf.com or 916-446-4647.*

The California Department of Food and Agriculture has declared a quarantine in north San Diego County following the detection of the citrus disease, Huanglongbing (HLB) or citrus greening, in two citrus trees on one residential property in the city of Oceanside. The detection will require a mandatory 60-square-mile quarantine area around the find site to restrict the movement of citrus fruit, trees and related plant material. A quarantine prohibits the movement of all citrus nursery stock or plant parts out of the area with exceptions for commercially cleaned and packed fruit. The quarantine area is bordered on the north by Vandergrift Boulevard at Camp Pendleton; on the south by Carlsbad Village Drive in unincorporated San Diego County; on the west by the Pacific Ocean; and on the east by Melrose Drive in Oceanside. HLB quarantine maps for San Diego County are available online here. CDFA staff are scheduling the removal of the infected trees and initiating surveying in a 250-meter radius to detect for HLB-infected trees and a 250-meter radius for finds of its vector, the Asian Citrus Psyllid.
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Livestock

The Department of Food and Agriculture has announced a vacancy on the Cattle Health Advisory Task Force (CHATF), responsible for assisting in the control and management of cattle diseases and

evaluating the effectiveness of cattle health programs. The vacancy is for one member representing cattle research/University extension sector, the veterinary profession or the livestock industry to serve a term of two years. Interested applicants should send a resume by August 31, 2021 via email to anita.Varga@cdfa.ca.gov or by mail to California Department of Food and Agriculture Animal Health Branch; Attn: Dr. Anita Varga 1220 N Street; Sacramento, California 95814.
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