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## SHORT-TERM AND LONG-TERM WATER SUPPLY SOLUTIONS

Water supply solutions are critical for the entire State of California. They are especially important to Riverside County farmers, ranchers, urban residents and for the environment.

California's largest reservoir, the Sierra snow pack, is declining, while California and Riverside County's population continues to grow. For these reasons it is important to expand surface storage as a way to adapt to changing runoff patterns in the Sierra, as well as providing important flood control and stream flow benefits. It is also critical to improve conveyance of water supplies that currently pass through the Delta. Much of the water deliveries coming through the Delta are now reduced by recent court rulings. Additional water storage and improved conveyance solutions are many years off, so short-term solutions must be developed and implemented for the state's economy and the production of healthful food and fiber. It is also a national security issue.

While there are various processes underway with regard to conveyance improvements, specific conveyance proposals are as yet works-in-progress. Farm bureau is actively engaged and will continue to participate in the development of conveyance alternatives to meet statewide and countywide water supply needs, while avoiding or mitigating unacceptable third-party impacts. It is important that we move forward in processes like the Bay Delta Conservation Plan, Delta Vision, on-going water bond negotiations and related implementing legislation where it is now obvious that the Delta is broken and improved conveyance a necessity, not only for the great swath of fertile and productive farmland south of the Delta, but indeed the entire economy of California. Along with an effective, long-term conveyance solution, we want appropriate mitigation measures included to protect in-Delta water quality for the continued beneficial use of agriculture. Also any final conveyance solution should provide assurances that vested water rights will be respected, as well as the concerns of areas of origin with respect to their current uses and future needs. Even in the face of worsening statewide water crisis, California agricultural leaders must not compromise the historic ground and surface water rights that are critical component of the industry's long-term future and continued prosperity.

Farmers and ranchers in California have substantially increased their investment in highly efficient irrigation technology such as drip, micro-sprinkler systems and laser leveling, resulting in increased water use efficiency and dramatically reduced water use per unit of production throughout California. The facts speak for themselves. Between 1967 and 2000, agricultural water use in California was largely static, increasing just 9.6% due primarily to acreage increases – yet the same period saw an 89% increase in production; between 1990 and 2000, the acreage irrigated with drip irrigation systems in California has more than doubled; and, during the three year period from 2004 - 2006, over a half billion dollars was invested in new high-efficiency irrigation systems in the San Joaquin Valley alone.

With a ballooning population and steadily increasing environmental water demands, talking about how to solve the state's water woes without discussing additional storage doesn't make sense. We cannot conserve or recycle our way out of the current water crisis. A comprehensive solution must also include additional water storage along with improved conveyance.

Lastly, there is an urgent need for short-term and near-term solutions. Without such solutions the state and county's economies will continue to suffer devastating economic losses and California's status as a world leader in production of healthful, safe and abundant food and fiber will be quickly eroded. Laws and regulations must be flexible enough to facilitate timely, voluntary, short-term water transfers and near-term operational measures and facilities must be aggressively pursued and implemented on an expedited basis.

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# VOTER GUIDE

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**Tuesday, May 19, 2009**

## 2009 SPECIAL ELECTION

*Recognizing that the stabilization of the state's finances is key to resolving important issues to agriculture, the Riverside County Farm Bureau Board of Directors adopted the following recommendations on statewide ballot measures as a step towards bringing financial stability to the state.*

	YES	NO
<b>Prop 1A – State Finance</b> – Establishes a cap on future spending, increases the amount set aside for the state's rainy day fund and extends the temporary increases to the state income tax, vehicle license fund tax and sales tax as enacted by the State Legislature in budget negotiations.		<b>X</b>
<b>Prop 1B – Education Funding</b> – Provides \$9.3 billion in funding to local school districts and community colleges in lieu of what may be owed under Prop 98 maintenance factors. Enactment of this measure is dependent on passage of Prop 1A.		<b>X</b>
<b>Prop 1C – Lottery Modernization</b> – Expands the lottery to allow the state to borrow \$5 billion from future profits, while protecting existing funding levels for education currently provided by the lottery.	<b>X</b>	
<b>Prop 1D – Services for Children</b> – Temporarily redirects \$608 million in Prop 10 funds, the tobacco tax, to achieve budgetary savings while protecting certain health & human services programs for young children.	<b>X</b>	
<b>Prop 1E – Mental Health Services</b> – Temporarily diverts \$461 million in Prop 63 funds, the 1% personal income tax on millionaires, to achieve budgetary savings while protecting specified mental health programs for children.	<b>X</b>	
<b>Prop 1F – Salary Freeze</b> – Prohibits pay raises for elected state officials, including the governor, state legislature and statewide constitutional officers in years when the state is running a deficit.	<b>X</b>	

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## ASIAN CITRUS PSYLLID QUARANTINE PROJECT

In an effort to prevent the further spread of the Asian Citrus Psyllid (ACP) in California, the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) has expanded the current interior quarantine into portions of the Coachella Valley in Riverside County.

The quarantine (CCR 3435) can be found online at [www.cdfa.ca.gov](http://www.cdfa.ca.gov). It includes a written description of the boundaries, a visual map, regulated commodities and articles, restrictions and exemptions, and a host list. The ACP quarantine regulates the movement of all citrus and closely related plants. For the commercial production of citrus fruit, certain quarantine of citrus fruit regulations applies and are summarized below:

- All growers, harvesters, haulers and packing houses will need to sign a Compliance Agreement. This agreement states you understand the rules of the quarantine.
- Citrus fruit is exempt, but plant parts which can harbor ACP (stems and leaves) need to be removed from both the bins and fruit when harvesting.
- Citrus fruit can be moved to a packing facility inside the quarantine area. If your packing house is outside the quarantine area, the fruit must be commercially cleaned by a Project approved method before leaving the quarantine area.

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Nomination Deadline May 1, 2009 for Induction Into  
Elite Business Association**

SACRAMENTO, CA (March 27, 2009) - Established nearly 165 years ago, the Tejon Ranch Co. of Kern County, California, is one of the oldest members of the California State Fair's prestigious California Agricultural Heritage Club (CAHC). In difficult economic times, we remember what a significant accomplishment it can be to build a business and keep it afloat. Since its inception in the 1940s the CAHC has established a legacy of honoring centenarian businesses in California that have weathered the economic storm.

"The CAHC was created as a way to celebrate the history of agriculture and the agricultural enterprises that have made significant contributions to that industry," said Norb Bartosik, State Fair CEO and General Manager. "The Club recognizes more than just owning a business; it chronicles the unique family histories of agricultural productivity in California."

The Tejon Ranch Co. is just one example of a centenarian business that has helped build a solid foundation for California's agricultural heritage. The CAHC inducted 11 new nominees into the Club in 2008.

Each year the California State Fair conducts an extensive search for farms, ranches and companies that have called California home for 100 years or more. Any agricultural business or affiliate, including farms, ranches, equipment dealers, accountants, trade or marketing organizations, universities/colleges, irrigation districts and others, are invited to apply for induction into the elite association.

CAHC members receive a plaque of recognition and a special invitation to the State Fair's annual induction ceremony and brunch specifically for designees. The 2009 event, sponsored by the California Farm Bureau Federation is scheduled for Wednesday, September 2, 2009 at the California State Fair. Event partners include California Farmer Magazine, UC Davis Cal Aggie Alumni Association, the California Chamber of Commerce and the California Milk Advisory Board.

The following is a list of the 2008 CAHC inductees:

**Companies inducted in 2008 with 100+ Years of Continuous Operation**

<u>Company</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Established</u>
Bayliss Ranch	Butte County	Est. 1865
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Laugenour Ranch	Yolo County	Est. 1893
Montna Farms	Sutter County	Est. 1895
Potter Ranch	Merced/Monterey County	Est. 1854
Stanley Ranch	Alameda County	Est. 1859
The Marshall Ranch	Humboldt County	Est. 1891
University of California, Davis	Yolo County	Est. 1908
<b>University of California, Riverside</b>	<b>Riverside County</b>	<b>Est. 1907</b>
Willard Ranch	Tehama County	Est. 1881

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<u>Company</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Established</u>
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<b>Domenigoni Bros Ranch</b>	<b>Riverside County</b>	<b>Est. 1879</b>
Edwards Ranch	Tehama County	Est. 1844
Greene and Hemly Inc.	Sacramento County	Est. 1850
James Campbell Farms	Solano County	Est. 1876
Laugenour Oak Leaf Ranch	Yolo County	Est. 1852
Montna Farms	Sutter County	Est. 1895
Potter Ranch	Merced/Monterey County	Est. 1854
Stanley Ranch	Alameda County	Est. 1859
Stockton Wheel Service	San Joaquin County	Est. 1883
Willard Ranch	Tehama County	Est. 1881

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Edwards Ranch	Tehama County	Est. 1844
Greene and Hemly Inc.	Sacramento County	Est. 1850
Laugenour Oak Leaf Ranch	Yolo County	Est. 1852
Montna Farms	Sutter County	Est. 1895
Potter Ranch	Merced/Monterey County	Est. 1854
Stanley Ranch	Alameda County	Est. 1859

Those interested in becoming a member or nominating an organization should contact Teresa McEntire in the Competitive Programs Department at (916) 263-3598 or at TMcEntire@calexpo.com. Applications can be found online at [www.bigfun.org](http://www.bigfun.org). Media inquiries should be directed to Erica Manuel at (916) 825-0646 or [media@calexpo.com](mailto:media@calexpo.com).

**The 2009 California State Fair will be held August 21 to September 7, 2009 at Cal Expo in Sacramento, California.**

# Springtime is a good time to check for hazards on the farm

By Mike Klimenko, Farm Bureau Group Manager

It's the beginning of a new cycle on the farm and ranch. Winter is over and another season is under way. This is the perfect time to do a visual survey of your farming operation in order to head off any potential accidents before they occur. Dangerous situations that could easily go unnoticed in your day-to-day activities may be spotted during such a survey, so keep in mind that the best way to avoid accidents is prevention.

The best way to start is to just take a tour of the farm, either walking or in your vehicle. Remember to stay focused though. If you are thinking about other things, talking on your cell phone or catching up with your e-mails on your laptop, you could easily miss something important.

Look at the buildings, the maintenance yard, the fences and gates and the land in general. Is there an accumulation of litter or other things that could trigger a fire or get in the way of someone performing their work duties? Hazards like this should be removed right away.

Are there supplies or piles of lumber that are haphazardly stacked or perhaps placed in the wrong location? If so, have the problem taken care of rather than left unattended.

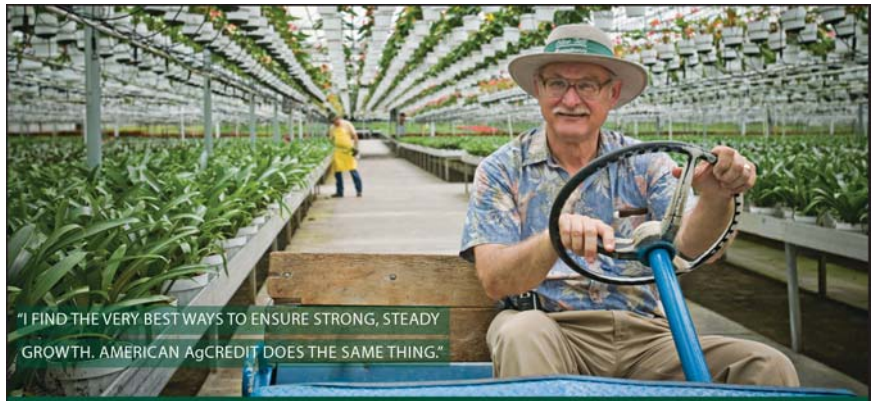
When checking your shop, barn and other buildings, look for protruding nails, loose boards, missing handrails and exposed electrical wiring. All tools should be stored properly and burned-out light bulbs need to be replaced. Now you should check the equipment to ensure that all guards and shields are in place. Shields are put on equipment for a specific reason—to protect individuals—so they should never be removed anyway.

What about your ag chemicals, lubricants and solvents? Are they stored in a cool, secure structure that is locked? Are there warning signs posted to alert people to the hazard? If there are spills on the floor that could cause a slip or fall, have them cleaned up.

Don't neglect your smoke detectors and fire extinguishers. They aren't much good if they aren't working properly. First-aid kits need to be properly stocked and readily available in several locations. Be sure everyone knows where to find them quickly. And post emergency phone numbers in conspicuous locations so emergency assistance can be summoned on a moment's notice.

Operating a farm or ranch is no easy task—there is always something that needs to be done ASAP. But please remember that when dealing with hazards on the farm, few people are going to take on the task themselves unless you take the initiative. Prevention is the key, and a few hours dealing with potential hazards may be some of the best hours you spend all year.

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These photos are of young people that the Farm Bureau and members like you helped support this year. Please know your dollars are working to teach a young person the skills necessary to become a responsible adult.

### WHY JOIN THE FARM BUREAU.....

Many farmers, as well as individuals, have asked why they should join Farm Bureau or continue their memberships. The answer is very simple. First, Farm Bureau is the most powerful farming organization in California. It represents over 90,000 farmers, ranchers, and individuals who support agriculture. The Farm Bureau is the unified voice of California's diverse agricultural industry, which makes the Farm Bureau extremely influential, as well as the most recognized agricultural organization in Sacramento and Washington D.C. At the local level, the Riverside County Farm Bureau offers local services and is very focused on fighting local agricultural issues.

Second, Farm Bureau offers a great value for the money. Farm Bureau offers expert political representation at the local, state, and federal levels. It is a great source of current information on everything from politics to leadership development to various outreach and advocacy programs. Farm Bureau also offers outstanding member savings programs including discounts at LensCrafters, hotels, rental car companies, as well as \$500 Dodge rebates.

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- \* May 13th – RCFB Board of Directors meeting, 6pm at the Sizzler Restaurant in Indio.
- \* May 15th – Meeting with Senator Ducheny. Call the RCFB office for details.
- \* May 18th – CVWD TMDL Task Force meeting. 10:30 am at the CVWD office.
- \* May 21st – San Geronio Pass Heritage Corridor meeting at the RCFB office. 10 am.
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