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**Latest News and Events for California's Grain and Feed Industry.**

### **California Mitigation Trust Complimentary Webinar on August 12, 2020 | Solicitation for Volkswagen Mitigation Trust Funding for Zero-Emission Class 8 Freight and Port Drayage Trucks**

Please join the webinar, hosted by the South Coast Air Quality Management District, on August 12, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. PDT and learn about the first installment of \$27 million in Volkswagen (VW) Settlement funding available to entities throughout California for Zero-Emission Class 8 Freight and Port Drayage Trucks. Topics will include how to apply for funding and will cover key eligibility criteria, funding amounts, application overview, evaluation criteria, deadlines, and more.

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The application period is expected to open at 1:00 p.m. PDT on August 18, 2020. Eligible projects will be awarded funding on a first-come, first-served basis..

### **Governor Announces \$52 million to Protect Essential Workers in Central Valley**

With input from the Central Valley partners on the Task Force including Almond Alliance's Elaine Trevino, and building on the Governor Newsom's recent announcement of new safeguards to protect California's essential workforce, the Governor announced today additional targeted actions to slow the spread of COVID-19 in the Central Valley – a region seeing concerning virus spread that is disproportionately impacting Latinos. The announcement will include \$52 million for

the Central Valley, this includes: San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Merced, Madera, Fresno, Kings, Tulare and Kern, to help ramp up testing, contact tracing, isolation and quarantine efforts. Additionally, the state will deploy Unified Support Teams to Central Valley counties that are experiencing increased cases and hospitalizations.

Specifically, the program will focus on:

#### **Helping Workers Isolate and Quarantine**

A new program, Housing for the Harvest, provides safe, temporary isolation spaces for agricultural and farmworkers who test positive or were exposed to the virus, which limits the risk of spreading COVID-19 to their coworkers or households. This program will operate in partnership with counties and local partners in the Central Valley, Central Coast, and Imperial Valley – the regions with the highest number of agricultural workers.\

#### **Outreach and Education**

Building on California's public awareness campaign to #WearAMask and #StoptheSpread, the campaign will expand its reach to employers, to workers and to their families to inform them of ways they can break the cycle of spread and reduce their risk for COVID-19 at work, at home, and in their community. This effort will leverage the public service media campaign, and build a more comprehensive community engagement strategy to include work with community-based organizations, promotoras, labor unions and worker advocacy groups to directly reach workers.

#### **Support for Employees**

Governor Newsom will work with the Legislature to build on previous executive action and advance worker protections. Expanded paid sick leave will provide workers financial security so they are able to stay home when sick. Similarly, workers' compensation access helps ensure that front-line workers can quarantine and stay home from work when ill.

#### **Employer Resources**

As California businesses work to reopen, a new Employer Playbook released today will guide them on how to provide a clean environment for workers and customers to reduce risk. Proactive education efforts led by the Labor and Workforce Development Agency (LWDA) will provide information and support to businesses to help them come into and stay in compliance, including technical assistance and a model training program.

#### **Strategic Enforcement**

Cal/OSHA and the Labor Commissioner's Office will strategically enforcement authority and advanced reporting of health and safety hazards at work will improve enforcement outcomes. Requiring employers to report outbreaks to their local health departments will help track county transmission.

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## **CDFA's Feed Inspection Advisory Board Technical Advisory Subcommittee Vacancies**

SACRAMENTO, July 17, 2020 – The California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) announces four vacancies on the Feed Inspection Advisory Board Technical Advisory Subcommittee (TASC).

This subcommittee provides technical and scientific advice to the Feed Inspection Advisory Board and CDFA on animal food nutrition, safety and efficacy data review of new and unapproved feed ingredients, research project oversight and other issues that will affect the Commercial Feed Regulatory Program, Livestock Drug Program and Safe Animal Feed Education (SAFE) Program.

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## **California Legislative Report**

The California legislative report this week includes Revised Senate and Assembly Committee Calendars for July and August, The Legislature Will Use Remote Voting and Proxy Voting in Last Month of Session, AB 2959 (Calderon) Organics Recycling Articles & Call to Action Outreach and more.



[Read the Full Legislative Report Here](#)

[CA State Senate Committee and Floor Schedule](#)

[Prop 15 Title and Summary](#)

[AB 2959 \(Calderon\) - Senate Environmental Quality](#)

[Revised July-August 2020 Committee Schedule](#)

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## Federal Report

The Federal Report this week includes Senate Inches Closer to Fourth COVID-19 Package, House Appropriations Committee Considers Minibus, CFAP Payments Clear \$6.2 Billion and more.



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## Resource for Industry - CDFA Safe Animal Feed Education (SAFE) Program

The [Safe Animal Feed Education \(SAFE\)](#) program of California uses outreach, education, and a comprehensive Voluntary Quality Assurance program to lead the nation in ensuring a safe and wholesome supply of commercial feed. SAFE uses an approach that fosters voluntary compliance with the state laws and regulations to ensure the safe manufacture and use of commercial feed in a changing livestock feed market. This unique collaboration between SAFE and the feed industry benefits both the agricultural community and the consumer.



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## CGFA Schedule of Events

### 2020

- December 2, 2020 - CGFA SoCal District Meeting and Christmas Luncheon, The Mission Inn, Riverside, CA

### 2021

- January 12-14, 2021 - Grain and Feed Industry Conference (GFIC) at the Embassy Suites on Monterey Bay, Monterey, CA
- April 21-24, 2021 - CGFA Annual Convention at the Marriott Hotel, Monterey, CA

### 2022

- April 26-29, 2022 - CGFA Annual Convention at the Hyatt Regency, Indian Wells, CA



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