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Dear Grower, Producer, and Farm Labor Contractor:

Agencies and Agriculture is a compilation of some of the agencies that the farming community often needs to deal with. It has been prepared for you by the Agricultural Personnel Management Program.

You will also find some information about the University of California Cooperative Extension. Our three counties have had a Farm Advisor in Labor Management, Gregory Encina Billikopf, serving this area since July 1981.

Gregory is available to help in such areas as:

- Employee Selection
- Conflict Resolution
- Supervisory Training
- Delegation and Power
- Negotiation Skills
- Incentive Pay
- Discipline
- Interpersonal Relations
- Supervisory Training
- Quality Control
- Wage Structures
- Performance Appraisal
- Training and Development
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The White House www.whitehouse.gov

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Mailing Address

The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Phone Numbers

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Switchboard: (202) 456-1414

TTY/TDD

Comments: (202) 456-6213
Visitors Office: (202) 456-2121

Agriculture, Department of (USDA) www.usda.gov

In 1862 President Abraham Lincoln founded the US Department of Agriculture. In Lincoln's day, 58 percent of the people were farmers who needed good seeds and information to grow their crops. Today, USDA continues Lincoln's legacy by serving all Americans. USDA remains committed to helping America's farmers and ranchers.

USDA's Postal Service Mailing address is:

US Department of Agriculture
1400 Independence Ave., S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20250

The following agencies are part of the USDA:

Farm Service Agency (FSA) www.fsa.usda.gov/pas

The Farm Service Agency implements agricultural policy, administers credit and loan programs, and manages conservation, commodity, disaster and farm marketing programs through a national network of offices.

Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) www.nrcs.usda.gov

NRCS is the primary federal agency that works with private landowners to help them conserve, maintain and improve their natural resources. The Agency emphasizes voluntary, science based conservation; technical assistance; partnerships; incentive based programs; and cooperative problem solving at the community level.

Rural Development (RD) www.rurdev.usda.gov

RD helps rural areas to develop and grow by offering Federal assistance that improves quality of life. RD targets communities in need and then empowers them with financial and technical resources.

Stockton Service Center
3422 W. Hammer Lane, Suite A
Stockton, CA 95219-5493
Phone: (209) 472-7127

Modesto Service Center
3800 Cornucopia Way, Suite E
Modesto, CA 95358-9494
Phone: (209) 491-9320

Merced Service Center
2135 Wardrobe Ave., Suite C
Merced, CA 95340-6445
Phone: (209) 722-4119

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) www.aphis.usda.gov

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is responsible for protecting and promoting US agricultural health, administering the Animal Welfare Act, and carrying out wildlife damage management activities.

USDA, APHIS, VS
10365 Old Placerville Road, Suite 210
Sacramento, CA 95827

Import/Export Program:
Phone: (916) 854-3900

Administration:
Phone (916) 854-3950
E Mail: VSCA@aphis.usda.gov

California Wildlife Services State Director
3419A Arden Way
Sacramento, CA 95825
Phone: (916) 979-2675

Animal Damage Control
4807 Greenleaf Circle
Salida, CA 95368
Phone: (209) 545-4639

Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) www.fns.usda.gov/fns/default.htm

The mission of FNS is to provide children and needy families better access to food and a more healthful diet through its food assistance programs and comprehensive nutrition education efforts.

Food and Nutrition Service
801 "I" St., Room 416
Sacramento, CA 95814
Phone: (916) 498-5790

Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) www.fsis.usda.gov

FSIS is the public health agency in the US Department of Agriculture responsible for ensuring that the nation's commercial supply of meat, poultry, and egg products is safe, wholesome, and correctly labeled and packaged, as required by the Federal Meat Inspection Act, the Poultry Products Inspection Act, and the Egg Products Inspection Act.

Food Safety and Inspection Service
620 Central Ave., Building 2C
Alameda, CA 94501
Phone: (510) 337-5000
Emergency 24-Hour: 1-866-729-9307

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA)

www.gipsa.usda.gov/GIPSA

GIPSA facilitates the marketing of livestock, poultry, meat, cereals, oilseeds, and related agricultural products and promotes fair and competitive trading practices for the overall benefit of consumers and American agriculture.

GIPSA Administrator
Stop 3601, Room 2055, South Building
1400 Independence Ave., S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20250-3601
Phone: (202) 720-0219

National Agricultural Library (NAL) www.nal.usda.gov

NAL provides technical information on agricultural research and related subjects. NAL is the primary resource for the national network of state land grant and USDA field libraries; and serves as the US center for the international agriculture information system.

NAL Abraham Lincoln Building
10301 Baltimore Ave.
Beltsville, MD 20705-2351
Phone: (301) 504-5755

National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) www.nass.usda.gov

NASS is responsible for conducting monthly and annual surveys and preparing official USDA data and estimates of production, supply, prices, and other information necessary to maintain orderly agricultural operations. NASS also conducts the census of agriculture, which is currently conducted every 5 years.

National Agricultural Statistics Service
650 Capitol Mall, Suite 6-100
Sacramento, CA 95814
Phone Toll Free: 1-800-851-1127

Risk Management Agency (RMA) www.rma.usda.gov

RMA promotes, supports, and regulates sound risk management solutions to preserve and strengthen the economic stability of America's agricultural producers by providing crop insurance, administering premium and expense subsidies, approving and supporting products, and reinsuring companies.

Risk Management Agency
Room 6092 South/Stop 0801
1400 Independence Ave., S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20250
Phone: (202) 690-2803

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) www.epa.gov

The EPA protects human health and the environment and leads the nation's environmental science, research, education and assessment efforts.

Pesticide Program particular areas of emphasis include:

- Urban Initiative activities to stop the illegal use of unregistered pesticides and the misuse of agricultural pesticides in homes, schools, and businesses;
- Integrated Pest Management (IPM) in Schools;
- The Agricultural Worker Protection Program;
- The Agriculture Initiative, which sponsors partnerships to support the transition away from pesticides with reduced availability due to the Food Quality Protection Act (FQPA).
- Participating in community based projects to better assess environmental exposure to pesticides in California's Salinas and San Joaquin Valleys, and the state's Central Coast area.
- Strategic Agriculture Initiative (SAI) is EPA's outreach program to facilitate the adoption of pest management practices that help growers reduce the use of high-risk pesticides.

US EPA Information Center
75 Hawthorne St., 13th Floor
San Francisco, CA 94105
Phone: (415) 947-8000
Phone Toll Free: 1-866-372-9378

Health and Human Services <http://www.hhs.gov/>

The Department of Health and Human Services is the United States government's principal agency for protecting the health of all Americans and providing essential human services, especially for those who are least able to help themselves.

Health and Human Services
200 Independence Ave., S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20201
Phone: (202) 619-0257
Phone Toll Free: 1-877-696-6775

The US Department of Health and Human Services includes:

Food and Drug Administration (FDA) www.fda.gov

The FDA is charged with ensuring that food, human and animal drugs, biological products, and medical devices are safe and effective; and electronic products that emit radiation are safe.

Food and Drug Administration
5600 Fishers Lane
Rockville, MD 20857
Phone Toll Free: 1-888-463-6332

FDA San Francisco District
1431 Harbor Bay Parkway
Alameda, CA 94502-7070
Phone: (510) 337-6700,

Homeland Security, Department of (DHS) www.dhs.gov

The new Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has three primary missions: Prevent terrorist attacks within the United States, reduce America's vulnerability to terrorism, and minimize the damage from potential attacks and natural disasters.

US Department of Homeland Security
Washington, D.C. 20528
Phone: (202) 282-8000

The following agencies report to the US Department of Homeland Security:

Citizenship and Immigration Services www.uscis.gov

Responsible for the administration of immigration and naturalization adjudication functions. California residents seeking Naturalization status should download the form at www.uscis.gov/graphics/formsfee/forms/n_400.htm or call the Forms Line at 1-800-870-3676 to request a Form N 400. Get help filling out the forms at an Application Support Center (ASC):

Fresno ASC
4893 E. Kings Canyon
Fresno, CA 93727

Modesto ASC
901 N. Carpenter Rd., #14
Modesto, CA 95351

Sacramento ASC
731 K St., Suite 100
Sacramento, CA 95814

Send completed N 400 forms to the following address:
USCIS California Service Center
Attention N 400 Unit
P.O. Box 10400
Laguna Niguel, CA 92607-1040
Phone Toll Free: 1-800-375-5283

Customs and Border Protection (CBP) www.cbp.gov

Services provided by US Customs, US Immigration, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service and the entire US Border Patrol. A Service Port is a CBP location that has a full range of cargo processing functions, including inspections, entry, collections, and verification.

Customs and Border Protection:

CBP Service Port
555 Battery St.
San Francisco, CA 94111
Phone: (415) 782-9200

CBP Port of Entry
6910 Airport Boulevard
Sacramento, CA 95837
Phone: (916) 649-3671

CBP Port of Entry
1130 "O" St., Room 1208-B
Fresno, CA 93721
Phone: (559) 487-5460

Interior, Department of the www.doi.gov/index.html

To protect and provide access to our Nation's natural and cultural heritage and honor our trust responsibilities to Indian Tribes and our commitments to island communities.

US Department of the Interior
1849 C St., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20240
Phone: (202) 208-3100

The Department of the Interior is comprised of eight bureaus, some of these are listed below:

Bureau of Land Management (BLM) <http://www.blm.gov/nhp/index.htm>

Managing 264 million acres of public lands located primarily in the 12 Western States, including Alaska.

Bureau of Land Management
2800 Cottage Way, Suite W-1834
Sacramento, CA 95825-1886
Phone: (916) 978-4400
TDD: (916) 978-4419

Bureau of Reclamation <http://www.usbr.gov/>

Manage, develop, and protect water and related resources in an environmentally and economically sound manner.

Bureau of Reclamation
2800 Cottage Way
Sacramento, CA 95825-1898
Phone: (916) 978-5000

Fish and Wildlife Service <http://www.fws.gov/>

Working with others to conserve, protect and enhance fish, wildlife, and plants and their habitats.

Fish and Wildlife Service
1849 C St., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20240
Phone Toll Free: 1-800-344-9453

National Park Service <http://www.nps.gov/>

Preserving America's history in parks and communities. Discover the natural wonders in parks and how we use science to conserve them.

National Park Service Reservation Center: <http://reservations.nps.gov/>
National Parks Campground Reservations: 1-800-365-CAMP (2267)
National Parks Cave Tour Reservations: 1-800-967-CAVE (2283)
Yosemite National Park Campground Reservations: 1-800-436-PARK (7275)

Justice, Department of (DOJ) www.usdoj.gov

To enforce the law and defend the interests of the United States; to ensure public safety; to prevent and control crime; to seek just punishment for those guilty of unlawful behavior; and to ensure fair and impartial administration of justice for all Americans.

US Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20530-0001
Phone: (202) 514-2000 / E-Mail: AskDOJ@usdoj.gov

Some of the agencies within the DOJ are listed below:

Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) www.usdoj.gov/eoir

EOIR is responsible for adjudicating immigration cases. EOIR conducts immigration court proceedings, appellate reviews, and administrative hearings. EOIR is committed to providing fair, expeditious and uniform application of the nation's immigration laws in all cases.

EOIR Contact Information:

Office of Legislative and Public Affairs
5107 Leesburg Pike, Suite 1902
Falls Church, VA 22041
Phone: (703) 305-0289
TDD: 1-800-828-1120

Immigration Court
550 Kearny St., Suite 800
San Francisco, CA 94108
Phone: (415) 705-4415

Special Counsel for Immigration Related Unfair Employment Practices

www.usdoj.gov/crt/osc

Responsible for enforcing the anti-discrimination provisions which protect US citizens and legal immigrants from employment discrimination, from unfair employment eligibility verification process, and from retaliation.

Special Counsel for Immigration Related Unfair Employment Practices
950 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20530
Phone: (202) 616-5594

Labor, Department of (DOL) www.dol.gov

The Department administers a variety of Federal labor laws including those that guarantee workers' rights to safe and healthful working conditions; a minimum hourly wage and overtime pay; freedom from employment discrimination; unemployment insurance; and other income support.

US Department of Labor
Frances Perkins Building
200 Constitution Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20210

Contact Us — Department of Labor National Call Center

The Call Center provides nationwide toll free assistance to our customers with questions about job loss, business closures, pay and leave, workplace safety and health, pension and health benefits, and workplace injuries. In addition to answering general information, the Call Center will relay any specific inquiry to the proper office without delay.

Main Call Center Number: 1-866-4-USA-DOL (1-866-487-2365)
Employment and Training Questions: 1-877-US2-JOBS (1-877-872-5627)

Department of Labor National Call Center continued:

Wage and Hour Questions: 1-866-4US-WAGE (1-866-487-9243)
Workplace Safety and Health Questions:1-800-321-OSHA (1-800-321-6742)
Health and Retirement Benefit Questions: 1-866-444-EBSA (1-866-444-3272)
Federal and Energy Employees' Compensation Questions: 1-866-888-3322
TTY number for all Department of Labor Questions: 1-877-889-5627

Listed below is a segment of agencies that operate within the Department of Labor:

Bureau of International Labor Affairs (ILAB) www.dol.gov/ilab

To improve working conditions and labor standards for all workers, develop policy and programs relating to international labor activities, and coordinate departmental international activities involving other US government agencies, intergovernmental organizations, and nongovernmental organizations.

Bureau of International Labor Affairs
200 Constitution Ave., N.W., Room C 4325
Washington, D.C. 20210
Phone: (202) 693-4770
E Mail: Contact_ILAB@dol.gov

Employment Standards Administration (ESA) www.dol.gov/esa

The mission of ESA is to enhance the welfare and protect the rights of American workers as an enforcement and benefit delivery agency. Some of the agencies within the ESA are listed below:

Office of Labor Management Standards http://www.dol.gov/esa/olms_org.htm

Enforces provisions of the Labor Management Reporting and Disclosure Act (LMRDA) and related laws which establish basic standards of democracy and fiscal responsibility for unions representing employees in private industry.

US Department of Labor, OLMS
71 Stevenson St., Room 440
San Francisco, CA 94105
Phone: (415) 848-6567

Wage and Hour Division www.dol.gov/esa/whd

Administers the wage, hour and child labor provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act, prevailing wages for government contracts and farm labor, family and medical leave, immigration and polygraph testing.

US Dept. of Labor ESA Wage and Hour Division
2800 Cottage Way, Room W 1836
Sacramento, CA 95825-1886
Phone Toll Free: 1-866-487-9243

Employment and Training Administration (ETA) www.doleta.gov

ETA administers federal government job training and worker dislocation programs, federal grants to states for public employment service programs, and unemployment insurance benefits.

Employment and Training Administration, US Department of Labor
Frances Perkins Building, 200 Constitution Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20210
Phone Toll Free: 1-877-872-5627

Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) www.osha.gov

OSHA sets and enforces health and safety standards; providing training, outreach, and education and encouraging continual improvement in workplace safety and health.

Occupational Safety and Health Administration
200 Constitution Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20210
Phone Toll Free: 1-800-321-OSHA (6742)

Internal Revenue Service (IRS) www.irs.gov

Federal tax information and assistance. Local offices open: Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.

IRS
4330 Watt Ave.
Sacramento, CA 95821
Phone: (916) 974-5225

IRS
4643 Quail Lakes Dr.
Stockton, CA 95207
Phone: (209) 942-1910

IRS
1533 Lakewood Ave.
Modesto, CA 95355
Phone: (209) 548-7388

Social Security Administration www.ssa.gov

Local Offices Phone Toll Free: 1-800-772-1213

Social Security Administration
3558 Deer Park Dr.
Stockton, CA 95219
Phone: (209) 946-6341
TTY: (209) 946-6253

Social Security Administration
1521 N Carpenter Rd, # E1
Modesto, CA 95351
Phone: (209) 523-2670
TTY: (209) 523-2665

Social Security Administration
3191 "M" St.
Merced, CA 95348
Phone: (209) 723-2072
TTY: (209) 384-2444

Veterans Affairs (VA) www.va.gov

Our goal is to provide excellence in patient care, veterans' benefits and customer satisfaction. Our department's employees continue to offer their dedication and commitment to help veterans get the services they have earned. Our nation's veterans deserve no less. Healthcare benefits and services provided are:

- Compensation and Pension
- Education
- Home Loans
- Life Insurance
- Survivors Benefits
- Burial Benefits
- Vocational Rehabilitation
- Returning Veterans Benefits

VA Outpatient Clinics

5342 Dudley Blvd.
Sacramento, CA 95652
Phone: (916) 561-7400

500 W. Hospital Rd
French Camp, CA 95231
Phone: (209) 946-3400

1524 McHenry Ave.
Modesto, CA 95350
Phone: (209) 557-6200

3605 Hospital Road, Suite D
Atwater, CA 95301-5140
Phone: (209) 381-0105

VA Medical Centers

10535 Hospital Way
Sacramento, CA 95655
Phone: (916) 366-5366

4951 Arroyo Road
Livermore, CA 94550
Phone: (925) 373-4700

2615 E. Clinton Ave.
Fresno, CA 93703
Phone: (559) 225-6100

VA Oakland Regional Benefits Office

1301 Clay St.,
Rm. 1300 North
Oakland, CA 94612

California State Government Agencies

Agricultural Labor Relations Board www.alrb.ca.gov

All agricultural employees in California, whether or not they are represented by a labor organization (union), have certain rights under the Agricultural Labor Relations Act (ALRA or Act). The purpose of the Act is to “ensure peace in the agricultural fields by guaranteeing justice for all agricultural workers and stability in labor relations.”

Agricultural Labor Relations Board
915 Capitol Mall, Third Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814
Phone: (916) 653-3699

Visalia Region (serving Stockton, Modesto and Merced)
1642 W. Walnut Ave.
Visalia, CA 93277
Phone Toll Free: 1-800-449-3699

Food and Agriculture, Department of (CDFA) www.cdafa.ca.gov

Goals of the California Department of Food and Agriculture:

- Ensure that only safe and quality food reaches the consumer.
- Protect against invasion of exotic pests and diseases.
- Promote California agriculture and food products both at home and abroad.
- Ensure an equitable and orderly marketplace for California's agricultural products.
- Build coalitions supporting the state's agricultural infrastructure to meet evolving industry needs.

CDFA Local Offices:

1220 “N” St.
Sacramento, CA 95814
Phone: (916) 654-0462
TTY 1-800-735-2929

401 N. San Joaquin St., #106
Stockton, CA 95202
Phone: (209) 946-6306

3800 Cornucopia Way, Suite F
Modesto, CA 95358
Phone: (209) 491-9350

PHONE TOLL FREE, Prerecorded CDFA Agricultural Quarantine Information (in English, Spanish, Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese, Thai and Tagalog) is available at 1-800-491-1899.

The following agencies are part of the California Department of Food and Agriculture:

Agricultural Export Program www.calagexports.com

Agricultural Export Program within the California Department of Food and Agriculture assists California agriculture in market development for agricultural products, and to expand world trade in these products to maximize growth in the state's economy.

Agricultural Export Program
1220 “N” St., 2nd Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814
Phone: (916) 654-0389
E Mail: aepinfo@cdafa.ca.gov

Agriculture and Environmental Stewardship

http://www.cdafa.ca.gov/aes/environmental_stewardship.html

Provides support to the agricultural community to identify, develop, and implement actions that enhance environmental conservation and protection.

Agriculture and Environmental Stewardship Program Areas:

- Air Quality
- Dairy Quality Assurance Program
- New Uses of Agricultural Materials
- Office of Pesticide Consultation and Analysis
- San Joaquin Valley Drainage Implementation Program
- Water Quality and Supply

Office of Agriculture and Environmental Stewardship
1220 "N" St.
Sacramento, CA 95814
Phone: (916) 657-4956
E Mail: agenv@cdfa.ca.gov

Animal Health and Food Safety Services (AHFSS)

<http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/ahfss/>

CDFA's Animal Health and Food Safety Services team provides services to protect public health, protect the health of California's livestock and poultry, provide safety of food at animal origin, and protect California livestock owners against losses due to animal theft and straying. The following teams work under the umbrella of AHFSS:

Animal Health Branch

The Animal Health Branch is the State's organized, professional veterinary medical unit that protects populations, consumers, and California's economy from catastrophic animal diseases and other health or agricultural problems.

Bureau of Livestock Identification

The state's brand registration and inspection program protects cattle owners in California against loss of animals by theft, straying or misappropriation. The branch's program consists of registration of cattle, horse, burro, and sheep permanent brands; inspection of cattle for lawful possession prior to movement, sale or slaughter, and recording of the information obtained by such inspections; and assisting local law enforcement with investigations and prosecutions involving cattle theft. The state's brand registration and inspection program is financed, in its entirety, through brand registration and inspection fees paid by the cattle owners.

Brand Inspector Directory: http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/ahfss/li/pdfs/lid_directory.pdf

Meat and Poultry Inspection

The Meat and Poultry Inspection Branch (MPI) licenses and inspects meat and poultry establishments that are exempt from USDA inspection.

Milk and Dairy Food Safety

The Milk and Dairy Food Safety Branch (MDFSB) ensures that milk, milk products, and products resembling milk products are safe and wholesome, meet applicable microbiological and compositional requirements, and are properly labeled.

AHFSS State Office
1220 "N" St., Room A-114
Sacramento, CA 95814
Phone: (916) 654-0881
TTY/TDD: 1-800-735-2929

AHFSS Local Office
Stanislaus County Agricultural Center
Tuolumne Building
3800 Cornucopia Way, Suite F
Modesto, CA 95358-9494
Phone: (209) 491-9350

Plant Health and Pest Prevention Services www.cdfa.ca.gov/phpps/

Protecting California's agricultural and natural resources against damage caused by exotic plant pests and diseases.

Plant Health and Pest Prevention Services
1220 "N" St., Room A-372
Sacramento, CA 95814
Phone: (916) 654-0312

The Plant Health and Pest Prevention Services Division is comprised of four components:

Integrated Pest Control www.cdfa.ca.gov/phpps/ipc

Directs seven pest control and eradication programs and one pest control research program. Responsible for protecting rangeland, waterways, crops and urban areas through the weed and vertebrate pest programs.

Pest Detection/Emergency Projects www.cdfa.ca.gov/phpps/pdep

The primary objectives of the statewide pest detection system are to find insect pests before they infest one square mile and plant diseases before they exceed one half of a square mile. The Branch administers the statewide detection trapping program. Insects targeted for detection by the statewide network of traps include exotic fruit flies, Japanese beetle, khapra beetle, gypsy moth, European corn borer, and European pine shoot moth.

Pest Exclusion Branch www.cdfa.ca.gov/phpps/pe/

Keeping exotic agricultural and environmental pests out of the state and preventing the spread of newly discovered pests within the state.

Branch Programs:

- Exterior Program: Border Station Inspections
- Interior Program: County Quarantine Inspections / Quarantine Response
- Nursery Services: Regulatory / Inspection / Registration / Certification Services
- Seed Services: Seed Law Enforcement

Plant Pests Diagnostic Lab www.cdfa.ca.gov/phpps/ppd

Identify plant diseases, weeds, and insect pests submitted by CDFA pest prevention programs, county agricultural agencies, universities, and the public. Experts from this team also assist California's agricultural export market by determining whether certain agricultural products can be certified as free of serious pests and diseases.

CDFA Plant Pest Diagnostics Center
3294 Meadowview Road
Sacramento, CA 95832-1448
Phone (916) 262-1100

Fair Employment and Housing, Department of <http://www.dfeh.ca.gov>

Protecting the people of California from unlawful discrimination in employment, housing and public accommodations, and from the perpetration of acts of hate violence.

Department of Fair Employment
and Housing
2000 "O" St., Suite 120
Sacramento, CA 95814
Phone: (916) 445-5523
Phone Toll Free: 1-800-884-1684

San Joaquin County:
1515 Clay St., Suite 701
Oakland, CA 94612-2512
Phone: (510) 622-2941
Phone Toll free: 1-800-884-1684

Stanislaus and Merced Counties:
1320 East Shaw Ave., Suite 150
Fresno, CA 93710
Phone: (559) 244-4760
Phone Toll free: 1-800-884-1684

Forestry and Fire Protection <http://www.fire.ca.gov/index.php>

The Department of Forestry and Fire Protection protects the people of California from fires, responds to emergencies, and protects and enhances forest, range, and watershed values providing social, economic, and environmental benefits to rural and urban citizens.

Department of Forestry and Fire Protection
PO Box 944246
Sacramento, CA 94244-2460
Phone: (916) 653-5123

Franchise Tax Board www.ftb.ca.gov

Franchise Tax Board field office addresses:

1515 Clay St., Suite 305
Oakland, CA 94612-1431

3321 Power Inn Road, Ste 250
Sacramento, CA 95826-3893

121 Spear St. Suite 400
San Francisco, CA 94105-1584

Labor and Workforce Development Agency www.labor.ca.gov

The goals of the agency are to improve access to employment and training programs, and to ensure that California businesses and workers have a level playing field in which to compete and prosper.

Labor and Workforce Development Agency
801 "K" St., Suite 2101
Sacramento, CA 95814
Phone: (916) 327-9064

The following is a summary of the major agency operations:

Agricultural Labor Relations Board www.alrb.ca.gov

California's growers and workers have rights and responsibilities to support fair workplace practices. The ALRB adjudicates and oversees elections to determine whether or not agricultural workers are to be represented by a collective bargaining agent.

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Visalia, CA 93277
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Employment Development Department (EDD) www.edd.ca.gov

Looking for a job? Need assistance applying for unemployment or disability benefits? Looking for assistance in calculating your business' payroll taxes? Need to find a job training class? Want to hire workers? Visit the EDD Web site for more information on these programs and to find the nearest one stop career center. Job Service Office locations and telephone listing for job seekers and employers.

EDD Sacramento – Midtown
2901 50th St.
Jobseekers: (916) 227-0301
Employers: (916) 227-0301

EDD Modesto
629 12th St.
Jobseekers: (209) 576-6118
Employers: (209) 576-6005

EDD Stockton
135 W. Fremont St.
Jobseekers: (209) 948-7856
Employers: (209) 948-7862

EDD Merced
1205 West 18th St.
Jobseekers: (209) 726-5407
Employers: (209) 726-5404

Employment Training Panel www.etp.cahwnet.gov

California businesses need skilled workers to increase productivity and prosperity. To assist California's industries and businesses, the ETP funds job training programs to update your workers' skills and support your business. Visit the ETP Web site for information on financial grants to business owners.

Employment Training Panel
1100 "J" St., 4th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814
Phone: (916) 327-5262

Industrial Relations (DIR) www.dir.ca.gov

Having problems receiving wages for work you have done? Injured on the job? Looking for apprenticeship programs? Want to find out more about improving safety in your workplace? Learn more about your workplace rights and responsibilities at the DIR web site.

Department of Industrial Relations
455 Golden Gate Ave.
San Francisco CA 94102
Phone: (415) 703-5070

The following agencies work within the DIR:

Apprenticeship Standards Division www.dir.ca.gov/DAS/das.html

The Division of Apprenticeship Standards (DAS) administers California apprenticeship law and enforces apprenticeship standards for wages, hours, working conditions and the specific skills required for state certification as a journey person in an apprenticeable occupation. DAS promotes apprenticeship training, consults with program sponsors, and monitors programs to ensure high standards for on the job training and supplemental classroom instruction.

Division of Apprenticeship Standards office locations:

2424 Arden Way, Suite 160
Sacramento, CA 95825
Phone: (916) 263-2877

2550 Mariposa Mall, # 3080
Fresno, CA 93721
Phone: (559) 445-5431

Industrial Welfare Commission (IWC) www.dir.ca.gov/IWC/iwc.html

Responsible for wage orders, hours and working conditions in California.

Industrial Welfare Commission
801 "K" St., Suite 2100
Sacramento, CA 95814
Phone: (916) 263-1811

Labor Standards Enforcement, Division of (DLSE) www.dir.ca.gov/DLSE/dlse.html

To ensure that minimum labor standards are adequately enforced, DLSE has established the following units:

Bureau of Field Enforcement (BOFE)

BOFE is responsible for investigation and enforcement of statutes covering workers' compensation insurance coverage, child labor, cash pay, unlicensed contractors, Industrial Welfare Commission orders, as well as group claims involving minimum wage and overtime claims. BOFE also handles criminal investigations involving these group claims.

Economic and Employment Enforcement Coalition (EEEC)

A partnership of state and federal agencies, each expert in their own field, collaborating for vigorous and targeted enforcement against unscrupulous businesses participating in the "underground economy" historically abusing the workforce in the garment manufacturing, janitorial, agriculture, car wash, construction, race track and restaurant industries.

Legal

DLSE's attorneys present civil cases at both the trial and appellate level. The majority of cases involve issues of unpaid wages that have arisen as a result of an appeal taken from an order, decision, or award of the Labor Commissioner. DLSE attorneys also pursue cases involving violations of the prevailing wage provisions of the public works laws.

Licensing and Registration

Issues licenses to farm labor contractors, talent agents, employers, transporters and supervisors of minors involved in door to door sales, and industrial homeworkers. Registers garment manufacturers, certifies studio teachers, and approves permits for the payment of less than the minimum wage to employees with a disability and to sheltered workshops. Verifies farm labor contractor licenses.

Public Works Unit

Investigates and enforces application of appropriate prevailing wage rates for public works construction projects.

Retaliation Unit

Investigates complaints alleging discriminatory retaliation in the workplace on the basis of various Labor Code sections.

Wage Claim Adjudication

Adjudicates wage claims on the behalf of workers who file claims for nonpayment of wages, overtime, or vacation pay pursuant to California Labor Code Sections 96 and 98.

Division of Labor Standards Enforcement offices:

2031 Howe Ave., Suite 100
Sacramento, CA 95825
Phone: (916) 263-1811

31 E. Channel St., Rm. 317
Stockton, CA 95202
Phone: (209) 948-7771

Labor Statistics and Research, Division of (DLSR)

www.dir.ca.gov/DLSR/statistics_research.html

DLSR conducts research and publishes information on economic, employment, and work place safety and health statistics. Publications include the Director's General Prevailing Wage Determinations and the California Consumer Price Index. DLSR also has an industrial relations research library.

DLSR headquarters and library
455 Golden Gate Ave., 9th Floor
San Francisco, CA 94102
Phone: (415) 703-4780

Mailing address:
Department of Industrial Relations
Division of Labor Statistics and Research
P.O. Box 420603
San Francisco, CA 94142-0603

Occupational Safety and Health www.dir.ca.gov/dosh

We protect workers and the public from safety hazards by enforcing California's occupational and public safety laws, and we provide information and consultative assistance to employers, workers and the public about workplace and public safety matters.

Accidents and Complaints

To report a workplace accident or file a complaint, contact the Cal/OSHA Enforcement Unit District Office closest to the workplace where the accident occurred.

Consultation Assistance

To obtain assistance from Cal/OSHA Consultation, call 1-800-963-9424, or contact the Cal/OSHA Consultation Area Office nearest your workplace, or E-Mail us at InfoCons@dir.ca.gov.

Publications

To download or order a Cal/OSHA publication, go to Publications www.dir.ca.gov/dosh/puborder.asp

Cal/OSHA Enforcement Unit district offices:

1209 Woodrow, Suite C-4
Modesto, CA 95350
Phone: (209) 576-6260

2424 Arden Way, Suite 165
Sacramento, CA 95825
Phone: (916) 263-2800

State Mediation and Conciliation (SMCS) www.dir.ca.gov/csmcs/smcs.html

SMCS is established to promote sound union employer relations in California. SMCS provides its labor relations services to the public free of charge. SMCS does not handle wage claims or other alleged violations of the state Labor Code. SMCS provides mediation, arbitration and representation services.

State Mediation and Conciliation
1515 Clay St., Suite 2206
Oakland, CA 94612
Phone: (510) 873-6465

Workers' Compensation www.dir.ca.gov/workers_comp.html

Responsible for worker's injury claims settlement, benefits and rehabilitation for job related injuries and illnesses.

Workers' Compensation
2424 Arden Way, Suite 230
Sacramento, CA 95825-2403
Phone: (916) 263-2735

Unemployment Insurance Appeals Board www.cuiab.ca.gov

Did you know you can file an appeal if you are denied unemployment or disability benefits? Did you know you can file an appeal if you have a former employee who is incorrectly claiming benefits? The California Unemployment Insurance Appeals Board (CUIAB) conducts hearings of cases concerning claims for unemployment and disability benefits.

Locations:

2400 Venture Oaks Way , Suite 100
Sacramento, CA 95833-4224
Phone: (916) 263-6706

770 East Shaw Ave., Suite 222
Fresno, CA 93710
Phone: (559) 248-2520

Workforce Investment Board www.calwia.org

The CalWIB is a policy board overseeing the coordination of California's many job training programs. Helping people find jobs that match their skills while at the same time establishing educational and training programs to develop the pool of skilled workers that businesses and industries need in order to compete and succeed.

California Workforce Investment Board
777 12th St. Suite 200
Sacramento, CA 95814
Phone: (916) 324-3425

Lands Commission, California State www.slc.ca.gov

The mission of the California State Lands Commission is to manage some 4.5 million acres of land held in trust for the people of California. The State holds these lands for all the peoples of the State for the public trust purposes of water related commerce, navigation, fisheries, recreation, and open space.

California State Lands Commission
100 Howe Ave., Suite 100, South
Sacramento, CA 95825-8202
Phone: (916) 574-1900

Motor Vehicles, Department of www.dmv.ca.gov

Online Services:

- Appointments
- Vehicle Registration Renewal
- Driver License Renewal
- Mobile Home Renewal Registration
- Register to Vote
- Online Traffic Payment

DMV Local Offices Phone Toll Free: 1-800-777-0133

1313 W. 12th St.,
Merced, 95340

124 Burney St.,
Modesto, 95354

710 N. American St.,
Stockton, 95202

Pesticide Regulation, Department of (DPR) www.cdpr.ca.gov

The DPR protects human health and the environment by regulating pesticide sales and use. DPR's strict oversight includes product evaluation and registration, environmental monitoring, residue testing of fresh produce, and local use enforcement through the county agricultural commissioners.

Department of Pesticide Regulation
1001 I St., P.O. Box 4015
Sacramento, CA 95812-4015
Phone: (916) 445-4300

Water Resources, Department of (DWR) www.water.ca.gov

DWR operates and maintains the State Water Project, including the California Aqueduct. DWR also provides dam safety and flood control services, assists local water districts in water management and conservation activities, promotes recreational opportunities, and plans for future statewide water needs.

Department of Water Resources
1416 9th St.
Sacramento, CA 95814
Phone Toll Free: 1-800-952-5530

Mailing Address:
P. O. Box 942836,
Sacramento, CA 94236

California Data Exchange Center (CDEC) <http://cdec.water.ca.gov/>

Decision support system for flood emergency response organizations, providing operational and historical hydrologic and meteorologic data, forecasts, and reports.

Phone: (916) 574-1777

Flood Operations Center

Report flood incidents or obtain river forecasts, general water conditions, and flood information.

Phone Toll Free: 1-800-952-5530

Governor's Office of Emergency Services

Report emergencies. State Warning Center.

Phone: (916) 845-8911

San Joaquin County Government

www.sjgov.org

Agricultural Commissioner www.sjgov.org/agcomm/default.htm

Protects and promotes the agricultural industry of the county. Responsible for planning, organizing, and directing the work of the department employees engaged in inspection, weed and pest control, and enforcement of the agricultural code. Works with the state Director of Agriculture, also administers the Animal Control Division of the department. Checks the accuracy of all weighing and measuring devices in the county at least once a year to see that these meet state standards. Reviews and investigates complaints of suspected short weight or measure involving fraud.

Agricultural Division

Enforces the provisions of the California Food and Agricultural Code for the protection of the public's health, safety and welfare, and to promote and protect the agricultural industry.

Weights and Measures Division

Tests, seals, or condemns all commercial weighing and measuring devices in the county; performs vapor recovery system inspections; inspects prepackaged items to assure content; tests and inspects petroleum products for quality and label truth; and, regulates procedures used by Weighmasters to issue certificates for the sale of bulk products.

Animal Control Division

Protects public health and safety by implementing dog licensing and rabies vaccination programs, responding to complaints regarding dangerous or rabid animals, and removing injured, sick, or dead strays. The division also provides assistance with predatory animals, investigates complaints of animal abuse or neglect, and takes appropriate action to deal with other problems associated with the care and control of animals.

Agriculture Commissioner's Offices:

Main Office
1868 E. Hazelton Ave.
Stockton, CA 95202
Phone: (209) 468-3300

Tracy
503 E. 10th St.
Tracy, CA 95376
Phone: (209) 831-5407

Lodi
210 N. Sacramento St.
Lodi, CA 95240
Phone: (209) 331-7287

SIMMS Station
17620 E. Highway 120
Ripon, CA 95366
Phone: (209) 468-5542

Assessor's Office www.sjgov.org/assessor

The Assessor discovers, values, and enrolls all taxable property in San Joaquin County. The Office also investigates and values all new construction, and reappraises all properties with a change in ownership, administers various tax exemption programs, and maintains countywide ownership data and property maps.

24 South Hunter, First Floor, Room 303
Stockton, CA 95202
Phone: (209) 468-2630

Board of Supervisors www.sjgov.org/board

The Board is mandated by law and is responsible for insuring the public trust through representative government. As the governing body of the county, the Board sets county and public policy, adopts ordinances and resolutions, appropriates funds and levies fees, represents citizens in state and federal government matters, plans land use and determines zoning for the unincorporated areas, represents the public on county commissions and boards, and works with constituents to resolve problems and issues.

- Steven Gutierrez, First District
- Dario L. Marengo, Second District
- Victor Mow, Third District
- Jack A. Sieglock, Fourth District
- Leroy Ornellas, Fifth District

The Board meets regularly every Tuesday at 9:00 a.m.

Board Chambers, 7th Floor, Courthouse, Stockton

(Board Meetings are televised every Thursday, 6:00 p.m., Channel 42 - delayed taping)

Community Development [www.sjgov.org/commdev/cgi bin/cdyn.exe](http://www.sjgov.org/commdev/cgi_bin/cdyn.exe)

The Building Inspection and Development Services Divisions protect the public health and safety by regulating new building construction, inspecting existing buildings, administering the Uniform Fire Code, investigating fires, and by reviewing and regulating all new development projects, as provided for in local and State law.

The Planning Division assists the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors in the areas of comprehensive planning and community development, including preparation, maintenance, and implementation of the General Plan, as mandated by Government Code 65100 et seq.

Community Development

1810 E. Hazelton Ave.

Stockton, CA 95205

Phone: (209) 468-3124

Employment and Economic Development www.sjworknet.org

The Employment and Economic Development Department (EEDD) provides employment, training, education, and economic development services throughout the county. Employment and training services for the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids Act (CalWORKs) programs are also provided under a cooperative agreement with the Human Services Agency (HSA).

2607-A Wigwam Drive
Stockton, CA 95205
(209) 953-7350

631 E. Oak St.
Lodi, CA 95240
(209) 333-5319

302 Northgate Drive
Manteca, CA 95336
(209) 825-1300

Delta College Satellite Center
5405 N. Pershing Ave.
Stockton, CA 95207
(209) 870-7000

56 S. Lincoln St.
Stockton, CA 95203
(209) 468-3500

213 W. 11th St.
Tracy, CA 95376
(209) 833-1018

Contact SJC WorkNet toll-free at 1-888-512-WORK (9675) within California or (209) 468-3500 (outside California) or info@sjworknet.org

Environmental Health Department (EHD) www.sjgov.org/EHD

EHD enforces local, state and federal laws and regulations in order to maintain a healthy environment for residents of San Joaquin County. Inspection activities are performed by Registered Environmental Health Specialists (REHS) and Registered Dairy Inspectors (RDI) in 24 program areas, including: the regulation of water well and septic system construction; food facilities, such as restaurants, markets and mobile food vehicles; public swimming pools and spas; labor camps; hotels/motels and substandard housing; sanitary landfills; underground storage tanks; public water systems; dairy farms; hazardous and infectious waste handling; clean up of contaminated sites; and emergency response.

EHD Programs and Services:

Employee Housing

Facilities that house five or more agricultural workers are inspected prior to and during occupancy on a routine and complaint basis. The State Department of Housing and Community Development audits the EHD inspection program annually to verify that all employee housing facilities meet the minimum standards of the law.

Emergency Response

For incidents involving hazardous material spills or releases. The EHD performs a health assessment to evaluate actual or potential environmental contamination and/or human exposure. Complaints regarding improper disposal of household hazardous waste are also investigated.

Hazardous, Liquid, Medical and Solid Waste

The purpose of this program is to prevent the spread of disease, environmental contamination, injury and exposure to pathogenic organisms, public nuisances and water pollution by ensuring proper handling and disposal of waste.

Housing Abatement

A program established to ensure minimum housing standards in the unincorporated area of the county.

Land Use

The purpose of this program is to prevent health hazards and mitigate environmental degradation from land development projects. The EHD staff investigates and evaluates county land use applications involving subdivision and parcel maps, site plans, variances, use permits, environmental impact reports, business licenses.

Milk and Dairy Inspections

Responsibility for inspection and quality control for dairy farm sanitation and milk grading.

Removal and Installation and Permits of Water Well Pumps and Equipment

Vector Control

The purpose of this program is to reduce vector nuisance complaints and the potential health threat of flies, cockroaches or other vectors associated with human disease. Annual inspections are conducted at egg laying poultry ranches with over 12,000 birds and at animal kennels located in the unincorporated areas of the county.

Environmental Health Department
600 E. Main St.
Stockton, CA 95202
Phone: (209) 468-3420

Call to report mosquitoes: (209) 982-4675
Call to report dead birds: 1-877-968-2473
(or file a report online at: www.westnile.ca.gov)

Health Care Services www.sjhealthcare.com/home.htm

Responsible for administration of four major divisions of Health Care Services: San Joaquin General Hospital, Mental Health Services, Public Health Services, and Office of Substance Abuse. SJGH offers outpatient clinics and in hospital care. Outpatient, education, rehabilitation and consultant services are provided to mental health patients. Office of Substance Abuse offers a wide array of prevention and treatment services and administers Proposition 36. Public Health Services includes maternal, prenatal care, child health, and nursing.

Public Health Services (209) 468-3400
1601 E. Hazelton St., Stockton

San Joaquin General Hospital (209) 468-6000
500 West Hospital Road, French Camp

Family Practice and Primary Care Appointments (209) 468-6820

San Joaquin Health Care Services
P. O. Box 1020
Stockton, CA 95201
(209) 468-6000

Library www.stockton.lib.ca.us

The Library has books, magazines, audio and video cassettes, compact discs, DVDs, eAudiobooks, books on tape, books on CD, government documents, electronic subscriptions and databases, and computers for wordprocessing and accessing the Internet. Many of the Library's materials can be borrowed for home use. If an item is not available when you visit the Library, you can request that item be held for you once it becomes available.

Events and Programs

Programs for children, families, teens, and young adults, including storytimes, children's reading programs and special events, are held at many branch libraries. Schedules of events may be picked up at your nearest branch or viewed on the events section of the Library web site. From San Joaquin County call toll free 1-866-805-READ (7323) or from Stockton call (209) 937-8221.

Literacy Services

Learning to read is worthwhile at any age. Literacy Services offers four programs to help out. Adult Literacy is a free program to teach English speaking adults to read. Families Reading Together is a free early literacy workshop for parents and caregivers.

Library Branch Locations:

Cesar Chavez Library 605 N. El Dorado St. Stockton, CA 95202-1907	Escalon Branch Library 1540 Second St. Escalon, CA 95320-1938	Ripon Branch Library 430 W. Main St. Ripon, CA 95366-2426
Maya Angelou Library 2324 Pock Ln. Stockton, CA 95205-7821	Lathrop Branch Library 15461 7th St. Lathrop, CA 95330	Thornton Branch Library 26341 N. Thornton Rd. Thornton, CA 95686
Fair Oaks Branch Library 2370 E. Main St. Stockton, CA 95205-6558	Linden Branch Library 19059 E. Main (Hwy 26) Linden, CA 95236 9492	Tracy Branch Library 20 E. Eaton Ave. Tracy, CA 95376-3100
Margaret Troke Library 502 W. Ben Holt Dr. Stockton, CA 95207-3827	Manteca Branch Library 320 W. Center Manteca, CA 95336-4539	

Office of Emergency Services www.sjgov.org/Oes

Provides for the protection of persons and property within the county in the event of a major disaster. Assists governmental agencies in building the capability to operate during an emergency.

Office of Emergency Services
Courthouse, Room 610
222 E. Weber Ave.
Stockton, CA 95202
Phone: (209) 468-3962

Public Works / Solid Waste www.co.san-joaquin.ca.us/pubworks/

Responsible for the maintenance, reconstruction and construction of county roads and highways and bridges. Responsible for flood control and drainage, reviews all subdivision development plans, maintains and operates county sanitary landfills, sewage disposal plants and domestic water system.

Public Works / Solid Waste
1810 E. Hazelton Ave.
Stockton, CA 95205
Phone: (209) 468-3000

Sheriff Department www.sjgov.org/sheriff

700 Michael Canlis Blvd.
French Camp, CA 95231
Phone: (209) 468-4400

Stockton Metropolitan Airport www.sjgov.org/airport

Plans and directs the county aviation program. Enforces air traffic and safety regulations.

Stockton Metropolitan Airport
5000 S. Airport Way
Stockton, CA 95206-3910
Phone: (209) 468-4700

Treasurer and Tax Collector www.sjgov.org/Treasurer/

The functions are mandated by law. Responsible for collecting property taxes for all public agencies, inheritance taxes, licensing fees, and other taxes and the safe keeping of all money belonging to the county.

Treasurer and Tax Collector
500 E. Main St.
Stockton, CA 95202
Phone: (209) 468-2133

University of California Cooperative Extension (UCCE)

<http://cesanjoaquin.ucdavis.edu>

Provides scientific information and practical assistance to residents in areas of agriculture, home economics, youth and community resource development to improve the quality of life and productivity in the work place. The department is an off campus community service outreach arm of the University of California. Funding is provided by the University of California, San Joaquin County, United States Department of Agriculture, and through contributions from cooperators.

UCCE Advisors:

Mick Canevari, Farm Advisor, County Director

Specialty: Agronomy, pest management, conservation practices.

Brenna Jane Aegerter Ph.D., Farm Advisor

Specialty: Plant pathology

Ashley Basinger, Ph. D., Farm Advisor

Specialty: Environmental horticulture

Theresa A. Becchetti, Farm Advisor

Specialty: Livestock and natural resources

Gregory Encina Billikopf, Farm Advisor

Specialty: Labor management in agriculture, interpersonal conflict, mediation, negotiation skills

Ann Brosnahan, 4-H Youth Advisor

Specialty: Youth development, family literacy

Joseph A. Grant, Farm Advisor

Specialty: Apples, cherries, walnuts, fruit crops, integrated pest management

Anna Christine Martin, Nutrition Family Consumer Science Advisor

Specialty: Community nutrition education

Terry L. Prichard, CE Irrigation Water Specialist

Specialty: Irrigation water management, Delta water quality and soil salinity issues

Paul S. Verdigaal, Farm Advisor

Specialty: Viticulture, almonds

University of California Cooperative Extension
420 S. Wilson Way
Stockton, CA 95205
Phone: (209) 468-2085
Publications: <http://anrcatalog.ucdavis.edu>

Stanislaus County Government Agencies www.co.stanislaus.ca.us

Agriculture Commissioner, Sealer of Weights and Measures

www.stanaq.org

The Agriculture Commissioner provides environmental protection through pesticide use enforcement and pest exclusion, quarantine, management, and eradication. The department also ensures consumer protection by regulating the quality of eggs and certain fresh fruits and vegetables, including farmer direct marketing, monitoring conditions of nursery products and the purity and viability of agricultural seed. The department provides information about seed regulation and services, apiary services, crop statistics, and crop reports.

The Weights and Measures Division

Protects the interests of the buyer and seller, ensuring honesty and integrity of everyday business transactions. Every transaction involving the exchange of goods, property and service is affected by some form of weights and measures..

Agriculture Commissioner, Sealer of Weights and Measures
3800 Cornucopia Way, Suite B
Modesto, CA 95358
Phone: (209) 525-4730

Alliance Worknet www.allianceworknet.org/default.shtml

The Alliance Worknet provides job seekers access to a wide variety of employment services. Successful job seekers need to continually improve and update their skills. Alliance Worknet workshops are tailored to the needs of the jobseeker.

Community Services
251 E Hackett Rd.
Modesto, CA 95358
Phone: (209) 558-2100

Animal Services www.animalservices.8m.com

The mission of the Department of Animal Services is to strive for community compliance of State and local laws. The Department shall provide a professional level of service along with promoting responsible pet ownership.

Services provided by Animal Services Shelter:

- Pet adoptions
- Micro-chipping of pets
- Spay and neuter assistance
- Licensing
- Education outreach
- Investigating cruelty reports
- Lost and found
- Veterinary care for animals in the shelter
- Low cost rabies vaccination clinics

Animal Services
2846 Finch Rd.
Modesto, CA 95354
Phone: (209) 558-PETS (7387)

Assessor's Office www.co.stanislaus.ca.us/Assessor

Get information on appraisals, ownership changes, new construction and insights into residential, business and other property types.

Assessor's Office
1010 10th St., Suite 2400
Modesto, CA 95354-0847
Phone: (209) 525-6461

Board of Supervisors www.co.stanislaus.ca.us/BOARD/Board.htm

The major duties of the Board include adopting ordinances, adopting resolutions for the purpose of setting policy, adopting an annual budget, and holding public hearings on a variety of matters such as zoning in the unincorporated area of the county. The Board is assisted in its administrated responsibilities by the Chief Executive Officer who is responsible for the fields of budgeting, control of budget expenditures, and overseeing the general day-to-day business functions of the County. Public meetings are held Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m., except the third Tuesday of each month, which begins at 6:30 p.m. The meetings are held in the County/City Administration Building, located in the basement of 1010 Tenth St., Modesto.

District 1 William O'Brien
(209) 525-4440

District 3 Jeff Grover
(209) 525-6560

District 5 Jim DeMartini
(209) 525-4470

District 2 Thomas W. Mayfield
(209) 525-6440

District 4 Dick Monteith
(209) 525-4445

Emergency Services, Office of www.scoes.info/OES.htm

The Office of Emergency Services provides preparedness before, and coordination direction during, large scale emergencies and disasters. OES coordinates with partner agencies including nine cities, special districts, and key private agencies in providing planning, response, recovery, and mitigation activities as a result of disaster related incidents.

Office of Emergency Services
3705 Oakdale Rd.
Modesto, CA 95357
Phone: (209) 552-3600

Environmental Resources www.co.stanislaus.ca.us/ER/INDEX.HTM

The department is a unique community organization dedicated to public health and environmental protection in Stanislaus County and the nine incorporated cities.

Code Enforcement

- Conducts investigative inspections of residential single and multiple family units on a complaint basis. Determines housing violations which are hazardous to life or limb.
- Inspects for compliance with state codes and issues permits for the operation of county mobile home parks, detention facilities, organized camps and employee housing.
- Investigates complaints regarding environmental concerns such as refuse disposal, noise, dust, odors, rodents, flies and other insects.
- Performs zoning enforcement activities related to the improper or illegal use of property.

Environmental Health

- Performs routine inspections of retail food facilities for compliance with health and safety codes.
- Reviews plans of food facilities, recreational health and on site sewage systems.
- Proposed parcel splits; subdivisions; use permits and building permit applications are evaluated for sufficient sewage disposal systems and domestic water supply.
- Ensures acceptable water quality, structural safety and the availability of life saving equipment at all public pools and spas.
- Investigates complaints concerning failed sewage disposal systems. Conducts inspections of new and rehabilitated private sewage disposal systems for compliance with health and safety codes. Inspects and monitors septic tank/chemical toilet pumper trucks.
- Tracks air pollution issues of local concern.

Hazardous Materials

- Implements risk management and prevention laws to minimize chemical releases in the community.
- Maintains hazardous materials response team to assist police and fire agencies during transportation and industrial accidents involving chemical spills.
- Prepares and implements the county's area plan for emergency response to chemical spills in the community.
- Oversees site investigation for soil and ground water contamination and clean up.
- Reviews procedures for storage, treatment and disposal of hazardous wastes.
- Inspects medical facilities to ensure compliance with state medical waste management laws.

Milk and Dairy Inspection

- Inspects market milk ("Grade A") and manufacturing grade ("Grade B") dairy farms for conformance with quality and sanitation requirements. Ask for our Dairy Farm Water Protection Handbook.
- Investigates consumer complaints and follows up with appropriate actions.
- Condemns milk and milk products that may be unfit or unsafe for human consumption.

Solid Waste

- Administers and enforces agreements, ordinances and regulations relative to franchise and industrial waste haulers.
- Inspects and permits waste haulers, food processing residue use sites, farm and inert disposal sites, and recycling centers.

Stanislaus County Environmental Resources
3800 Cornucopia Way, Suite C
Modesto, CA 95358
Phone: (209) 525-6700

Health Services Agency (HSA) www.schsa.org

Urgent Care

Urgent Care is open from 9:30 a.m. - 9:30 p.m. seven days a week. The Urgent Care Center provides prompt treatment of minor injuries and illnesses.

830 Scenic Drive
Modesto, CA.

Medical Clinic Services

Ceres Medical Office:(209) 541-2929
Family Practice Center:(209) 558-7646
Hughson Medical Office:(209) 558-7250

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McHenry Medical Office:(209) 558-5312
Paradise Medical Office:(209) 558-4000
Turlock Medical Office:(209) 664-8000
Stanislaus Urgent Care and Specialty Clinics:(209) 558-7000

Library

The Stanislaus County Library has reference and circulating books for adults and children, videotapes, books on tape, instructional foreign language audiotapes, newspapers, magazines, and government documents. Library services include computer classes, internet access, kids' events and book clubs.

County Libraries:

Modesto
1500 "I" St.
Modesto, CA 95354
Phone: (209) 558-7800

Hughson
2412 Third St.
Hughson, CA 95326
Phone: (209) 883-2293

Patterson
46 N. Salado
Patterson, CA 95363
Phone: (209) 892-6473

Ceres
2250 Magnolia
Ceres, CA 95307
Phone: (209) 537-8938

Keyes
4420 Maud Ave.
Keyes, CA 95328
Phone: (209) 664-8006

Salida
4835 Sisk Rd.
Salida, CA 95368
Phone: (209) 543-7353

Denair
4801 Kersey Road
Denair, CA 95316
Phone: (209) 634-1283

Newman
1305 Kern St.
Newman, CA 95360
Phone: (209) 862-2010

Turlock
550 Minaret Ave.
Turlock, CA 95380
Phone: (209) 664-8100

Empire
18 S. Abbie St.
Empire, CA 95319
Phone: (209) 524-5505

Oakdale
151 S. First Ave.
Oakdale, CA 95361
Phone: (209) 847-4204

Waterford
324 "E" St.
Waterford, CA 95386
Phone: (209) 874-2191

Planning and Community Development

www.co.stanislaus.ca.us/planning/planhome.htm

This department provides information to the public regarding planning and zoning issues, such as use permits, parcel maps, subdivisions, general plan designations, zoning and mobile homes.

Planning and Community Development
1010 Tenth St. Suite 3400, 3rd Floor
Modesto, CA 95354
Phone: (209) 525-6330

Public Works www.stanco.pworks.org

Road and Bridge maintains county roads and bridges.

Building Maintenance maintains county facilities.

Sanitary Landfill operates the county's landfill.

Development Services issues building permits.

Transit operates START bus system.

Engineering designs, surveys and inspects roads and bridges.

Public Works
1010 Tenth St. Place, 3rd Floor
Modesto, CA 95354
Phone: (209) 525-6550

Sheriff Department www.stanislaussheriff.com

250 E. Hackett Rd.
Modesto, CA 95358
Phone: (209) 525-7114

Treasurer and Tax Collector www.co.stanislaus.ca.us/TAXTR/index.htm

To administer the billing, collection and reporting of property tax revenues and assist the public with understanding property tax information in a prompt, efficient and courteous manner.

Revenue Recovery

Money owed to the County for court fines, hospital bills and many other departments handled through our Revenue Recovery Department.

Treasurer and Tax Collector
1010 Tenth St., Suite 2500
Modesto, CA 95354
Phone: (209) 525-4450

University of California Cooperative Extension

<http://cestanislaus.ucdavis.edu>

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Ed Perry, County Director, Farm Advisor
Specialty: Administration, environmental horticulture

Kathleen Kelley Anderson, Farm Advisor
Specialty: Walnuts, apricots, apples, cherries

Theresa A. Becchetti, Farm Advisor
Specialty: Livestock and natural resources

Gregory Encina Billikopf, Farm Advisor
Specialty: Labor management in agriculture, interpersonal conflict, mediation, negotiation skills

Marsha L Campbell Mathews, Farm Advisor
Specialty: Field crops

Roger Duncan, Farm Advisor
Specialty: Almonds, peaches, grapes

Jan Mickler Ph.D., Farm Advisor
Specialty: Vegetable crops

Kenneth M. Willmarth, 4-H Youth Development Advisor
Specialty: Volunteer development

JoAnn Ratto, 4-H Program Representative and EFNEP Program Manager

University of California Cooperative Extension
3800 Cornucopia Way, Suite A
Phone: (209) 525-6800
Publications: www.anrcatalog.ucdavis.edu

Merced County Government
www.co.merced.ca.us

Agricultural Commissioner, Sealer of Weights and Measures

www.co.merced.ca.us/ag/index.html

Programs administered include: Animal Control; Pesticide Use Enforcement; Pest Exclusion; Pest Detection; Pest Management; Nursery and Seed Inspection; Fruit, Vegetable, and Egg Quality Control; Organic and Direct Marketing Enforcement; Apiary Inspection; and Crop Statistics.

Agricultural Commissioner, Sealer of Weights and Measures
2139 Wardrobe Ave.
Merced, California 95340-6495
Phone: (209) 385-7431

Division of Animal Control www.co.merced.ca.us/animalcontrol/

Humanely houses and disposes of unwanted stray animals, enforces all laws pertaining to the care, custody and control of animals within our jurisdiction and complies with the State of California's Rabies Control Program Regulations.

Merced County Animal Control
2080 Grogan Ave.
Merced, CA 95340
Phone: (209) 385-7436

Assessor's Office www.co.merced.ca.us/assessor

Provides property assessment, property tax assistance, transfer of property and parcel maps.

Assessor's Office
2222 "M" St.
Merced, CA 95340
Phone: (209) 385-7631

Board of Supervisors www.co.merced.ca.us/bos

Merced County is governed by a five member Board of Supervisors. Each member is elected from the district in which he or she resides. Board members serve a four-year term, with elections occurring every two years for alternate districts. Duties of the Board of Supervisors:

- Appointment of members to board commission, committees, and advisory boards.
- Appointment of department heads, except elected officials appointed by the county executive officer.
- Adoption of an annual budget.
- Exercise policy review and oversight of county programs and functions.
- Serve as an appellate body for personnel actions and planning and zoning appeals.

District 1 Supervisor, John Pedrozo
District 2 Supervisor, Kathleen M. Crookham
District 3 Supervisor, Mike Nelson

District 4 Supervisor, Deidre F. Kelsey
District 5 Supervisor, Jerry O'Banion

The Board meets on scheduled Tuesdays at 10 a.m.
2222 "M" St., Board Chambers, 3rd Floor
Merced, CA 95340

County Clerk www.co.merced.ca.us/countyclerk

The County Clerk's office has many varied responsibilities, which include:

- Marriages - Issues public and confidential marriage licenses, perform civil ceremonies, provide certified copies of confidential marriage licenses.
- Passport Applications - Accept US passport applications on behalf of the US Passport Agency.
- Fictitious Business Names (FBNs) - Files fictitious business name statements.
- Notary Public Registrations - Registers notary public oaths and commissions.
- Registering process servers, professional photocopiers, unlawful detainer assistants, and legal document assistants.

The staff in the County Clerk's office also provides assistance to the Registrar of Voters and Elections Departments, including preparing for and conducting elections.

County Clerk Offices:

2222 "M" St., Room 14
Merced, CA 95340
Phone (209) 385-7501

445 "I" St.
Los Banos, CA 93635
Phone (209) 827-3714

Library www.co.merced.ca.us/library/about.html

The library has books, records, cassettes, and magazines that are available for check out. Materials are checked out for 21, 14, or 7 days, depending on type of material.

Merced County Library Branches:

Merced Branch
2100 "O" St.
Merced, CA 95340
(209) 385-7643

Dos Palos Branch
2002 Almond
Dos Palos, CA 93620
(209) 392-2155

Livingston Branch
1212 Main St.
Livingston, CA 95334
(209) 394-7330

Atwater Branch
1600 Third St.
Atwater, CA 95301
(209) 358-6651

Gustine Branch
205 Sixth St.
Gustine, CA 95322
(209) 854-3013

Los Banos Branch
1312 7th St.
Los Banos, CA 95334
(209) 826-5254

Planning and Community Development www.co.merced.ca.us/planning

- Parcel and Zoning Information and Codes
- Community Maps
- Merced County General Plan Update
- Williamson Act
- Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan
- California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

Department of Planning and Community Development
2222 "M" St., 2nd Floor
Merced, CA 95340
Phone: (209) 385-7654

Public Health (MCPHD) www.co.merced.ca.us/health

To promote, protect, and preserve healthy lifestyles and a healthy environment in the multi-cultural community of Merced County, through effective health education, prudent regulation and professional health services.

Bioterrorism Division www.co.merced.ca.us/health/CHS/BT_homepage.html

The MCDPH's Comprehensive Strategic Local Bioterrorism Preparedness Plan (BT Plan) was developed to enhance the capacities for investigating various outbreaks, including those caused by certain diseases that could potentially be related to possible bioterrorist activity.

Chuck Baucom, Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Administrator and Bioterrorism Plan Coordinator
Phone: (209) 381-1255

Joan Pinto Rodriguez, Support Services Analyst II
Phone: (209) 381-1210

Ron Duran, EMS Specialist
Phone: (209) 381-1260

Environmental Health <http://web.co.merced.ca.us/health/envhlth/index.htm>

The Division of Environmental Health has compiled a listing of resource agencies that are involved with environmental issues.

Environmental Health is responsible for the following service:

- Abandoned Vehicles
- Land Use Planning
- Animal Confinement Facilities (Dairy/Poultry)
- Medical Waste
- Bioaerosols (Mold)
- On Site Sewage Disposal
- Hazardous Waste
- Food Protection
- Sludge
- Groundwater/Soil Contamination Clean Up
- Smoking Enforcement
- Household Hazardous Waste
- Solid Waste
- Housing/Childhood Lead Investigations
- Water

Division of Environmental Health
777 W. 22nd St.
Merced, CA 95340
Phone: (209) 381-1100

Los Banos Office:
415 "F" St.
Los Banos, CA 93635
Phone: (209) 710-6095

Household Hazardous Waste Site:
6040 N. Hwy 59
Merced, CA 95340
Phone (209) 723-4753

Public Works www.co.merced.ca.us/pubwrks/index.html

Roads

Current road projects and delays, transportation and encroachment permits. For any questions regarding road projects, delays, or closures, please call.

Merced County Public Works Road Division
345 W. 7th St.
Merced, CA 95340
Phone: (209) 385-7601

Solid Waste

Merced County Public Works
Solid Waste Division
2222 "M" St.
Merced, CA 95340
Phone: (209) 385-7388

Merced County Landfill
6400 N. Highway 59
Merced, CA 95348
Phone: (209) 723-4481
Hours: Mon-Sun 7am-4pm

Los Banos Landfill
17173 S. Billy Wright Rd.
Los Banos, CA 93635
Phone: (209) 826-1163
Hours: Mon-Sat 8am-4pm
Sun 12pm-4pm

Recorder www.co.merced.ca.us/recorder

The Recorder's Office records, indexes, and files legal documents such as property transfer records, financial statements, liens, deeds, certificates of discharge, maps (parcel, subdivision, highway, assessment, and surveys), notices, marriages, births, and death certificates. Certified copies of records and general information are furnished to the public for state prescribed fees.

Recorder Offices:

2222 "M" St., Main Floor
Merced, CA 95340
Phone: (209) 385-7627

445 "I" St.,
Los Banos, CA 93635
Phone: (209) 710-6040

Sheriff Department www.mercedsheriff.com/index.html

700 West 22nd St.
Merced, CA 95340
Phone: (209) 385-7444

University of California Cooperative Extension (UCCE)

<http://cemerced.ucdavis.edu/>

More than 400 campus based specialists and county based farm, home, and youth advisors work as teams to bring the University's research based information to Californians. CE is a full partnership of federal, state, county, and private resources linked in applied research and educational outreach. CE tailors its programs to meet local needs. CE's many teaching tools include meetings, conferences, workshops, demonstrations, field days, video programs, newsletters and manuals. Thousands of volunteers extend CE's outreach, assisting with nutrition and 4-H youth development programs.

UCCE Staff List:

Richard L. Mahacek, County Director and 4-H Youth Development Advisor

Specialty: Science, engineering, and technology programs, state 4-H office contact for S.E.T. programs

Gregory Encina Billikopf, Farm Advisor

Specialty: Labor management in agriculture, interpersonal conflict, mediation, negotiation skills

Alejandro R. Castillo Ph.D., Farm Advisor
Specialty: Dairy

Russell D. Hill, 4-H Program Representative

Specialty: 4-H Clubs, camps

Maxwell V. Norton, Farm Advisor

Specialty: Tree fruit, grapes, farmland preservation

Scott Stoddard, Farm Advisor

Specialty: Soils, vegetable crops

Cooperative Extension Merced County
2145 W. Wardrobe Ave.
Merced CA, 95340-6496
Phone: (209) 385-7403
fax: (209) 722-8856
E Mail: cemerced@ucdavis.edu

Workforce Investment www.co.merced.ca.us/wi

Responding to business needs by providing quality resources.

Workforce Investment
1880 W. Wardrobe Ave.
Merced, CA 95340
Phone: (209) 724-2000 or Toll Free: 1-877-267-WORK (9675)

California Agencies

Agricultural Council of California www.agcouncil.org

For nearly a century the Agricultural Council of California has fought to protect farmer cooperatives. The Ag Council was established through an alliance of cooperatives with the purpose of defending farmers. If the issue affects California cooperatives and their owner members the Ag Council is there. With recognized experience and leadership, the Ag Council continues its committed representation of cooperative concerns.

To participate in the legislative process, simply contact us at info@agcouncil.org or at:

Agricultural Council of California
1225 "H" St.
Sacramento, CA 95814-1910
Phone: (916) 443-4887

Agricultural Crime Technology Information and Operations Network (ACTION) www.agcrime.net

ACTION IS...The acronym for a new concept in multi-agency cooperation for the protection of agricultural life and property. It supplements and enforces the work of the Rural Crime Prevention Program in the San Joaquin Valley.

ACTION DOES...Create positive technological, strategic, and financial support to improve the detection, arrest, prosecution and punishment systems for agriculturally related crimes committed in the rural areas of the San Joaquin Valley.

ACTION WILL...Serve agricultural businesses and property owners. The program embraces unified cross agency cooperation between the Agricultural Commissioners Offices, District Attorney Offices and Sheriff's Departments in the counties of Kern, Kings, Fresno, Madera, Merced, Monterey, San Benito, San Joaquin, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz, Stanislaus and Tulare Counties. Expansion to include other agricultural counties is planned in the near future.

ACTION SUPPORTS...New technology. Farmers are accustomed to the benefits of "eye in the sky" GIS (Global Information Systems) for improved agricultural practices. These satellite supported systems, through ACTION, are being adapted to rural crime stake outs and crime detection. The ACTION Project brings to the Central Valley and the nation a unique approach to fighting and preventing agricultural crime. Combining new technologies, research and development, computer analysis, agricultural crime data base, communications, training, networking and community education, ACTION has become a major force against agricultural crime. Join us today and put a stop to agricultural crime.

ACTION Project
701 W. Center St.
Visalia, CA 93291
Phone: (559) 624-1054
E Mail: info@agcrime.net

Agricultural Energy Consumers Association

www.aecaonline.com

The Agricultural Energy Consumers Association (AECA) is a not for profit coalition of agricultural producers and related industry associations that works to ensure fair treatment of agriculture in California's energy markets. AECA was formed in 1991 in response to rapidly escalating energy rates. It had become apparent to several San Joaquin Valley producers that agriculture had been significantly underrepresented in the Legislature and in the California Public Utilities Commission, and these set out to give farmers a voice in energy policy.

Agricultural Energy Consumers Association
925 "L" St., Suite 800
Sacramento, CA 95814
(916) 447-6206

AgSafe www.agsafe.org

AgSafe is a nonprofit coalition of individuals, groups and organizations with the shared mission of the prevention of injuries, illnesses, and fatalities among those working in agriculture. AgSafe organizes and promotes educational activities, conferences, regional meetings, applied research, and the collection, interpretation and dissemination of agricultural safety information to enhance the effectiveness of the agricultural safety professional. If you work in agriculture and have the responsibility for job health and safety, loss control, or safety education and training, you should be a member of AgSafe coalition. AgSafe membership will immediately connect you with a network of other safety professionals that can help you to solve job related safety problems.

Agsafe
P.O. Box 614
Clovis, CA 93613-0614
Phone: (559) 278-4404
E Mail: safeinfo@agsafe.org

American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers (CalASFMRA) www.calasfmra.com

About CalASFMRA . . .

The California Chapter of the American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers was chartered in 1949 as an affiliate of the national organization. It is a non-profit mutual benefit corporation under California law. ASFMRA is the nation's premier organization of professionals who adhere to exceptionally high standards for education, ethics and performance in appraisal and management of agricultural properties, and consulting for agribusiness.

American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers
P.O. Box 838
Woodbridge, CA 95258
Phone: (209) 368-3672

California Association of Local Agency Formation Commissions

www.calafco.org

To encourage the orderly growth of government agencies, to preserve agricultural lands and to discourage urban sprawl.

California Association of Local Agency Formation Commissions
801 12th St., Suite 611
Sacramento, CA 95814
Phone: (916) 442-6536

California Association of Pest Control Advisers <http://www.capca.com>

The California Association of Pest Control Advisers (CAPCA) represents more than 75% of the nearly 4,200 California EPA licensed pest control advisers (PCAs) that provide pest management consultation for the production of food, fiber and ornamental industries of this state.

CAPCA offers active members continuing education hour tracking, to facilitate licensing renewal. Updates are available on the CAPCA web site or by calling the office, and official certificates are mailed each fall. CAPCA offers two scholarships annually: one \$3,000 scholarship from the California Association of Pest Control Advisers (CAPCA) and one \$2,000 scholarship from the Thomas C. Griffin Memorial Scholarship Fund.

California Association of Pest Control Advisors
1143 N. Market Blvd., Ste. 7
Sacramento, CA 95834
Phone: (916) 928-1625

California Coalition for Food and Farming www.calfoodandfarming.org

Dedicated to promoting a sustainable and socially “just food” system. The California Coalition for Food and Farming’s member organizations include farm, environmental, consumer, farm worker, and other groups.

We have a successful track record in forging links between diverse constituencies and winning policy changes that increase support for organic and sustainable agriculture. We have a six-year history of bringing leaders from diverse organizations to the table to pursue our common agenda.

Constituencies benefiting from California Coalition for Food and Farming activities include farmers (primarily sustainable and family scale), farm workers, rural residents, consumers, and environmentalists in addition to our member organizations.

California Coalition for Food and Farming
406 Main St., #313
Watsonville, CA 95076
Phone: (831) 763-2111

California Farm Bureau Federation www.cfbf.com

The California Farm Bureau Federation is a non-governmental, non-profit, voluntary membership California corporation that’s purpose is to protect and promote agricultural interests throughout the state of California and to find solutions to the problems of the farm and the rural community.

Some of the benefits of the California Farm Bureau Federation offered are:

Farm Employers Labor Service (FELS)

Farm and ranch employers use Farm Employers Labor Service to reduce their costs and take the headaches out of complying with complicated federal and state regulations. FELS® keeps you up to date on farm worker health and safety requirements with The Farm Labor Manual. Ask about safety seminars, consulting services, bilingual labor relations and more.

Phone Toll Free 1-800-753-9073.

California Farm Bureau Federation
2300 River Plaza Drive
Sacramento, CA 95833
Phone: (916) 561-5500
Phone Toll Free 1-800-698-FARM (3276)

County Farm Bureaus:

San Joaquin Farm Bureau
3290 North Ad Art Road
Stockton, CA 95215
Phone: (209) 931-4931
Web site: www.sjfb.org

Stanislaus County Farm Bureau
1201 "L" St.
Modesto, CA 95354
Phone: (209) 522-7278
www.stanfarmbureau.com

Merced County Farm Bureau
646 S. Highway 59
Merced, CA 95340
Phone: (209) 723-3001

California Farm Conference www.californiafarmconference.com

The Farm Conference is a not for profit organization incorporated in 1987 with the mission to conduct an educational conference on topics relevant to family farming, direct marketing and issues related to agricultural sustainability. The governing body of the Farm Conference – the Executive Committee – is composed of volunteer representatives of the public and private agencies that sponsor and support the California Small Farm Conference.

California Farm Conference
P.O. Box 73614
Davis, CA 95617
Phone Toll Free: 1-888-712-4188

California Farm Water Coalition (CFWC) www.cfwc.com

CFWC was formed to increase public awareness of agriculture's efficient use of water and promote the industry's environmental sensitivity regarding water. The California Farm Water Coalition Board of Directors has identified three primary goals: 1) To serve as the voice for agricultural water users, 2) To represent irrigated agriculture in the media, and 3) To educate the public about the benefits of irrigated agriculture.

California Farm Water Coalition
5999 Freeport Blvd.
Sacramento, CA 95822
Phone: (916) 391-5030

California FarmLink www.californiafarmlink.org

California FarmLink is a non-profit organization to build family farming and conserve farmland in California by linking aspiring and retiring farmers; and promoting techniques and disseminating information that facilitate intergenerational farm transitions.

The Challenge: California agricultural land is being developed at ever increasing rates. Meanwhile, California farmers age 65 and over outnumber farmers under the age of 25 by approximately 60 to one. Aspiring farmers face numerous obstacles to achieving their dreams. These include a lack of information about financing options and other resources crucial to their success. Retiring farmers lack information about innovative ways to keep land in agricultural production while simultaneously meeting financial goals related to retirement and estate planning. California FarmLink provides a range of services to facilitate a transition from one farm owner to the next.

How Can California FarmLink Help You? Through workshops and one-on-one technical assistance, California FarmLink can help you find solutions to many challenges related to farm transfers. The California FarmLink office serves as a clearinghouse of information and contracts regarding intergenerational farm transfers. Services are provided for free or at a minimal cost to farmers.

Whether you are interested in selling land immediately or looking to lease in the short run, California FarmLink can assist. We can provide you with names of aspiring farmers interested in leasing/buying all or part of your farm. Some of these individuals would be interested in apprenticing with you during a transition period.

California FarmLink
P.O. Box 2224
Sebastopol, CA 95473
Phone: (707) 829-1691

Davis Office (Central Valley)
Phone: (530) 756-8518 x 32

California Women for Agriculture (CWA) www.CAWomen4AG.com

CWA's membership includes farmers, ranchers, packers, shippers, processors, consumers and business professionals working in banking, sales, communications, regulatory agencies, politics and education.

CWA members regularly share the perspectives of the farming community and the benefits to our state's economy with media, teachers and students, elected officials, regulators, opinion leaders, community members and others. CWA provides the information, skills and network so our volunteers can make a difference, both locally and statewide.

A sampling of CWA projects:

- State and national grassroots legislative and regulatory campaigns on issues such as private property rights, land use, endangered species, food safety, international trade, water, pest management, biotechnology, labor and taxation.
- National Ag Day and Farm/City Week events.
- Various school agricultural education projects such as support of "Ag in the Classroom" program, school gardens, and sponsorship of summer teacher seminars.
- Scholarships
- Award winning educational exhibits at state and county fairs.
- Bi-monthly statewide meetings at which members are kept informed through professional speakers, workshops and discussions.

California Women for Agriculture
P.O. Box 2185
Merced, CA 95348
(916) 283-6292

Community Alliance with Family Farmers (CAFF) www.caff.org

The Community Alliance with Family Farmers is building a movement of rural and urban people to foster family scale agriculture that cares for the land, sustains local economies and promotes social justice.

- **Watershed Stewardship** - *San Joaquin Valley, Sacramento Valley*
- **Farmscaping** - CAFF has been increasing farm biodiversity with native plant hedgerow projects in the Central Coast, North Coast and San Joaquin Valley regions since 2001.
- **Farm to School** - The Farm to School program brings fresh, locally grown, and unprocessed fruits and vegetables into school cafeterias across California. Farm to School educates children about their relationship to agriculture, the environment and the food they eat.
- **Biological Farming** - The Biological Farming Program builds and supports communities of farmers, agricultural professionals, and public institutions dedicated to the voluntary adoption of a whole systems approach to farm management. This approach is flexible, maintains long-term profitability, and conserves and enhances water, soil and air resources.

Community Alliance with Family Farmers (CAFF)

P.O. Box 363

Davis, CA 95617

Phone: (530) 756-8518

Grants.gov www.grants.gov

Grants.gov allows organizations to electronically find and apply for more than \$400 billion in Federal grants. Grants.gov is the single access point for over 1,000 grant programs offered by all Federal grant making agencies.

Grants.gov

200 Independence Ave., S.W.

HHH Building, Room 739F

Washington, D.C. 20201

Phone Toll Free: 1-800-518-4726

Great Valley Center www.greatvalley.org

The Great Valley Center is a private, non-profit, and non-partisan organization working to make the Great Central Valley a better place to live.

Agricultural Programs

GVC's Agricultural Programs are designed to increase the agricultural industry's awareness of land conservation tools and support the work of Central Valley land trusts. Agricultural Programs fund real estate transactions that permanently protect farmland in the Central Valley.

IDEALS

Institute for the Development of Emerging Area Leaders (IDEAL) targets underrepresented groups and minorities and local leaders from small rural communities. An IDEAL Fellow will be an active member of a community, will have experience through leadership positions or volunteer activities. The class of Fellows will be adults with a wide range of backgrounds, experiences, and education levels (participation in the program does not require a college degree).

Great Valley Center

201 Needham St.

Modesto, CA 95354

Phone: (209) 522-5103

Mosquito and Vector Control Association of California www.mvcac.org

The primary mission of the District is to protect the public health and well being as well as their animals from mosquitoes. The control of mosquitoes enhances the public's quality of life. It also greatly reduces the threat of mosquito borne diseases to people and animals.

MVCAC
660 "J" St., Suite 480
Sacramento, CA 95814
Phone: (916) 440-0826

East Side Mosquito
Abatement District
2000 Santa Fe Ave
Modesto, CA 95357
Phone: (209) 522-4098

Stockton Mosquito
Abatement District
7759 S. Airport Way
Stockton, CA 95206
Phone: (209) 982-4675

Turlock Mosquito
Abatement District
4412 N. Washington Road
Turlock, CA 95380
Phone: (209) 634-1234
Website: <http://mosquitoturlock.com>

Merced County Mosquito
Abatement District
P.O. Box 909
Merced, CA 95341
Phone: (209) 722-1527

National Farm Worker Ministry (NFWM) www.nfwm.org

National Farm Worker Ministry (NFWM) is an interfaith organization that supports farm workers as they organize for empowerment, justice, and equality. NFWM brings together national denominations, state councils of churches, and concerned individuals to act with the farm workers to achieve fundamental change in their living and working conditions.

NFWM California
4430 E. 60th St.
Maywood, CA 90270
Phone: (323) 308-0060

National Farmers Union (NFU) www.nfu.org

National Farmers Union promotes rural economic and cooperative development by supporting existing agricultural co-ops and helping form new farmer co-ops and other rural businesses. NFU assists producers to retain ownership of their commodity further into the processing channel and enhance market returns on their investment.

NFU California
2881 Geer Rd., #D
Turlock, CA 95380
Phone: (209) 632-0381
Phone Toll Free: 1-800-347-1961

NFU D.C.
400 North Capitol St. N.W., Suite 790
Washington, D.C. 20001
Phone: (202) 554-1600

National Immigration Law Center www.nilc.org

To protect and promote the rights and opportunities of low income immigrants and their family members. NILC staff specializes in immigration law, and the employment and public benefits rights of immigrants. NILC provides publications, technical advice, and trainings.

National Immigration Law Center
3435 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 2850
Los Angeles, CA 90010
Phone: (213) 639-3900

Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC) www.rcac.org

RCAC is a nonprofit organization dedicated to assisting rural communities achieve their goals and visions by providing training, technical assistance and access to resources. Most RCAC services are available to communities with populations fewer than 50,000 and for the benefit of low-income people.

Farm Worker Fund

Farm workers toil in the fields to bring healthy food to our tables, yet their lives are often difficult and dangerous. The RCAC farm worker fund is helping farm workers improve their lives.

Environmental

RCAC helps rural, small and tribal communities develop and maintain safe, affordable drinking water and wastewater systems and integrated solid waste services. RCAC provides educational materials, training and technical assistance on such topics as utility operation and management, regulatory and compliance issues, maintenance, board responsibilities, project planning and financing.

Housing and Health

Nonprofit housing developers call upon RCAC for technical assistance to develop, finance and operate affordable housing programs. We help create single and multifamily housing solutions for a wide variety of populations including agricultural workers, elderly, low income households and Native Americans.

Loan Fund

As a certified Community Development Financial Institution, RCAC fills financing gaps and serves those traditionally neglected by conventional markets. We offer a comprehensive array of products for affordable housing development, environmental infrastructure and community facilities in rural communities. Each is designed to meet the unique underwriting and structuring needs of nonprofit and local government borrowers.

Rural Community Assistance Corporation
3120 Freeboard Drive, Suite 201
West Sacramento, CA 95691
Phone: (916) 447-2854

San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District www.valleyair.org/

Local air pollution control districts, such as the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (Valley Air District), develop plans and implement control measures in their areas. These controls primarily affect stationary sources such as factories and plants. Local air districts also conduct public education and outreach efforts such as the Valley Air District's Spare the Air, Wood Burning, and Smoking Vehicle voluntary programs. Contact your local office for more information on ag permits / cmp, burning permits, dairy permitting and rules and regulations.

Northern Office
4800 Enterprise Way
Modesto, CA 95356-9322
Phone: (209) 557-6400

Central Office
1990 E. Gettysburg Ave.
Fresno, CA 93726-0244
Phone: (559) 230-6000

Air Quality Status
Phone: 1-800-766-4463

Report Smoking Vehicles
Phone: 1-800-559-9247

University of California

Agricultural and Resource Economics

Agricultural marketing, economics and international trade.

Agricultural and Resource Economics
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Agricultural Issues Center

Public policy-making for agriculture and natural resources.

Agricultural Issues Center
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Davis, CA 95616
Phone: (530) 752-2320

Agricultural Personnel Management Program <http://apmp.berkeley.edu/>

The Agricultural Personnel Management Program (APMP) was created in 1981 as part of the UC Cooperative Extension system. Funded by the state legislature through a specific augmentation to the UCCE budget, its core purpose was to inform the practice of human resource (aka personnel, aka labor) management in agriculture. Its staff was charged to extend research-based education that helps agricultural managers to adopt practices serving their business objectives while meeting the standards of labor law and other public policy. Like other units serving UC's mission as a landgrant institution, APMP has applied academic resources to practical problems of people throughout California.

Agricultural Personnel Management Program
319 Giannini Hall
Berkeley, CA 94720-3310
Phone: (510) 642-2296

Agricultural Labor Management www.cnr.berkeley.edu/ucce50/ag-labor/

There is much that farmers do not have control over, and what they do control, they control through people. How these people are hired, managed and motivated makes a huge difference. Labor management is much more than forms and paperwork. It is more about finding creative new ways of increasing productivity and reducing loss. About 40% to 70% of costs in production agriculture are related to labor costs. Thus, it seems that effective management of these costs plays a vital role in the competitiveness of agricultural producers. This page was established in 1996. A sister site with equivalent resources in Spanish is also available to visitors. These sites offer a number of downloadable books, research papers, articles, audio seminars, electronic discussion groups, bulletin boards, and other resources to farm employers, academia, consultants, and the press. They have received over 3.5 million hits as of October 2007.

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Animal Science

Animal genetics, reproduction, fertilization, health, nutrition and welfare.

- Dairy management
- Poultry
- Aquaculture
- Livestock

Animal Science
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Avian Sciences

Efficiency of California poultry and game bird producers, both commercial and non-commercial; management, fertility and hatchability, niche marketing; youth programs; history of women in poultry production.

Avian Sciences
One Shields Ave.
Davis, CA 95616
Phone: (530) 752-1300

California Agriculture Journal <http://californiaagriculture.ucop.edu>

Peer reviewed research and news in agriculture, natural and human resources.

California Agriculture Journal
6701 San Pablo Ave., 2nd Floor
Oakland, CA 94607-5200
Phone: (510) 642-2431

California Certified Agricultural Mediation Program (CCAMP)

<http://extension.ucdavis.edu/commonground>

This program is certified by the USDA and administered by Common Ground Center for Cooperative Solutions, UC Davis Extension. The program provides mediation on agricultural issues. There may be costs associated with mediation, such as when outside experts are used, or when other services are required to resolve a dispute. But generally, there is no cost for the mediation service itself. Mediation services are available through CCAMP to agricultural producers, creditors of producers, and persons directly affected by actions of the US Department of Agriculture to resolve issues relating to:

- Compliance with farm programs, including conservation programs
- Agricultural credit
- Agricultural lands
- Rural water loan programs
- Rural housing loans
- Rural business loans
- Crop insurance
- Pesticides
- Grazing on Forest Service System land
- Wetlands determination

Common Ground Center for Cooperative Solutions, UC Davis Extension
1333 Research Park Dr.
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Center for Aquatic Biology and Aquaculture

Aquaculture and Fisheries Program
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Center for Forestry <http://forestry.berkeley.edu/>

The Mission of the Center for Forestry is to sustain forested ecosystems through scientific inquiry. Our approach is comprehensive. We seek to create and disseminate knowledge concerning ecosystem processes, human interactions and value systems, restoration and operational management practices.

Center for Forestry
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Phone: (510) 642-0095
E-mail: forestry@nature.berkeley.edu

Integrated Pest Management www.ipm.ucdavis.edu/

The mission of the UC IPM Program is to:

- Increase utilization of ecologically based integrated pest management programs.
- Provide leadership in IPM including building coalitions and partnerships that link with communities and public agencies.
- Increase the predictability and effectiveness of pest management techniques.
- Develop science-based pest management programs that are economically and environmentally sustainable, and socially appropriate.
- Protect human health and reduce pesticide impact on the environment.

Integrated Pest Management
One Shields Ave.
Davis, CA 95616-8621
Phone: (530) 752-8350

Kearney Agricultural Center www.uckac.edu

Located 15 miles southeast of Fresno in the central San Joaquin Valley, one of the most productive agricultural areas in the world, Kearney is the University of California's largest off-campus agricultural research facility. Kearney's mission is to provide state-of-the-science research and educational programs to promote sustainability of California's 24.5 billion dollar agriculture industry, and to enhance the quality of the rural environment.

For more than 35 years, Kearney has achieved international acclaim for leadership in areas such as development of new fruit, nut, and grape varieties, innovative cultural and irrigation practices, and pest and disease management techniques. In addition, Kearney specializes in postharvest biology, working with growers, packers, and shippers of fresh market crops to reduce losses and provide consumers of California produce, near and far, with top quality products. Kearney also carries a leadership role in maintaining the high quality of California's rural environment, with programs in important fields including air and water quality, and mosquito management.

Kearney Agricultural Center
9240 S. Riverbend Ave.
Parlier, CA 93648
Phone: (559) 646-6000

Land Air and Water Resources

http://lawr.ucdavis.edu/cooperative_extension.htm

Our objective is to support Californians' efforts to improve economic competitiveness and protect environmental quality in matters relating to land, air and water resources in agricultural, rural, urban and natural landscape settings. We provide Californians with continuing education and scientific research and advice in addressing agricultural, natural resources, and environmental quality issues as they relate to water, soils, and the atmosphere.

Department of Land, Air and Water Resources
One Shields Ave.
Davis, CA 95616-8627
Phone: (530) 752-1130

Nematology

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Plant Sciences, Department of

Soil and water management, genetics, plant breeding, root development, rootstock improvement, plant biochemistry, plant nutrition., rangeland management, nursery production, development and management of fruit and nut tree crops, ornamental crop production, weed control, landscape architecture, urban forestry, riparian ecology, vegetable production, small grains, agronomy, greenhouse environments.

Department of Plant Sciences
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1210 Plant and Environmental Sciences Bldg.
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Small Farm Center www.sfc.ucdavis.edu

We are a part of the University of California's Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources, and are located on the UC Davis campus. We respond directly to the needs of farmers, researchers, organizations, farm advisors, and consumers by providing research results, publications, and educational programs on small farm topics.

- Serves as a clearinghouse for questions from farmers, marketers, farm advisors, trade associations, government officials and agencies, and the academic community.
- Maintains a library of books, scientific and popular journals, reports, directories, and periodicals covering production, marketing, and policy issues.
- Publishes *Small Farm News*, that includes news of upcoming events, publications, topical issues, and profiles of farmers and farm advisors.
- Organizes and coordinates statewide conferences, workshops, tastings, and symposiums, and supports advisors, farmers markets and farm organizations in regional and local programs.
- Provides leadership and coordination for the Small Farm Program.

Small Farm Center
One Shields Ave.
Davis, CA 95616-8575
Phone: (530) 752-8136

Sustainable Agricultural Research and Education Program (SAREP)

www.sarep.ucdavis.edu

The UC Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program (SAREP) is a statewide program within UC Agriculture and Natural Resources. It was created through the grass roots efforts of organizations and individuals concerned about the environmental impacts of agriculture, the health of rural communities, and the profitability of family farming operations in California. At the request of the California legislature, the University of California established SAREP with three mandates: administer competitive grants for research on sustainable agricultural practices and systems, develop and distribute information through publications and on-farm demonstrations, and support long-term research and sustainable farming systems on UC farmlands.

Based on our overall mission and the founding legislation, SAREP has two goals: 1) To assist California farmers and ranchers in developing and implementing sustainable production and marketing systems; and 2) To support California's rural and urban communities in understanding the concept and value of sustainable agriculture and participating in sustainable food and agricultural systems.

Sustainable Agricultural Research and Education Program
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Phone: (530) 752-7556

University of California Cooperative Extension (UCCE)

UCCE is the University's Agriculture and Natural Resources outreach arm. It has farm, 4-H, and nutrition, family and consumer sciences advisors based in more than 50 county offices. See detailed information for advisor specialties and services in each section of County Government in this brochure.

County farm advisors' work is aimed at enhancing California agricultural productivity and competitiveness. Together with farmers, pest control advisors, and industry representatives, they identify current and emerging agricultural opportunities and problems.

The 4-H youth development program provides meaningful, learn by doing educational activities to children in 4-H clubs, school enrichment and after school programs. **The 4-H program** includes traditional offerings – such as cooking, animal husbandry, sewing, rocketry, computer science, and leadership.

The nutrition, family and consumer sciences advisors focus on nutrition, food safety, food preparation, food preservation, and finance management. Workshops, public meetings, newsletters, the mass media, and other communications tools bring information to the community.

UCCE San Joaquin County

420 S. Wilson Way
Stockton, CA 95205
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Website: cesanjoaquin.ucdavis.edu

UCCE Stanislaus County

3800 Cornucopia Way, Suite A
Modesto, CA 95358
Phone: (209) 525-6800
Website: cestanislaus.ucdavis.edu

UCCE Merced County

2145 W. Wardrobe Ave.
Merced, CA 95340-6496
Phone: (209) 385-7403
Website: cemerced.ucdavis.edu

Veterinary Medicine Extension

Agricultural animal welfare, beef, dairy and poultry, health, food and safety.

Veterinary Medicine Extension
One Shields Ave., 1383A Surge III
Davis, CA 95616-8736
Phone: (530) 752-0853

Weed Research and Information Center (WRIC) <http://wric.ucdavis.edu>

WRIC fosters research in weed management and facilitates distribution of associated knowledge for the benefit of agriculture and for the preservation of natural resources.

Weed Research and Information Center
One Shields Ave., 124 Robbins Hall
Davis, CA 95616
Phone: (530) 752-7091

West Side Research and Extension Center (WSREC)

<http://groups.ucanr.org/wsrec/index.cfm>

Located on 320 acres in the San Joaquin Valley, the West Side Research and Extension Center (WSREC) is the result of the determination, energy, and foresight of a small group of farmers, business people, and University of California (UC) staff who believed that the west side of the Central Valley of California—which generates an agricultural income exceeding that of about 60% of the states in the United States—needed a research station.

The areas of research are many and varied. New crops, varieties, weed and insect control (both chemical and biological), disease management, fertility, irrigation (including furrow, sprinkler and drip systems), and salinity management are active projects. Historically, more research has been devoted to cotton than to any other crop; more recently vegetable research has shown considerable expansion. Crops grown in current research trials include cotton, cereal, grains, canola, alfalfa (both for seed and forage), grapes, sugarbeets, tomatoes, beans, pistachios, peppers, melons, onions, and garlic.

West Side Research and Extension Center
P.O. Box 158, 17353 W. Oakland Ave.
Five Points, CA 93624-0158
Phone: (559) 884-2411

Wildlife, Fish, and Conservation Biology

Avian, wetland and riparian ecology. Wildlife population and habitat management. Ecological approaches for wildlife pest management.

Wildlife, Fish and Conservation Biology
One Shields Ave.
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Davis, CA 95616-8751
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