

# What Have We Done For You Lately?

## CCA staff on guard to watch out for ranchers

### STATE ISSUES

✓CCA members and staff participated in an Air Resources Board meeting in Sacramento to discuss potential delays to the diesel truck rule and advocate for consideration of compliance delays for truck and trailer livestock haulers.

✓CCA staff attended the Sacramento County Board of Supervisor's meeting in Sacramento, where Supervisors discussed future support for Williamson Act contracts in the county and shared follow up information on agriculture's economic importance with members of the board.

✓CCA staff attended a meeting of California Roundtable for Agriculture and the Environment in Sacramento to discuss issues surrounding climate change legislation with diverse agricultural and conservation-focused stakeholders.

✓CCA members and staff gathered in Orland to discuss the development of the California Rangeland Conservation Coalition Programmatic Safe Harbor Agreement and Voluntary Local Program and hear comments and concerns from members.

✓CCA members and staff attended a meeting with other agricultural groups, food advocates and conservation groups sponsored by the State Board of Food and Agriculture in Sacramento focused on the state's vision for agriculture in the future.

### FEDERAL ISSUES

✓CCA members and staff met at the CCA office in Sacramento with representatives from the United States Forest Service to discuss the Sierra Nevada Framework litigation and potential impacts to cattle producers.

### PUBLIC RELATIONS

✓CCA members, officer and staff met with Dean Bennie Osburn, DVM, of the University of California, Davis, School of Veterinary Medicine

to discuss continued successes in development of a foothill abortion vaccine and to share support from CCA for maintaining a viable food animal program at the vet school

✓CCA members and staff attended the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual National Conference on Grazing Lands in Sparks, Nev. A number of the sessions during the conference featured California ranchers sharing their ranching operation, research projects, conservation projects, monitoring programs and marketing plans with fellow cattlemen.

✓CCA staff met with Katcho Achadjian, San Luis County Supervisor and candidate for the 33<sup>rd</sup> Assembly District, which will shortly be vacated by Assembly Minority Leader Sam Blakeslee (R-San Luis Obispo.) CCA staff also attended an event in Sacramento hosted by Assemblyman Blakeslee.

✓CCA staff met with Jack Sieglock, San Joaquin County Supervisor and candidate for the 10<sup>th</sup> Assembly District. Sieglock will be running in the primary against one opponent and if successful, plans to run against second term Assemblymember

Alyson Huber (D-Lodi.)

✓CCA staff attended an event hosted by Assemblymember Fiona Ma (D-San Francisco.)

✓CCA staff met with the California Department of Food and Agriculture and other agriculture stakeholders to discuss support for California Ag Day, set for March 23, 2010, in Sacramento.

✓CCA staff attended a luncheon held hosted by Don McKinney, a Madera County almond grower, rancher and candidate for the 29<sup>th</sup> Assembly District, which will be vacated by Assemblymember Mike Villines (R-Clovis.)

✓CCA staff met with Abram Wilson, Mayor of San Ramon and candidate for the 15<sup>th</sup> Assembly District. Wilson is thus far unopposed in the primary and will run against freshman incumbent Joan Buchanan (D-San Ramon).

✓CCA officers and staff attended the annual budget meeting of the California Beef Council in Coalinga to provide a report on CCA activities and participate in coordinating focus for beef promotion and research to meet the challenges of today's consumer climate.

## CALIFORNIA RANGELAND TRUST APPLIES FOR LAND TRUST ACCREDITATION

The Land Trust Accreditation Commission, an independent program of the Land Trust Alliance, recognizes land conservation organizations that meet national quality standards for protecting important natural places and working lands forever. Accreditation involves an extensive review of each applicant's policies and programs to ensure the highest standards of land conservation are employed. The California Rangeland Trust is pleased to announce it is applying for accreditation in 2010, and a public comment period is now open.

The Commission invites public input and accepts signed, written comments on pending applications now through March 31, 2010. Comments must relate to how the California Rangeland Trust complies with national quality standards.

To submit a comment regarding the California Rangeland Trust, visit [www.landtrustaccreditation.org/current-applicants/action-public-comment](http://www.landtrustaccreditation.org/current-applicants/action-public-comment). Comments may also be sent to Land Trust Accreditation Commission attention Public Comments by fax to (518) 587-3183 or by mail to 112 Spring Street, Suite 204, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866.