

What Have We Done For You Lately?

Fighting on the front lines to keep your land in ranching

STATE ISSUES

✓CCA officers and staff met with leadership at the California Department of Fish and Game in Sacramento to discuss feedback received from local cattlemen's associations regarding the Safe Harbor/Voluntary Local Program in the Sacramento Valley.

✓CCA member and Treasurer **Jack Hanson**, Susanville, testified at an oversight hearing relative to the future of the Williamson Act at the State Capitol.

In addition, CCA officers, members and staff met with a number of agency representatives, legislative leaders and their staffs on the importance of the Williamson Act as a tool in continuing to provide environmental benefits to the state of California.

✓CCA staff attended an agricultural issues discussion with U.S. Senate Candidate Tom Campbell, a republican from San Jose. Campbell is running for the seat currently held by Sen. Barbara Boxer (D-CA).

✓CCA staff attended a legislative briefing in Sacramento by Assemblymember Jean Fuller (R-Bakersfield) relative to legislation that would decrease endangered species predation in the Delta and increase the availability of water for agricultural use.

✓CCA staff participated in a Williamson Act coalition strategy meeting, comprised of stakeholders from the environmental, landowner and local government communities.

✓CCA officers and staff met with Brian Leahy, assistant director in charge of the Division of Land Resource Protection for the State of California Department of Conservation, to again express the importance to cattle producers of Williamson Act subvention funding.

✓CCA staff met with producers

from the Central Coast in San Miguel to discuss the impacts of a proposed Total Maximum Daily Loads for the Lower Salinas River.

✓CCA members and staff participated in a Truck and Bus Regulation workshop hosted by the California Air Resources Board in El Centro to discuss the regulation's CCA-supported agricultural provisions and how producers can most easily comply.

FEDERAL ISSUES

✓CCA joined other agricultural groups and conservation organizations that are members of the California Roundtable on Agriculture and the Environment as signatories on a letter to California's senators and congressional delegation on the importance of sustaining funding authorized under the 2008 Farm Bill for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program for 2011.

✓CCA staff participated in the scoping meeting for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service California Landscape Conservation Cooperative initiative in Sacramento.

This year, the program received \$25 million dollars nationwide to begin the scientific and technical support for conservation at the "landscape" scale.

✓CCA staff and officers continued to work with the California Congressional Delegation to advance meaningful, permanent reform of the estate tax to protect the state's family farms and ranches.

✓CCA staff made a presentation designed to educate range staff about issues facing cattle producers and public lands ranching at the U.S. Forest Service's Range Managers Conference in Davis.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

✓CCA staff presented at the Vernal

Pool Conference in Chico on the economic and regulatory challenges ranchers are facing and on the collaborative efforts of the California Rangeland Conservation Coalition.

✓CCA staff, along with the Tahoe Cattlemen's Association and Placer-Nevada Cooperative Extension, organized a Beef Quality Assurance training in Lincoln, where more than 30 producers were taught animal handling, welfare and marketing information.

✓CCA officers, members and staff participated in the California Rangeland Coalition Steering Committee meeting in Sacramento to begin the development of a five-year strategic plan for the partnership.

✓CCA staff attended Assembly Speaker John Pérez's (D-Los Angeles) Ecumenical service and swearing in ceremony at the State Capitol.

✓CCA staff attended California Farm Bureau's Public Lands Commodity Advisory Committee in Sacramento to discuss CCA public lands priorities for 2010.

