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Independence, Calif. Rancher Elected New California Cattlemen's Association Second Vice President

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – Independence, Calif. rancher, Mark Lacey, was recently elected as the first vice president of the California Cattlemen's Association (CCA) among more than 600 members of the California cattle ranching community who met at John Ascuaga's Nugget in Sparks, Nev. for the 98th CCA and California CattleWomen, Inc. (CCW) Annual Convention.

Lacey and his wife Brenda along with their daughters Molly and Katie, who will be the 5th generation of Laceys on the land since the family first settled in Independence in 1867, run a commercial cow-calf and stocker operation, in addition to a registered quarterhorse operation in the east central valley of California with Mark's parents and siblings, too.

“The fact that the 100th year anniversary of CCA just two years away is a good indicator of the quality of stewardship that cattlemen have practiced on the rangelands of California,” Lacey said. “It is certainly evidence that livestock grazing has been sustainable for the past century and will be for the next century and beyond, and I am excited to work with ranchers who carry that legacy on.”

During his two year term as second vice president, Lacey will travel the state to gather feedback from CCA members from the coast to the mountains and from border to border to help ensure that their concerns are well addressed in Sacramento and in Washington, D.C.

Lacey was among four newly elected officers at the convention including Billy Flournoy, Likely, CCA President; David Daley, Ph.D., Oroville, First Vice President; Jack Lavers, Glennville, CCA Second Vice President; and Rob Von Der Lieth, Copperopolis, CCA Treasurer. Those continuing to serve their term in office are Rich Ross, Lincoln, CCA Second Vice President, Bill Brandenburg, El Centro, CCA Feeder Council Chair, and Mike Smith, Selma, CCA Feeder Council Vice Chair.

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Founded in 1917, the California Cattlemen's Association (CCA) represents California's 1.75 billion- dollar beef cattle industry on legislative and regulatory affairs and remains the number one voice for the industry today. CCA is an affiliate of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association, which represents America's cattle farmers and ranchers.