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Jim Lincoln elected Napa County Farm Bureau President

NAPA, CA – September 10, 2009, Napa County Farm Bureau (NCFB) announces that Jim Lincoln, Vineyard Manager for Beckstoffer Vineyards, is the newly elected President of the Napa County Farm Bureau. Jim has an extensive agricultural background as well as deep roots in Napa County. He holds an Agriculture Science & Management degree from UC Davis. In 1997 and 1998 Jim served as NCFB President and he has led NCFB's Natural Resources committee as chairman since 2001.

During his long tenure with Farm Bureau, Jim developed an expertise in water issues. In the late 1990's he served on the county's Watershed Task Force and helped develop new standards for soil and water conservation. He recently was appointed to the Napa County Watershed Information and Conservancy Center. With the Farm Bureau and the Los Carneros Water District, Jim has worked on efforts to bring recycled water to the Carneros and Milliken, Sarco, Tulocay regions. With Farm Bureau and other ag stakeholders, Jim's currently working on amending the proposed state regulations to process water rights and provide sustainable water supplies for farmers and fish habitat.

Officers for the upcoming year were elected at the August Board of Directors meeting. Presiding along with President **Jim Lincoln** are **Dana Estensen** as Vice President and **Dan McQueeney** as Treasurer. Past-President Peter Nissen did an outstanding job leading the Farm Bureau for the last two years and will continue to serve on the Executive Committee as immediate Past President.

The Napa County Farm Bureau (NCFB) 2009/2010 Board of Directors was installed at its 96th annual meeting and dinner, and is comprised of Robert Biale, Vince Bonotto, Tom Carpenter, Jon-Mark Chappellet, Dana Estensen, Tom Gamble, Michael Hanna, Robert Jordan, Jim Lincoln, Steve Matthiasson, Dan McQueeney, Peter Nissen, Cio Perez, Eric Pooler, Manuel Rios, Rich Salvestrin, Ron Taddei and Al Wagner

Each director brings with them a strong agricultural background and a commitment to protect and promote agriculture in Napa County. Collectively, their expertise allows them to successfully address the variety of issues facing Napa County's agricultural industry today.

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About the Napa County Farm Bureau

NCFB is a voluntary, non-profit, non-governmental organization whose basic goal is to ensure the proper political, economic, environmental and social climate for the continuation of agriculture. Napa County's strong agricultural heritage has contributed significantly to this state's economy. Today, NCFB strives to preserve land for agriculture, and creates policies and programs that allow us to maintain a high quality of life in Napa County.