



Winery Definition Ordinance update

On Tues. Feb. 2nd at 10:15 am, county Supervisors will re-visit the issue of the Winery Definition Ordinance (WDO) and will hear a report from the winegrape industry groups on their in-depth review of this important ag preservation policy. At FB's Members' meeting on Dec. 4th, there was unanimity to vigorously defend the ordinance and the integrity of our ag protection policies. Over the last 2 months, FB met with Napa Valley Vintners, Napa Valley Grapegrowers and Winegrowers of Napa Valley to assess potential changes which could address the current and long-term economic issues, yet still retain the core principles of the WDO. **We urge you to attend the Supervisors meeting to help support our Ag Preserve.** For those who cannot attend, we will report the outcome of the Feb. 2nd meeting and the next steps in this important issue.

Email notifications on European Grapevine Moth trapping, monitoring, damage, and treatment programs in Napa Valley

The Napa County Agricultural Commissioner and UC Cooperative Extension will send email notifications to subscribers with current reports on biology, trapping, monitoring, damage, and treatment programs for the European Grapevine Moth, *Lobesia botrana*, in Napa Valley. Subscribe today at: <http://cenapa.ucdavis.edu/newsletterfiles/newsletter2084.htm>

Ag Lending Seminar

Presented by Merrill Lynch & Napa County Farm Bureau
Thursday Feb. 18th 3-5 pm, UC Cooperative Extension Conference Room, 1710 Soscol Ave., Napa CA

Growers, operators and managers are encouraged to attend this presentation which will focus on timely and in-depth agricultural lending issues. Topics include:

Equipment loans, operating loans, real estate loans & revolving lines of Credit | Cash flow analysis in an agriculture operation and in making lending decisions | Calculate deferred taxes and the impact of such taxes on agriculture financial analysis and lender decisions | The current lending environment

Wine & cheese reception to follow. Kindly RSVP to Napa County Farm Bureau – 224-5403 or info@napafarmbureau.org

Water Conservation Workshop in Yountville

Save the date! March 9, 2010 | 8:30am – 12:30pm

Topics will include: Groundwater and Surface Water Overview, Frost Protection & Water Conservation, Instream Flows. Updates on PG&E rebates, Recycled Water, NRCS/AWEP, Fish Friendly Farming, RCD – Fish for Farms, Water Efficient Landscaping Ordinance, Groundwater Permits. Invitation will be posted on NCFB's website.

Apply now to serve on the exciting new Citizens Redistricting Commission!

In November 2008, California voters approved Proposition 11 that authorized the creation of a Citizens Redistricting Commission to take on the task of redrawing district lines for the State Legislative and Board of Equalization districts. Farm Bureau was a strong supporter of the Proposition 11 campaign.

Napa County Farm Bureau encourages our members to take part in this groundbreaking process to ensure that those selected represent the diversity of California, it is equally important that the pool of applicants is representative of California and includes farmers and ranchers from across the state.

The application process takes place in several phases, but you must submit an initial **application online by February 12, 2010** to participate in the remaining phases. After the initial application phase, public comments will be accepted throughout the remainder of the process!

Visit <http://www.wedrawthelines.ca.gov/application.html> to complete an application and for more information.

Napa County Vacation Rental ordinance stakeholder meetings | Feb 24th 5-7 pm & Mar. 16th (time TBD)

Last month, after complaints about the nuisance of disruptive and noisy illegal vacation rentals, Napa County Supervisors voted to approve an ordinance to clarify that short-term vacation rental are prohibited in the unincorporated areas of the county. This long-standing county policy preserves ag lands, avoids conflicts with ag operations, retains the county's long-term rental housing stock, and lessens demand on infrastructure and services. It also protects the character and tranquility of rural parcels and neighborhoods.

But many landowners appealed to the Supervisors to relax the restrictions, pleading their need for short-term rental income and economic benefit to the county. So the Supervisors delayed the enactment of the revised ordinance for 180 days and directed a stakeholder process be convened to review the issue and come back in 90 days with alternatives. FB attended the first stakeholder meeting on Jan. 27th and will continue to stay engaged in the next 2 meetings to ensure agricultural protections.

Join the Local Foods Working Group & Community Forum

Over the last 6 months, Farm Bureau has been working with the Napa County Ag Commissioner and interested growers & citizens on a Napa County Local Foods Working Group. A Local Foods Community Forum is planned for late April. The forum will bring growers, institutions, restaurateurs & markets, health & government officials and community advocates together for a day of brainstorming and networking to strengthen our community's food system, improve public health and build economic prosperity. If interested, please join the next planning meeting on Feb. 10th at 10 am at the UCCE Conference Room.

Join the energetic Meadow Muffin Golf Committee

and help plan a successful 7th Ag Education Annual Tournament. This major fundraiser for Ag in the Classroom needs your help. The next meeting will take place at NCFB's office on February 23rd at 3pm. RSVP 224-5403

Grant workshop for off-road vehicle replacement

March 23, 2010, 9-10am, NCFB's Office

Replace your old off-road vehicle and get up to 80% of the cost for your new equipment through the Off-Road Equipment Replacement Program (ERP).

Bay Area Air Quality Management District staff will give a presentation on the Agricultural Engine Replacement Program and explain how to apply for funding.

There will also be a Q&A session and applications for the grant will be available. Please RSVP to info@napafarmbureau.org or 224-5403 by March 15th

Continuing to Cope in Rough Economic Times

February 9, 2010, 899 Adams Street, Suite G, St. Helena, CA, 8:30-10:30am

Presented by Farella Braun + Martel LLP

Owners, operators and key influencers are encouraged to attend this presentation, which will review a number of factors affecting the wine industry now. Topics will include: Dealing with your lenders and customers | An update on tax laws | Mergers and acquisitions activity

Call 967-4000 to register

NAPA COUNTY FARM BUREAU UPCOMING EVENTS

Visit napafarmbureau.org for a complete list and more information

February

- 3 Natural Resources meeting, 4pm at FB 224-5403
- 4 Napa Green / Fish Friendly Farming Program at FB series register 253-1226
- 8 Tax, Land Use meeting, 3pm at FB 224-5403
- 9 Community & Member Outreach, 12pm at FB 224-5403
- 9 Continuing to Cope in Rough Economic Times, 8:30am, St. Helena 967-4000
- 12 Free computer class, 9am at FB 224-5403
- 12 Organic Farming Group, 12pm at FB 224-5403
- 13 Livestock Commodity Group meeting, 8:30 am at FB 224-5403
- 17 Board of Directors meeting, 3pm at FB 224-5403
- 23 AITC Golf tournament committee meeting, 3pm at FB 224-5403

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- 9 Water Conservation Workshop, 8:30-12:30pm, Yountville
- 12 Organic Farming Group, 12pm at FB 224-5403
- 17 Board of Directors meeting, 3pm at FB 224-5403
- 19 Day at the Farm, 9am at Napa Expo 224-5403
- 23 Off-road vehicle workshop, 9am at FB 224-5403

Save the date!

- April 2nd Farm Safety Workshop
- May 14th Meadow Muffin Ag Education Golf tournament
- July 12th Forklift Certification
- July 16th NCFB's 97th Annual Dinner Meeting at the Rutherford House

2010 Aldo Delfino scholarship applications now available at www.napafarmbureau.org

Napa County Farm Bureau's Agriculture in the Classroom program awards Aldo Delfino scholarships to qualified high school seniors planning on studying agriculture or a related field at a college or junior-college level. In order to qualify, completed scholarship applications must be received by **April 15, 2010** at the Napa County Farm Bureau's office.

Great new FB Discounts!

Receive up to a 75% discount on medications. We are pleased to announce the addition of a new California Farm Bureau Rx prescription benefit which offers up to a 75% discount on brand and generic medications and is compatible with all insurances. There are no forms to fill out, no age restrictions or waiting periods and this program is available now for all NCFB members. Visit www.cfbf.com and download the Farm Bureau Discount Prescription card or stop by the office to pick up your card.

Nationwide Personal Auto Discount for Voting Members increases to 12 ½ % in May from 7 ½ % for voting members. The discount was part of a filing made with the California Department of Insurance that also includes a personal auto rate increase.

Introducing a new addition to our Farm Bureau members' benefits package! Budget now offers a **15% discount on truck rentals** from the cargo van to the 24' truck. Call Budget toll-free at (800) 566-8422 or visit them at www.budgettruck.com and provide the account #56000132425. Visit <http://www.cfbf.com/benefits/> for a complete list of Farm Bureau benefits.



Agricultural Worker Training & Safety Seminar

April 2, 2010 | 8am - 5pm, lunch included
NV College, Upper Campus, St. Helena
1088 College Ave, Saint Helena, CA 94574

Farmers and farmworkers routinely must deal with potential hazards such as equipment, tractor, ATV, chemicals, and the weather. The Farm Safety seminar will educate attendees about the importance of farm safety as well as remind them of the latest safety regulations. Classes will be presented in Spanish and English and attendees will receive a certificate of participation for their records. CE credits pending.

- ATV & Tractor Safety**
- Ag Driving Safety and Regulation**
- Farm Safety Issues**
- Field worker inspection, pesticide regulation**
- Pest Education and Control**
- Heat Illness**
- Health and Wellness**

First Aid & CPR | American Red Cross certification

The California Code of Regulations requires that "In the absence of an infirmary, clinic, or hospital in near proximity to the workplace, which is used for the treatment of all injured employees, a person or persons shall be adequately trained to render first aid." The State's Department of Industrial Relations defines "near proximity" as within four minutes raveling time from the workplace in cases requiring CPR treatment.

First Aid certification is valid for 3 years from date of issue.
CPR certification is valid for 1 year from date of issue.

The classes are limited to 16 students. We will confirm which class(es) you have been assigned to by email.

FIRST AID CLASSES IN SPANISH

Thursday, April 8, 2010 8:30 - 11:30am
Thursday, April 22, 2010 8:30 - 11:30am

CPR CLASS IN SPANISH

Tuesday, April 6, 2010 8:30am- noon
Thursday, April 15, 2010 8:30am- noon

CPR CLASS IN ENGLISH

Tuesday, April 13, 2010 8:30am- noon

FIRST AID CLASS IN ENGLISH

Tuesday, April 20, 2010 8:30 - 11:30am

Classes will be held at the American Red Cross, Napa County Chapter, 1790 Third Street in Napa

REGISTRATION FARM SAFETY WORKSHOP -- FIRST AID / CPR

Number of Attendee(s) _____ Company _____

Please check if you are a member of any of the following organizations:

Napa County Farm Bureau Napa Valley Grapegrowers Napa Valley Vintners

Name(s) 1/ _____ English Spanish

Please check: Farm Safety First Aid CPR

(First and Last)
use additional paper
if needed

2/ _____ English Spanish

Please check: Farm Safety First Aid CPR

3/ _____ English Spanish

Please check: Farm Safety First Aid CPR

4/ _____ English Spanish

Please check: Farm Safety First Aid CPR

Phone (____) _____ - _____ Email _____

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FARM SAFETY _____ \$95 for Napa County Farm Bureau
NV Grapegrowers and NV Vintners members
_____ \$115 non members

FIRST AID

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_____ \$75 for Napa County Farm Bureau (NCFB)
NV Grapegrowers (NVG) and NV Vintners members (NVV)
_____ \$85 non members

CPR

_____ \$75 for NCFB, NVG and NVV members
_____ \$85 non members

BOTH

_____ \$110 for NCFB, NVG and NVV members
_____ \$130 non members

TOTAL: \$ _____

Payment Check enclosed Please bill my credit card

Name on credit card _____

Billing Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Credit Card # _____ exp _____ / _____ CVV# _____

Today's Date _____ Signature _____

**PLEASE RETURN
BY MARCH 24TH
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