



Vote for Wagenknecht and Dillon on June 8th

Farm Bureau endorses the re-election of Brad Wagenknecht in the 1st District and Diane Dillon in the 3rd District. Both supervisors exhibit extraordinary leadership skills, consistent support on Ag issues and prudent fiscal management of county funds.

Winery Definition Ordinance

On May 11th, the Board of Supervisors adopted minor revisions to the Winery Definition Ordinance. All of the winegrape industry groups supported these changes which clarify and slightly expand marketing opportunities and yet retain the core protections for our Ag lands. An interpretive guidance document related to winery activities within agricultural zones was also adopted. These final changes can be accessed at the county's website at:

<http://services.countyofnapa.org/AgendaNet/GranicusMeetingDocuments.aspx?id=2468>

Applicants Sought for Napa County Housing Commission

Napa County Housing Commission announced openings for positions representing 1 Farm Labor Contractor and 1 Farm Labor Center Tenant who is over the age of 62. The term of office is to commence immediately and expire on June 5, 2011. The Housing Commission was created in April 2007 to advise and make recommendations to Napa County on the funding, operation and management of farmworker housing centers. Applications can be found at www.countyofnapa.org and should be submitted to the County Executive Office, 1195 Third Street, Room 310, Napa, 94559, telephone 253-4421 no

Disaster Aid - FSA Tree Assistance Now Available

The deadline for 2008 disaster aid for vine crop loss from the April 2008 freeze is July 6th. Assistance for orchardists and nursery tree growers with weather-related losses can now be obtained through the Tree Assistance Program (TAP), administered by the Farm Service Agency (FSA). To be eligible, producers must have suffered more than a 15% death loss due to the natural disaster after adjustment for normal mortality. Eligible losses must have occurred on or after Jan. 1, 2008, and before Oct. 1, 2011. For more information on the new TAP program, please contact the FSA office at 707-678-1931 ext. 2 or visit <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/tap>

Water Diversion Reports due July 1st

A new State Water Board rule requires surface water diverters to file a "Statement of Water Diversion and Use" by July 1st. This requirement stems from legislation passed last year (Senate Bill 8, which also included funding for enforcement). The State Water Board created 24 new positions to oversee water rights compliance with eight of those positions based in Santa Rosa. A Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) sheet is available at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/diversion_use/faqs.shtml#005

Sign up now for the Forklift Certification workshop on July 12th

9:00 am Spanish 12:00pm English
Napa City-County Library, 580 Coombs Street, Napa
Improve workplace safety and offer valuable training for your employees!

Certification Program OSHA's standard 29 CFR 1910.178 requires employers to establish and implement a forklift training and certification program. Employers must ensure that all designated forklift operators are trained and certified prior to operating any powered industrial truck in the workplace. Additionally, employers are required to review each operator's performance and provide refresher training at least every three years.

This class will provide each employee with the written certification and will prepare them for the forklift operating check-off which must be done on their own forklift in front of their supervisors. Call 224.5403 or visit napafarmbureau.org to register.

Instream Flow Policy adopted

Farm Bureau worked hard to protect your water rights, through six years of study and intense negotiations as the State Water Board finally adopted an Instream Flow Policy on May 4th. While we remain skeptical about many aspects of the rule, it was vastly changed and improved by the exceptional efforts of our attorneys, Jack Rice (CA Farm Bureau) and Peter Kiel (Ellison, Schneider & Harris), Wagner & Bonsignore Engineers and by our collaborative efforts with Trout Unlimited. We lobbied for a workable policy that is protective of the flow of water needed for fish while at the same time allowing farmers to divert water. *Congratulations to President Jim Lincoln and the Natural Resources Committee for their work in analyzing and testifying on this important water issue.* To access the final rule go to: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/instream_flows/

Annual Dinner Meeting July 16th Honoring 2010 Agriculturist of the Year Robert Steinhauer

Save the date for the NCFB Annual Meeting on July 16th at the Rutherford House! Many thanks to the following companies for sponsoring our 97th Annual Dinner Meeting:

- Balthazar -

Farella, Braun & Martel
State Compensation Insurance Fund

- Imperial & Beverage -

Rios Farming Company

- Imperial -

American Sanitation, Charles Krug

- Methuselah -

California Grower Foundation, Robert Biale Vineyards

- Magnum -

Fantesca Estate & Winery, Napa Valley Aloft Inc.

- Host Sponsor -

Diageo Chateau & Estate Wines

Invitations will be mailed this month. Contact us at 707.224.5403 to RSVP. \$60 per person.

CFBF Voter Guide

California Farm Bureau Federation (CFBF) endorses the following candidates and initiative positions:

- ✓ **Governor** – Meg Whitman
- ✓ **U.S. Senator** – Carly Fiorina
- ✓ **YES on Prop. 13 - Property Tax Assessments for Seismic Retrofitting** – Allows for construction to seismically retrofit buildings without triggering a reassessment of property tax value.
- ✓ **YES on Proposition 14 – Open Primary Elections** – Provides voters with the opportunity to vote for any candidate, regardless of party, by creating a single-ballot system for primary elections; the top two vote getters will then advance to the general election.
- ✓ **NO on Proposition 15 – Public Funding of Elections** – Lifts the state's current ban on using public funding for political campaigns for elected office, starting with campaigns for the office of Secretary of State.
- ✓ **NO on Proposition 16 – Two Thirds Vote for Local Electricity Providers** – Imposes a new two-thirds voter approval requirement before local governments or local power entities could provide electricity service to new customers or establish a community-choice electricity program using public funds or bonds.

European Grapevine Moth - stay vigilant & informed

The European Grapevine Moth (EGM) continues to spread throughout Napa County and the state. We encourage all growers to stay vigilant and informed about this pest. We also urge good field and quarantine practices to prevent further spread of this significant pest. For current news & updates utilize these resources:

- Agricultural Commissioner's website: <http://www.countyofnapa.org/AgCommissioner/EGM/>
- Napa County EGVM advisor, Martin Mochizuki at martinmoch@sbcglobal.net. Subscribe to weekly emails for recommendations regarding current treatment options.
- UC Cooperative Extension Viticulture Farm Advisor, Monica Cooper. Subscribe to regular updates on trapping results, biology of the pest, monitoring, spraying and management: <http://cenapa.ucdavis.edu/newsletterfiles/newsletter2084.htm>

Stay informed, send us your email address!

Save paper & postage by signing up to receive FB news electronically. If you haven't already done so, please send us your email info to info@napafarmbureau.org for the most up-to-date information on pertinent issues and events.

The Barn Tour—2010 Carneros | Sunday, August 29, 9am – 2pm

Preservation Napa Valley, in partnership with the Napa County Farm Bureau, presents the second annual Barn Tour—2010, featuring numerous historic barns, places of interest and hidden gems of the Carneros region.

Adastra Vineyards' barn will serve as the hub for the day's activities, including *Brunch in a Barn*, acoustic bluegrass by the Cobb Stompers, a make-your-own garden fresh tomato juice station and a talk by Preservation Napa Valley director Wendy Ward. Other barns selected to date include the barns and ranch buildings at V. Sattui's Henry Ranch, the Scilego Barn and the Peters Barn at Vine Village, the later also featuring a farm/rural-focused art show by Vine Village residents.

Tickets are limited, purchase at <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/110714> or call 258-9286 \$45/person, includes site visits, map/guide, *Brunch in a Barn*, music and art show

NAPA COUNTY FARM BUREAU UPCOMING EVENTS

Visit napafarmbureau.org for a complete list and more information

June

- 2 Young Farmers and Ranchers Bocce competition
6pm gina@xwinery.com
- 2 Natural Resources meeting, 4pm at FB 224-5403
- 3-6 Auction Napa Valley
- 8 Community & Member Outreach, 12pm at FB 224-5403
- 8 Statewide Direct Primary Election
- 9 Tomato Festival Planning Committee meeting 3:30pm
at FB 224-5403
- 11 Organic Farming Group, 12pm at FB 224-5403
- 14 Tax, Land Use meeting, 3pm at FB 224-5403
- 16 Board of Directors meeting, 3pm at FB 224-5403
- 21 Farm Labor Contractor workshop 9am at FB, 224-5403

July

- 7 Young Farmers and Ranchers "Taste of Italy" dinner
6pm gina@xwinery.com
- 7 Natural Resources meeting, 4pm at FB 224-5403
- 11 Organic Farming Group, 12pm at FB 224-5403
- 12 Forklift certification, RSVP 224-5403
- 12 Tax, Land Use meeting, 3pm at FB 224-5403
- 13 Community & Member Outreach, 12pm at FB, 224-5403
- 15 Preservation Napa Valley "Pope Valley as a blank
Canvas" 6pm at Pope Valley Farm Center
- 16 97th Annual Meeting at the Rutherford House, 224-5403

Save the dates!

- August 20th Volunteers Thank You gathering 224-5403
- August 29th Second Annual Barn Tour 258-9286
- September 4th Napa Valley Tomato Festival 224-5403

Farm Labor Contractor's Workshop Who needs to be one & How to become one

Learn about Division of Labor Standards enforcement actions
June 21, 9-11 am, Farm Bureau's office
Presented by Paul Garvey, Peter Nissen and CFBF attorney
Carl Borden. RSVP 224-5403 or info@napafarmbureau.org

Help us plan a successful Tomato Festival

Join us in highlighting local food production at our 1st Annual Napa Valley Tomato Festival. Please contact us at info@napafarmbureau.org if you would like to volunteer. Join the next planning meeting on June 9th at 3:30pm at NCFB's office or sponsor the event. The fun festival and Farm Fresh dinner will be held at Connolly Ranch on September 4th.

