



Farmland preservation victory in Pope Valley!

On June 2nd, the Board of Supervisors voted 3-2 (Luce & Dodd opposing) to uphold the Planning Commission's denial of the Lake Luciana development project in Pope Valley. Many thanks to California Farm Bureau Federation (CFBF) attorney John Weech for assisting with this major victory for ag preservation! John submitted a compelling letter and testified on our behalf on the key points of consistency with the county's General Plan and zoning laws.

Supervisors Diane Dillon, Keith Caldwell and Brad Wagenknecht voiced strong support for our county's ag protections and are to be commended for their votes in the face of enormous political pressure from the developers. Their decision to deny the project and prevent conversion of 200 acres of farmland to a private golf course reinforces our county leaders' commitment to agriculture as the immovable foundation for sound decision-making within Napa County.

Join the Organic Farming Group

Will Bakx – owner/production manager of Sonoma Compost will be the guest speaker on June 12th. This month's group topic will be on compost and using compost in the vineyard. Will Baks will go over the processes at Sonoma Compost as commercial organically certified composters.

The brown bag meeting is at noon at the Farm Bureau's office, please call 707.224.5403 to RSVP.

NCFB greener than ever

Napa County Farm Bureau received the Green Business Certification offered by the Bay Area Green Business Program. Napa County Farm Bureau is amongst 1600 businesses and public agencies that have been green certified by the Bay Area Green Business Program since its introduction in 1997. This certification recognizes our many conservation efforts. We encourage you to "Go Green" to save money and resources. Please visit <http://www.greenbiz.ca.gov/BGRewarding.html> to become certified.

USDA Offers \$10.9 Million to Help Reduce Air Quality Emissions - Deadline is June 26, 2009

Funds are now available to farmers and ranchers interested in reducing air quality emissions from off-road mobile or stationary agricultural sources. Applications will be accepted until June 26, 2009 for funds made available under a new air quality provision of the 2008 federal Farm Bill.

The funding, \$10.9 million, is being administered by the USDA's National Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and is a new feature of the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). For more info go to www.ca.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/eqip/2009/index.html. Interested applicants should contact the NRCS office at 252-4189.

Annual Dinner Meeting July 17th

Save the date for the NCFB Annual Meeting on July 17th at Charles Krug Winery! Many thanks to the following companies for sponsoring our 96th Annual Dinner Meeting.

Balthazar

Farella, Braun & Martel

State Compensation Insurance Fund

Imperial

California Organic Fertilizers | Keenan Winery | Michael J Neal Viticultural Services | Rios Farming Company

Methuselah

California Grower Foundation | Louis M Martini | Michael Wolf Vineyard Services | Napa Valley Petroleum | Taddei Vineyards

Magnum

Coombs & Dunlap | Markham Vineyards | Napa Valley Aloft | Robert Biale Vineyards | Silver Oak Cellars | SPG Solar | Valley Architects.

Invitations will be mailed this month. Contact us at 707.224.5403 to RSVP.

Got barns?

Preservation Napa Valley and the Napa County Farm Bureau will be hosting the first annual Barn Tour in the St Helena /Rutherford area. **We need three more barns...** We will help you research history, architecture, materials, etc of the barn and will provide docents to protect/watch over and explain the history of your barn. Expect 75- 100 people to tour the barns over a span of 2.5 hours. Please join us at the end for a presentation, wine and nibbles at the White Barn. **If you have an interesting barn within the Rutherford to St. Helena area, call or email: (707) 258-9286 or wendy@preservationnapavalley.org.**

For more information about Preservation Napa Valley please visit www.preservationnapavalley.org.

2010 Calendar Release Party | Clos Du Val

Winery 5330 Silverado Trail, Napa

June 26, 2009 | 5:00 - 7:00 pm



Join the fun as we celebrate the release of the **Napa Uncovered 2010 calendar** and toast (or roast) Farm Bureau's fourteen models who revealed more than their farmers' tan in support of NCFB's efforts to preserve and protect Napa Valley's agricultural resources! Meet Photographer Terence Ford. Calendars will be available for sale.

Kindly **RSVP** by June 18th: 707.224.5403 or info@napafarmbureau.org

Weed Control Field Meeting

On June 11, Napa County UCCE Weed Advisor, John Roncoroni, will present results from his trial which tests the efficacy of several herbicide treatments on vineyard weeds. He will discuss the contribution that leaf litter and our dry winters may have on decreased weed control results. Time: 10 – 11:30 am. Place: Intersection of Conn Creek Rd & Skellenger Lane.

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NAPA COUNTY FARM BUREAU UPCOMING EVENTS

Visit napafarmbureau.org for a complete list and more information

June

- 3 Natural Resources meeting, 4pm at FB 224-5403
- 3 Young Farmers & Ranchers meeting, 224-5403
- 4-6 Auction Napa Valley
- 8 Tax, Land Use meeting, 4pm at FB 224-5403
- 9 Vineyard Equipment Field Day, 9-12pm at NVC 252-4188
- 10 Community & Member Outreach, 2:30pm at FB 224-5403
- 10 Barn Dance Committee meeting, 4pm at FB 224-5403
- 11 UCCE Weed Control Field meeting, 10 am, Rutherford
- 11 VIP Reception**, 5:00pm at Etude 224-5403
- 12 Organic Farming Group, 12pm 224-5403
- 17 Board of Directors meeting**, 3pm at FB 224-5403
- 19 Planning Hedgerows in Vineyards, 9-11 am, R. Mondavi Vineyard Office
- 26 Napa Uncovered Release Party**, 224-5403

July

- 1 Natural Resources meeting, 4pm at FB 224-5403
- 1 Young Farmers & Ranchers meeting, 224-5403
- 10 Organic Farming Group, 12pm 224-5403
- 13 Tax, Land Use meeting, 4pm at FB 224-5403
- 14 Community & Member Outreach, 12pm at FB 224-5403
- 17 96th Annual Meeting**, 6pm at Charles Krug

Save the date!

- Sept. 12** - Livestock Commodity Group Meeting & Electric Fencing Clinic
- Nov. 7** – 3rd Annual Barn Dance
- Nov. 13** – Sexual Harassment Training
- Dec. 3** – Holiday Party

Vineyard Equipment Field Day

Undervine, tillage, and sprayer equipment will be on display on June 9th from 9am to noon at Napa Valley College. Sustainable Weed management Forum at 10 am; bring questions for the panel of experts! Hosted by Napa Sustainable Winegrowing Group and Napa Valley College Viticulture and Winery Technology. Contact frances@naparcd.org or 707-252-4188x120

Help us plan a successful 3rd annual Barn Dance!

Please contact us at info@napafarmbureau.org if you would like to volunteer for the fall Barn Dance, join the next planning meeting on June 10th at 4pm at NCFB's office or sponsor the event. This year's Barn Dance will be at the Expo's Chardonnay O.K. Corral on November 7th.