



District Director Report

DISTRICT: Central District

CHAPTER: Central Valley, Tulare – Kings & Kern Co.

REPORT PERIOD: June, July & August

SUBMITTED BY: Nanette Simonian

In the District

1. Central Valley Chapter is busy working on a revamp of their website, more is coming soon.

CV CWA also had a T-Shirt Slogan contest – you can purchase pink womens T-Shirst with #Agvocate on them. They been very busy getting ready for the Ag Boosters BBQ and Country Store.

Save the date: December 4, 2022 6 pm Sunnyside Country Club Holiday Banquet.

2. Tuare – Kings Chapter is still woprking on deciding if they should remain a chapter or merge with Central Valley Chapter.
3. Kern Co. Chapter has been busy wirh on Farm Tours, visiting horse rescuse and participating in Teacher Ag Seminar.

Save the date: Kern Co. Basque Ceawl Friday 9/16/2022 Ag Scholarship Fundraiser.



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1. SOCIAL:

In May we reached out to our membership for a T-Shirt Slogan Contest. Our winner is Jackie Taylor with #Agvocate We will be selling these T- Shirt for \$20.00

2. ACTIVITIES WITH YOU ADOPT A LEGISLATOR/LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIALS:

At the May SWM we had Marlene Miyasaki and Jane Bedrosian met with Assemlymember Jim Patterson, they stop by some other offices.

3. LOCAL LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY ISSUES:

None at this time.

4. MEMBER RECOGNITION:

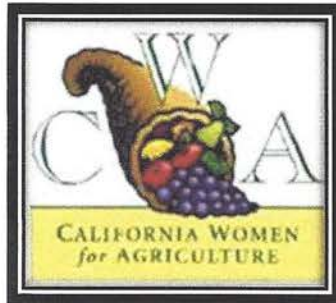
For our September SWM we are having members Christina Torosian – Klistoff and Lisa Finke be our speakers.

5. MISCELLANEOUS:

Central Valley Chapter has been very busy in planning the SWM and Ag Boosters with Fresno State – members Gabi Finke and Nanette Simonian and their team have been very busy help putting this event together.

6. MARK YOU CALENDARS:

December 4, 2022 Central Valley Chapter will be having their Annual Holiday Banquet at Sunnyside Country Club at 6 pm.



CHAPTER REPORT

DISTRICT:

CHAPTER: Kern

REPORT PERIOD:

SUBMITTED BY: Wendy Flowers

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1. SOCIAL:

June 22, 2022- On site tour at Pacific Ag Management learning about Almond harvesting equipment by Heritage Equipment Co.



June 25, 2022- Kern County Hosted a Feed and Supply Drive for a local horse rescue called All Seated In A Barn at Fred C Gilbert Farm and Ranch Supply. All Seated In A Barn rescues horses from being shipped to slaughter allowing the horses a second chance at life in their new forever home.



July 11-13, 2022- Teacher's Ag Seminar (TAS)

Since 1992 TAS Seminar has provided educators with the opportunity to learn about agriculture and share that knowledge with their students. More than 1000 teachers have been reached through this program.

Kern Chapter sponsored 2 Teacher's Registration fee. In addition, several Kern Chapter members were gracious enough to volunteer their time at the seminar dinner, helping serve the teachers.

2. MEMBER RECOGNITION:

Kern Chapter would like to recognize Cheryl Mendoza who has been a member since 2014. Cheryl currently is an Asset Manager with Pacific Ag Management Inc. Cheryl has continued to keep her involvement as a member since 2014 and has served her time on every executive board chair. This year Cheryl has been an advocate in helping our Chapter set up tours, bring in guest speakers, recruiting new members and has been a volunteer at CWA and other Ag organization events. We want to thank her for her hard work, commitment and eagerness to help make our chapter more successful.

3. MARK YOU CALENDARS:

Kern County Chapter is hosting our annual Basque Crawl Friday 9/16/2022. This is an annual event our chapter puts on to raise money for our chapter so that we are able to give out Ag Scholarships to our local community students pursuing a college education under any ag related degree.

October 18, 2022 Chapter Meeting Special Guest Speakers Perry & Julie Finzel.

Perry Finzel

Field Representative at U.S. House of Representatives

Works for Kevin McCarthy, who represents a district that is heavily reliant on agriculture.

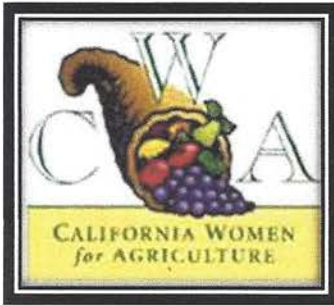
Julie Finzel

Livestock and Natural Resources Advisor at UCANR

Bakersfield, California, United States

Areas of Expertise (click to see all ANR at

- [Animal Commodities and Products - General](#)
- [Beef Cattle / Beef / Other Cattle Prod](#)
- [Range](#)
- [Animals and Their Systems](#)
- [Communication, Education, and Information Delivery](#)
- [Management of Range Resources](#)
- [Sustainable Natural Ecosystems](#)



District Director Report

DISTRICT: *Central Coast*

CHAPTER: *Santa Maria, Salinas, San Luis Obispo, Carpinteria, Ventura*

REPORT PERIOD: *September 2022*

SUBMITTED BY: *Mary Vanoni*

1. **WHAT'S HAPPENING:** *Chapter information - www.salinascwa.org, santamariacwa.org, cwaventura.com, carpinteriacwa.com, facebook.com/CwaSanLuisObispoCounty*
2. **SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT:** *It is worthwhile to remember what our Mission Statement is. Sometimes we get bogged down with the little stuff. Please share it with your members:*

"Promote and develop the interest of California women involved in or interested in agriculture and to promote a strong agriculture industry in California. CWA's efforts are guided by 5 principles:

1. *Speak on behalf of agriculture in an intelligent, informative, direct and truthful manner.*
 2. *Keep CWA members informed on legislative activities pertaining to agriculture.*
 3. *Join forces when the need arises to deal with agricultural issues and challenges in the agriculture community.*
 4. *Improve the public image of farmers by educating the public about farming.*
 5. *Develop a rapport with consumers, educators, and governmental & business leaders in communities throughout the State of California."*
3. **AITC Conference, Sept 22-24** *~ This conference has been on-hold for a couple of years. It will be held in Ventura this year. For info: <https://learnaboutag.org/programs/conference/> There are various ways that you can participate. ~ AITC would like to get donations of local commodities for their hospitality room and to decorate the stage. The teachers are just thrilled when they can take something home. If anyone has connections for any produce, baskets of berries, lemons, avocados, vegetables, flowers, pumpkins, etc. that you can get donated, please let me know. mvanoni@sbcglobal.net*
 4. **FOR YOUR READING PLEASURE** *– All Central Coast Chapters have been sent a copy of the State Bylaws and the Operating Policies & Procedures.*



Northern District Director Report

District Chapters: Lake County, North Bay, North Valley, and Sacramento Valley (Please read the Chapter Reports for more detail.)

Report Period: June to August, For September 10, 2022 SWM

Submitted By: Cheryl Lambert, Northern District Director

Contact at earthwrx@sbcglobal.net

1. In the District - events/news/social media happenings:

- Most of the Chapters in the Northern District have a website and/or social media pages. Please see the individual Chapter Reports to learn more about who they are and the great work they are doing.
- The Northern District Chapters and the Director have communicated through social media, emails and Zoom meetings over the last three months about chapter and state activities and events. I have completed the Natural Resources Task Force Director Report for the September SWM; It has been a busy summer as the Ag Booster BBQ Chair for Sacramento Valley and coordinating with other Chapters; and being a liaison between Chapters and the Executive Committee. Have a question or need help? Please contact me.
- June 21, 2022, 7pm, Northern District Chapters Zoom meeting. We caught up on Chapter activities and planned for September Statewide meeting and Ag Booster BBQ. Followed up during July and August.
- Desolution of the CWA Sutter Creek Chapter took place in August 2022. All assets have been donated to the North Valley Chapter. Some members have joined other CWA chapters.

2. Items of interest:

- Please send your Chapter's ag pictures in for the new CWA website. We need to represent our agricultural communities and the incredible beauty and diversity of farming and ranching in California. You can send photos to Sharron Zoller to include in the new website.
- I am honored to have attended the 2022 AAW, Gail McPherson Annual Fly-In as the Scholarship recipient for CWA. The AAW Fly-In was June 5-7, 2022, in Washington D.C. This was my first Fly-In to visit the USDA, EPA, and Congress with our impressive AAW team in support of agriculture. I wrote an article for the CWA *Compass*, and AAW's newsletter, *The Voice*, to share my experience and event highlights.

3. Save the date

- September 11-12, 2022, CWA Statewide Meeting and Ag Booster BBQ, Fresno. Meetings will be at the Springhill Suites in Fresno with BBQ on Sunday at Panoche Creek Ranch Park. Get set for an exciting weekend of tours, speakers, BBQ, auctions, and of course, the CWA Country Store. Always a good time and fun supporting ag and CWA fundraising! Bring your energy and help out with our biggest fundraiser.

CHAPTER REPORT

DISTRICT: North Coast

CHAPTER: Lake County

REPORT PERIOD: *Third*

SUBMITTED BY: Lianne Campodonico, President

PLEASE SHARE WHAT IS GOING ON IN YOUR LOCAL CHAPTER WITH OTHER CWA CHAPTERS THROUGHOUT THE STATE!

1. SOCIAL: Our June social was held on the Solstice at the Elk Mountain Vineyard in Upper Lake. Our hostess, Dana DiRicco, provided a beautiful setting under spreading walnut trees adjacent to her beautiful flower gardens.

2. ACTIVITIES WITH YOUR CHAPTER'S ADOPT-A-LEGISLATOR/LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIALS: See below:

3. LOCAL LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY ISSUES: Unfortunately, we did not prevail with the Teen Labor Bill this year that would have enabled local teens to work at the Scully Packing Plant for extended hours over several weeks this summer, earning significant income toward college or future career plans. However, Scully Packing was able to get their teen labor permit approved with permission for a 60-hour work week, a first under the current, rather generic permit. The Plant's stellar record over the years, plus member Sausha Racine's positive relationship with the current deputies were deciding factors in getting the extended permit. Talks begin soon with Assemblymember Cecilia Aguiar-Curry to proceed with the Teen Labor legislation once again.

4. MEMBER RECOGNITION: At our June social we presented Terry Dereniuk, Annette Hopkins and Diane Henderson with certificates of appreciation for 10 years of coordinating our AgVenture educational program. Sausha Racine and Toni Scully have picked up the reins and were happy to announce that AgVenture is back this year after its 2-year pandemic hiatus.

5. MISCELLANEOUS: Our chapter awarded a total of \$6500 in scholarships to students entering Ag programs in college and those continuing their Ag-related college education. Recipients include **Iyali Aguire, Hanna Scully,**

Our chapter is participating in a new competition class at our Lake County Fair. This competition is for local youth breeders who breed their own market animals in Lake County. We are sponsoring this event and two of our members will be judges, considering their Buyers Letters and Business Plans along with meeting the participants and viewing their exhibits and animals to determine first and second place.

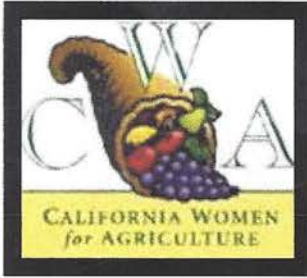
6. MARK YOUR CALENDARS: **Our Fall social will be.**

October 11th | Donor Dinner | Vista Ranch | 6 pm

October 18th | Chapter Meeting

November 15th | Chapter Meeting | Bella Luna 5:30 pm

CHAPTER REPORT



DISTRICT: North Central

CHAPTER: Merced

REPORT PERIOD: September 2022

SUBMITTED BY: Francesca Fordice

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1. SOCIAL:

In June we put together a fabulous booth at the Merced County Fair! Theme of the booth was “Always Fresh Produce, Fun Community, and Local Opportunities” highlightin Merced County’s products, community, and local jobs that support agriculture. Fair Booth Committee: Bianca Minor-Dupont (2nd VP), Wendy Bright, Jeanne Giampaoli, and Stephanie Marchini. THANK YOU to the Booth Donors, AV Thomas, J. Marchini Farms & Live Oak Farms for their fresh produce!



In August we traveled to the west side of Merced County to Los Banos and gathered at the historic Wool Growers (French Basque). It was fun meeting with good friends and having a productive meeting.

2. ACTIVITIES WITH YOUR ADOPT A LEGISLATOR/LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIALS: N/A

3. LOCAL LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY ISSUES: N/A

4. **MEMBER RECOGNITION:** We’d like to recognize one of our members who has gone above and beyond for California Women for Agriculture. Maria Azevedo is currently State President Elect and has worked her way up through the State executive committee. She understands the procedures and processes of State CWA and is a huge asset to our Merced CWA Chapter. She find’s opportunities to share the importance of agriculture as an economic driver. Maria’s experience setting up legislative tours and connecting local business and lay people with our local agriculture creates opportunities for conversations. She is ready to outreach, volunteer and represent CWA at local events such as FARM2U, or sign up local teachers for the Ag in The Classroom Conference during our local Farm Bureau’s annual Teacher Appreciation. Maria has devoted her time and energy to this wonderful organization and would do anything for a friend in need. As a chapter, friend and fellow CWA sister we support Maria Azevedo.



5. MISCELLANEOUS:

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

September 20 | Chapter Meeting | Blaker Brewing Tarmac | 5:30 pm



CHAPTER REPORT

DISTRICT: North Central

CHAPTER: San Joaquin

REPORT PERIOD: September SWM 2022

SUBMITTED BY: Leslie Avansino, President

1. **SOCIAL:** On May 6-7, we held our annual 'Celebrations in the Country' Tablesetting Luncheon. We get a chance to enjoy beautiful tables, seeing old friends and meeting new ones. Many people who attend become introduced to California Women for Agriculture for the first time. Thirty-two tables were set this year in the wonderful San Joaquin Delta area.
2. **ACTIVITIES WITH YOUR ADOPT-A LEGISLATOR/LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIALS** We once again held Ag Tours featuring different regions in San Joaquin County. From May until now, we held a Linden Cherry Tour, our AgFest Tour and a Corn to Cows Tour. It was very well attended by many in our local area, not only elected officials, but various Chambers of Commerce members.
3. **LOCAL LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY ISSUES:** None
4. **MEMBER RECOGNITION:** We would like to recognize our current President-Elect Krista McCoon. Krista is an Oklahoma State University graduate and is an Alumnae of their Agricultural Communications Bachelor's Program and graduated from their AGCM Master's Program. She is currently the Coordinator of AgVenture, introducing third graders throughout San Joaquin County to Agriculture. She is also our Tech Education person in our Chapter, trying to teach members how they can use technology to make their jobs easier (especially while doing Chapter business).
5. **MISCELLANEOUS:** We held our annual Scholarship BBQ at the beautiful home of longtime and Charter member, the late Rosie and Aldo Togninali. We gave out \$10,000 in scholarships this year. There were 3 Memorial Scholarship recipients, 6 Junior College Scholarship recipients and 7 4-year College/University Scholarship Recipients, as well as some Family and Family Memorial Scholarships.
6. **MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

November 12-13, 2022	November SWM in Ripon, CA (south San Joaquin County)
February 2023	Celebrations in the Country Tablesetting



CHAPTER REPORT

DISTRICT: North Central District

CHAPTER: Stanislaus

REPORT PERIOD: September SWM

SUBMITTED BY: Danielle Link, KC Stone, Brandi LoForti

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1. **SOCIAL:** Although we did have our annual Fundraiser in February, we haven't started holding Chapter meetings yet. Rebuilding is in the works!

2. **ACTIVITIES WITH YOU ADOPT A LEGISLATOR/LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIALS:**
We attended Ag Advisory Meeting at Stanislaus County Ag Commissioner's office and attended local Farm Bureau meeting.

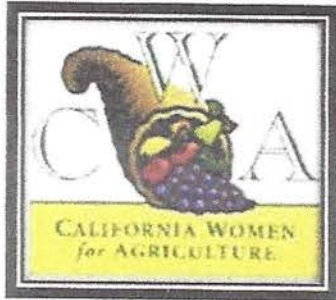
3. **LOCAL LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY ISSUES:**
We toured Bowles Farming operation in Clovis and learned about some Native grass seed harvesting they are doing, to be planted on fallow grounds

4. **MEMBER RECOGNITION:**
Our Chapter President, Danielle Link, got married and moved to North Carolina. We miss Dani, but appreciate her commitment to her new husband and our Military. We are looking to fill her position at the upcoming November elections.

5. **MISCELLANEOUS:**
Stanislaus CWA staffed the 4H Farmyard experience at the Stanislaus County Fair in July on 2 nights during the 10 day run. Thank you to our dedicated members

6. **MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**
Be sure and vote in the upcoming November 8th, 2022 Election and be sure you are voting for Agriculture friendly candidates.

**PLEASE SUBMIT TO YOUR DISTRICT DIRECTOR
TWO WEEKS BEFORE A SCHEDULED STATE WIDE MEETING**



District Director REPORT

DISTRICT: Southern

CHAPTERS: Palo Verde, Coachilla, LA, San Diego, and Imperial

REPORT PERIOD: Third Quarter

SUBMITTED BY: Debra Stroschein

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1. Southern District Director comment – Debra Stroschein – Looking forward to serving as your SDD.
2. Trying to get San Diego Chapter back up and running
3. Imperial is dark in the summer and has no report as of today.
4. I call and meet with the chapters on a monthly basis but with it being summer most of them were dark. Will start this back up in the next quarter. When there is something the state has, I call them.
5. I traveled to North Carolina in July to help start a North Carolina women for ag chapter it was a very good meeting. See Palo Verdes report.

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TWO WEEKS BEFORE A SCHEDULED STATE WIDE MEETING



CHAPTER REPORT

DISTRICT: Southern

CHAPTERs: Coachella

REPORT PERIOD: Third Quarter

SUBMITTED BY: Stephanie Sobotka

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We have selected two students this year to award our college scholarship.

Denise Perez - Denis is a Coachella Valley High School Senior and active FFA member. She will be attending Imperial Valley Jr. College to study Agri-Business. From there she plans to transfer a four year university to continue her Agri-Business studies.

Alexis Serratos - Alexis is an Indio High School Senior, Chapter FFA President, and honor roll student. She has been accepted into the Agricultural and Environmental Plant Sciences at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo.

We are excited to see where these two go with their Agricultural careers.

First meeting coming up

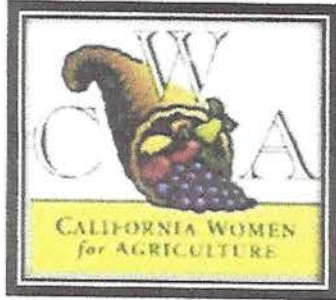
Save the date

Our next member meeting is

Tuesday, September 13, 2022

We'll be talking about water with our guest speaker, Peter Nelson.

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CHAPTER REPORT

DISTRICT: Southern

CHAPTER: Imperial

REPORT PERIOD: September

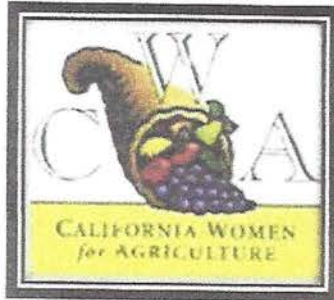
SUBMITTED BY: Natalie Peraza

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SOCIAL: Not much going on this summer.

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3. LOCAL LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY ISSUES:
4. MEMBER RECOGNITION:
5. MISCELLANEOUS:
6. MARK YOU CALENDARS:

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TWO WEEKS BEFORE A SCHEDULED STATE WIDE MEETING



CHAPTER REPORT

DISTRICT: Southern

CHAPTER: Los Angeles

REPORT PERIOD: September

SUBMITTED BY: Silvia Bishop

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SOCIAL: 2 attended an Pollinators organization

I had club flyers created and looked into a web page but the members said no

1.

2. ACTIVITIES WITH YOU ADOPT A LEGISLATOR/LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIALS:

3. LOCAL LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY ISSUES:

4. MEMBER RECOGNITION:

Patty Annis put together the flyer

5. MISCELLANEOUS:

Attached are the beautiful fliers and brochure.

6. MARK YOU CALENDARS:

JOIN US

BASIC INFO:

Name: _____

Company: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

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ANNUAL DUES:

Member \$35.00

Student \$20.00

Donor Member \$100.00 or more

Make check payable to CWA-LA Chapter

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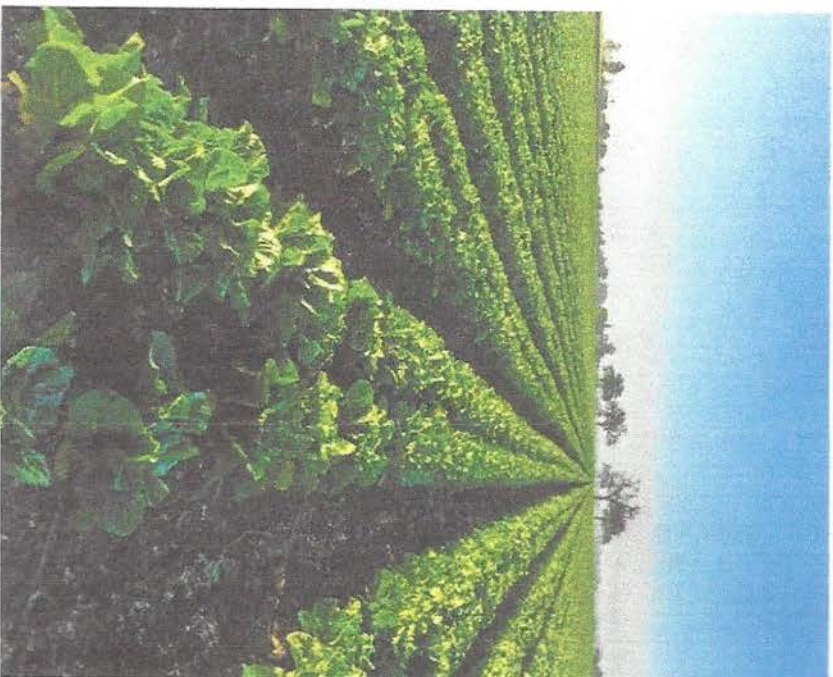
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ABOUT CWA

CWA is committed to maintaining a healthy and vibrant agricultural industry for California and our nation. CWA is dedicated to ensuring that a local, reliable food supply continues to be the foundation of our state's economy for future generations.

CWA is focused on maintaining a "seat at the table" for all California farmers and ranchers.

OUR MISSION

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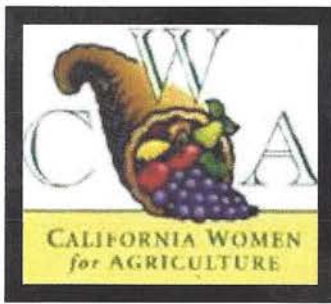
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- Develop a rapport with consumers, educators, and governmental & business leaders in communities throughout the State of California.

NOTABLE PROJECTS

- Adopt-a-Legislator Program: CWA recognizes and supports the members of our California legislature and strives to ensure each members has an understanding of the issues important to agriculture
- Co-host the annual Ag Boosters BBQ with Fresno State's Ag One
- Statewide membership meetings, including leadership and personal development activities
- Ag Day at the Capitol: An event with the CA Department of Food & Agriculture that provides staff with an opportunity to experience the diversity of California agriculture





Natural Resources Task Force Director Report

Task Force: Natural Resources (Air Quality, Climate Change, Renewable Resources and Energy as related to Agriculture)

Report Period: May to August 2022, For September 10, 2022 SWM

Submitted By: Cheryl Lambert, Natural Resources Task Force Director and Northern District Director Contact at earthwrx@sbcglobal.net

1. Current legislation (state or federal) or Rulings applicable to this task force:

Federal Government

Please see the CWA *Latest News for You* Newsletter for the federal legislation affecting agriculture

Visit U.S. Congress Legislation website:

<https://www.congress.gov/search?q=%7B%22source%22%3A%22legislation%22%7D> or the Federal Register: <https://www.federalregister.gov/>; or New Beta website: <https://ecfr.federalregister.gov/> and Search for your topic of interest.

State of California

Please see the CWA *Latest News for You* Newsletter for the state legislation affecting agriculture Visit this website <http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/> for information on Bills and Legislation for the 2022 session. Do an advanced search for the subject including the natural resource and agriculture tags.

2. Climate

[Welcome to the USDA California Climate Hub | USDA Climate Hubs](#)

Spring 2022-Issue 3:

Adaptation Strategies and Approaches for Managing Fire in A Changing Climate

To address this issue, groups such as Southwest FireCLIME, NIACS, and the USDA Forest Service developed a **Menu of Adaptation Strategies and Approaches designed specifically for managing fire in a changing climate**. The Menu is best utilized by land and fire managers hoping to use science-based strategies to weave climate-science, fire ecology, and adaptation into their management plans.

The Menu is accompanied by a full [peer-reviewed publication in *Climate*](#), which explains the science-based project by which these strategies and approaches were formed. See the full Menu of Adaptation Strategies and Approaches by clicking the button. [See the Menu of Adaptation Strategies and Approaches Here](#)

New Study Projects an Increase in the Number of Extreme Drought Days Throughout California by End of the Century

It is well known that California is in the midst of an ongoing drought, with its effects being seen in many ways across the state. Under current conditions, the drought is expected to continue but exactly how bad it will be throughout the next century is up for debate. [currently seeing some of the worst drought conditions throughout the state](#)

3. Renewable Resources and Energy

CDFA **2021 Healthy Soils Program - Incentives Program Applications Selected for Award.** Click on the PDF link below to view the list.



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oilsProgramIncentive-

[SB 1383 Resources - CalRecycle Home Page](#)

Video-Food Waste and Composting in Placer County: https://fb.watch/eneC_lxg6E/

4. Positions taken on this area of interest during the reporting period:

All guidance for the Natural Resources Task Force Director is located in the CWA Bylaws, Operating Policy and Procedures and Policy Positions.

5. Items of interest:

USDA Conservation Webinars

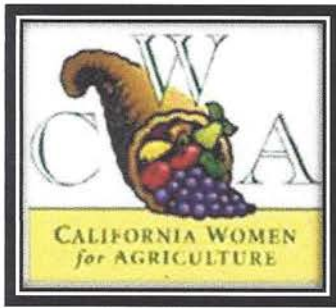
See the schedule for future live webinars as well as the extensive catalogue of recorded On Demand webinars provided on a wide variety of topics relevant to agriculture:

<http://www.conservationwebinars.net/upcoming-webinars-1>

Western Sustainable and Agriculture Research Education Center

Books, videos, curricula, fact sheets and much more! SARE's Learning Center is a treasure trove of sustainable agriculture information. <https://www.westernsare.org/Learning-and-Resources>

If CWA Chapters have a specific natural resources topic they would like to discuss, or include in future reports, please email Cheryl Lambert at earthwrx@sbcglobal.net.



Task Force Director Report

Task Force: Ag Education

Report Period: June through August, 2022

Submitted By: Jane Bedrosian

PLEASE SHARE WHAT IS GOING ON IN YOUR AREA OF EXPERTISE WITH OTHER CWA MEMBERS THROUGHOUT THE STATE!

I would like to take this opportunity to direct your attention to the various resources available regarding Ag, and specifically to this year's **"Ag in the Classroom Conference."** This year's conference will take place on **September 22-24, 2022** at the Ventura Beach Marriott. It is not too late to register, so see details below. Also take note of the Literacy for Life grants which are also available with the deadline for applications **October 1, 2022**. Please take the time to check out this website with links to various other Ag related programs and issues: **LearnAboutAg.org**. Also check out "Morning Ag Clips" which are distributed each day through e-mail from every state. You may click on which state you wish to receive information. "Ag Bites," is also available for your interest.

It is also very encouraging to know that the FFA chapters have increased by 178 with 8,995 members for a grand total of 850,823 members including those in Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.



Menu

California Agriculture in the Classroom Conference



Join us for an AgVentura!

September 22-24, 2022
Ventura Beach Marriott

We are so excited to be (finally) hosting an in-person conference in Ventura County!

You won't want to miss this opportunity to collaborate with educators who share your passion for agriculture! The conference is designed for K-12 educators, administrators, and volunteers to come together to learn and share how to incorporate food and fiber into all curricular areas!

- [Program at-a-Glance](#)

Registration

Registration fee: \$275

Includes Thursday evening reception, Friday and Saturday meals, Friday and Saturday Workshops, Friday field trip and educational resources.

- Friday Only - \$190.00
- Saturday Only - \$95.00

Accommodations

[Ventura Beach Marriott](#) - \$149/night

Hotel photo: 805-643-6000

[Watch hotel video](#)

Fee Schedule for Registration Refund Requests

- On or before September 6: \$50
- After September 6: \$100
- After September 15 refunds cannot be provided

Interested in a CA AITC Conference Scholarship? Please submit by August 10. Applications received after the 10th will be added to our waiting list.

Literacy for Life Grants

The **Literacy for Life grants**, sponsored by the Oreggia Family Foundation, are designed to help initiate new projects or expand existing ones that promote agricultural literacy. Grants of up to \$500 are provided to California K-12 educators to support the integration of agriculture into regular classroom instruction.

Explore the list of project ideas and read how previous recipients have used this funding to improve agricultural learning opportunities on their campuses. The applications are also used to select the Outstanding Educator of the year. Thank you to the Oreggia Family Foundation for helping these amazing K-12 teachers as they make a difference for California's 7 million students.

The grant application period for the 2022-2023 Literacy for Life grants is now open! The application will be open from August 2, 2022 – October 1, 2022.

Applications available until October 1, 2022





Literacy for Life Grant Archives

- [2021-2022 Recipients](#)
- [2020-2021 Recipients](#)
- [2019-2020 Recipients](#)

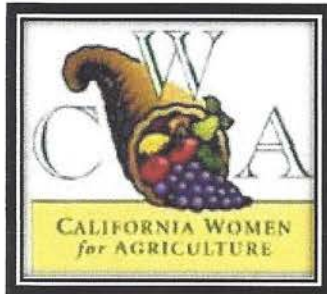
Grant Details

Eligibility

Literacy for Life grants are available to certified K-12 teachers throughout California.

Project Requirements for the 2022-2023 Year

- A project proposal with an itemized budget.
- A progress report by February 13, 2023.
- A final report by May 1, 2023.
- Only send photos of students with approved photo releases on file.
- Project must be completed within the 2022-2023 school year.



Task Force Director Report

Task Force: Ag Science & Technology

Report Period: September 2022

Submitted By: Paige Gilligan, TF Director

PLEASE SHARE WHAT IS GOING ON IN YOUR AREA OF EXPERTISE WITH OTHER CWA MEMBERS THROUGHOUT THE STATE!

1. **Current legislation (state or federal) applicable to this task force:**

Federal – USDA will begin accepting applications for \$100 million in grants to fund transportation fueling and fuel distribution facilities for higher blends of ethanol and biodiesel, reports Agri-Pulse. The new funding is separate from the \$500 million earmarked for biofuel infrastructure in the recently enacted Inflation Reduction Act. The department is providing the money through the Higher Blends Infrastructure Incentive Program. In April, USDA made \$5.6 million available through HBIIIP that is expected to increase availability of biofuels by 59.5 million gallons per year in California, Delaware, Illinois, Maryland, New Jersey, New York and South Dakota. The new round of HBIIIP grants will cover up to half of total eligible project costs, but not more than \$5 million per company. The higher-blend fuels “must be greater than 10% for ethanol and greater than 5% for biodiesel,” USDA said.

The grant period will be open for 90 days, and USDA anticipates making awards 90 days after the application deadline. “Based on the USDA’s prior experience with this program, it expects to make approximately 200 awards,” RFA said.

State – The U.S. Department of Agriculture has announced funding for the 2022 Specialty Crop Block Grant Program (SCBGP). California received \$21.3 million out of approximately \$72.9 million awarded nationwide. The SCBGP provides grants to state departments of agriculture to fund projects that enhance the competitiveness of specialty crops, defined as fruits, vegetables, tree nuts, dried fruits, horticulture, and nursery crops (including floriculture). CDFA will fund 50 projects, awarding grants ranging from \$100,000 to \$500,000 to non-profit and for-profit organizations, government entities, and colleges and universities. The 2022 SCBGP project abstracts are available online at https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/Specialty_Crop_Competitiveness_Grants/.

The Select Committee on “[TECHNOLOGY AND THE FUTURE OF CALIFORNIA’S AGRICULTURAL WORKFORCE](#)” will allow members of the committee to explore this new evolving sector and identify potential opportunities to improve and create our agricultural workforce’s skills. The overarching goals of this Select Committee are to have a greater understanding the workforce needs of the ag-tech industry, and preparing the next generation of ag-tech workers. In order to understand where we are going we need to understand what we have been doing. The continued support of the ag-tech sector by the state of California requires an understanding of the role technology plays in agriculture, and what the state can do to prepare the next generation of agricultural tech workers.

2. **Current events/news/social media applicable to this task force:**

AgLaunch is revolutionizing the way that innovations in agriculture and food are brought to market by bridging the present and future to grow a more diverse and sustainable farm

economy and provide healthy food for all. AgLaunch leverages its distributed network of farm incubators, entrepreneurial farmers, aligned capital partners, research consortia, technical consulting, and best-in-class accelerator programming to effectively challenge the status quo and thoughtfully create value for farmers and the communities they serve. The AgLaunch vision is a transformed regional agriculture and food economy centered around farmers, innovation, and prosperity.

The AgCareers.com mission is to provide global talent solutions in agriculture and food. They strive to “Feed the World with Talent” in the industries they serve. AgCareers.com’s passion is agriculture, which is demonstrated through their investment in time and resources that engage candidates and employers in the industry. They work to build the pipeline of talent to the industry by expanding knowledge about the breadth of career opportunities in agriculture.

California’s New Space Industry Task Force to be led by the Governor’s Office of Business and Economic Development. California is already home to nearly one-third of all American space tech companies, and more than one in ten of those globally. In the last 11 years, California has attracted nearly half of the nation’s space tech investment capital. This year alone, California has brought in more than 85% of the total capital invested in United States, space-related companies.

3. **Positions taken on this area of interest during the reporting period:** None

4. **Other items of interest:**

[Newsblog, AgTech Market studies agricultural markets and product to exploit opportunities.](#)
— Agtech Market

[WasteFuel Agriculture | WasteFuel](#)

[Home - GiGadgets.com](#) Just a fun tech website

[About - Bee Vectoring Technology \(beevt.com\)](#)

[Best Startup California – California Startup News, Innovation & Founders](#)

[Economic Development News From TeamCalifornia](#)

5. **Related events:**

FIRA USA - [FIRA USA | FIRA \(fira-agtech.com\)](#) October 18 – 20, 2022 Fresno Convention & Entertainment Center: 848 M Street, Fresno, CA 93721

- The unique 3-day event for autonomous farming and agricultural robotics solutions,
- A networking time for farmers, robot manufacturers, industrials and scientists,
- In-field demos, business time and research projects presentations.



CA Women for Agriculture, Los Angeles Chapter

*"If you eat food and wear clothes,
you are involved in agriculture."*

CA Women for Agriculture is...

- ◇ The most active, volunteer, nonpartisan, grassroots, agriculture support organization in CA.
- ◇ Actively engaged in Public Relations, Education and Legislative Advocacy on behalf of agriculture on the local, state and national levels.
- ◇ Involved in and informed about agriculture's issues, topics and events.
- ◇ Actively promoting the importance of a healthy and vibrant agricultural industry in CA, as well as the need to ensure an affordable, reliable and domestic food supply.

Won't You Join Us?

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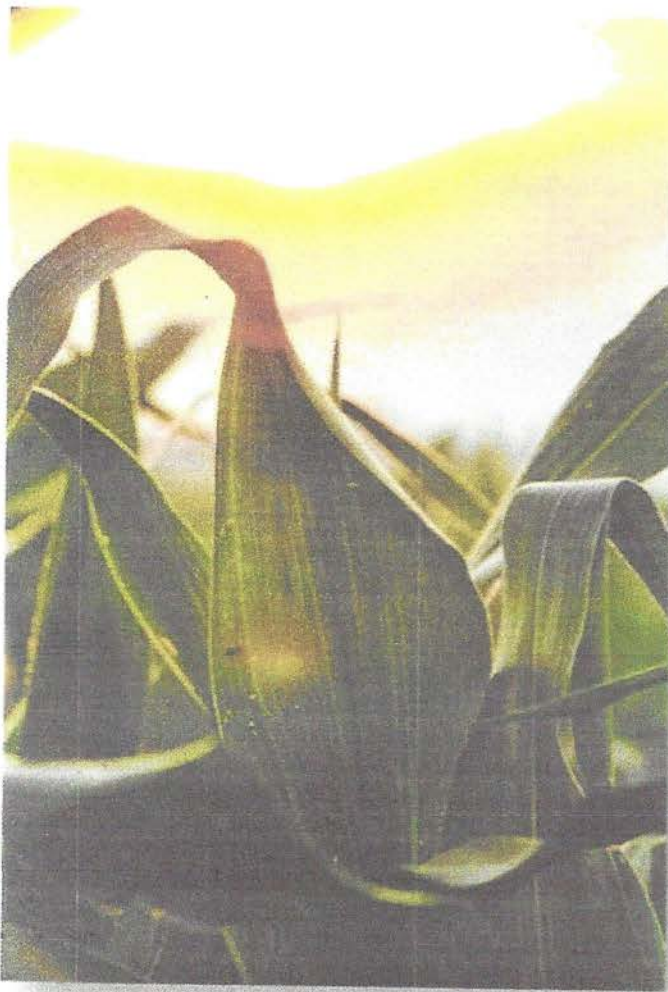
The **L.A. Chapter** encourages both men and women to join; our main focus is to educate and inform the public about CA Agriculture such as how we grow our food and fiber, and why we need to value it.

Meetings

Date/Time: Third Saturday of each month,
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

We invite you to visit us or attend an event. Our members are more than happy to answer any questions you may have about the organization and how you can join.





ABOUT CWA

CWA is committed to maintaining a healthy and vibrant agricultural industry for California and our nation. CWA is dedicated to ensuring that a local, reliable food supply continues to be the foundation of our state's economy for future generations.

CWA is focused on maintaining a "seat at the table" for all California farmers and ranchers.

OUR MISSION

CWA's mission is to promote and develop the interest of California women and men involved in, or interested in, agriculture, and to promote a strong agriculture industry in California.

CWA's efforts are guided by five principles:

- ◇ Speak on behalf of agriculture in an intelligent, informative, direct and truthful manner.
- ◇ Keep CWA members informed on legislative activities pertaining to agriculture.
- ◇ Join forces when the need arises to deal with agricultural issues and challenges in the agriculture community.
- ◇ Improve the public image of farmers by educating the public about farming.
- ◇ Develop a rapport with consumers, educators, and governmental & business leaders in communities throughout the State of California.

NOTABLE PROJECTS

- ◇ Adopt-a-Legislator Program: CWA recognizes and supports the members of our California legislature and strives to ensure each member has an understanding of the issues important to agriculture
- ◇ Co-host the annual Ag Boosters
- ◇ BBQ with Fresno State's Ag One
- ◇ Statewide membership meetings, including leadership and personal development activities
- ◇ Ag Day at the Capitol: An event with the CA Department of Food & Agriculture that provides staff





CHAPTER REPORT

DISTRICT: Southern

CHAPTER: Palo Verde

REPORT PERIOD: Third Quarter

SUBMITTED BY: Debra Stroschein

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1. **SOCIAL and meetings:** June – August we are usually dark. August we did have a meeting for planning of the BBQ and the January Statewide meeting in Blythe. July 4th helped the volunteer fire department and City of Blythe with the Fire works food booth. Also worked on helping develop a Non profit for the animal shelter which Blythe may loose due to loss of funds in July.

July – worked on the road signs highway 78 and 95 in Blythe working with the Chamber of Commerce on this project. These signs are to promote agriculture. They are 8 feet by 8 feet.



August – helped with the water extravaganza at the fairgrounds 800 attendees the goal was to keep the kids out of the canals and to keep them safe.

Meeting 8-11 not our normal timing but a very productive meeting have 5 new members. Working on the BBQ we will have 8 members attending! We also planned for the statewide meeting in January. Tours will be diversion Damn, Riparian habitat, end up at the Cibola bridge. Place for meeting Mullions, hotel is the Hampton.

2. **ACTIVITIES WITH YOUR ADOPT-A-LEGISLATOR/LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIALS:** Working with Blythe City council and the attorney for the animal control shelter.
3. **LOCAL LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY ISSUES:** Work with the City council and the sherrifs department on local issues affecting agriculture and animal control.

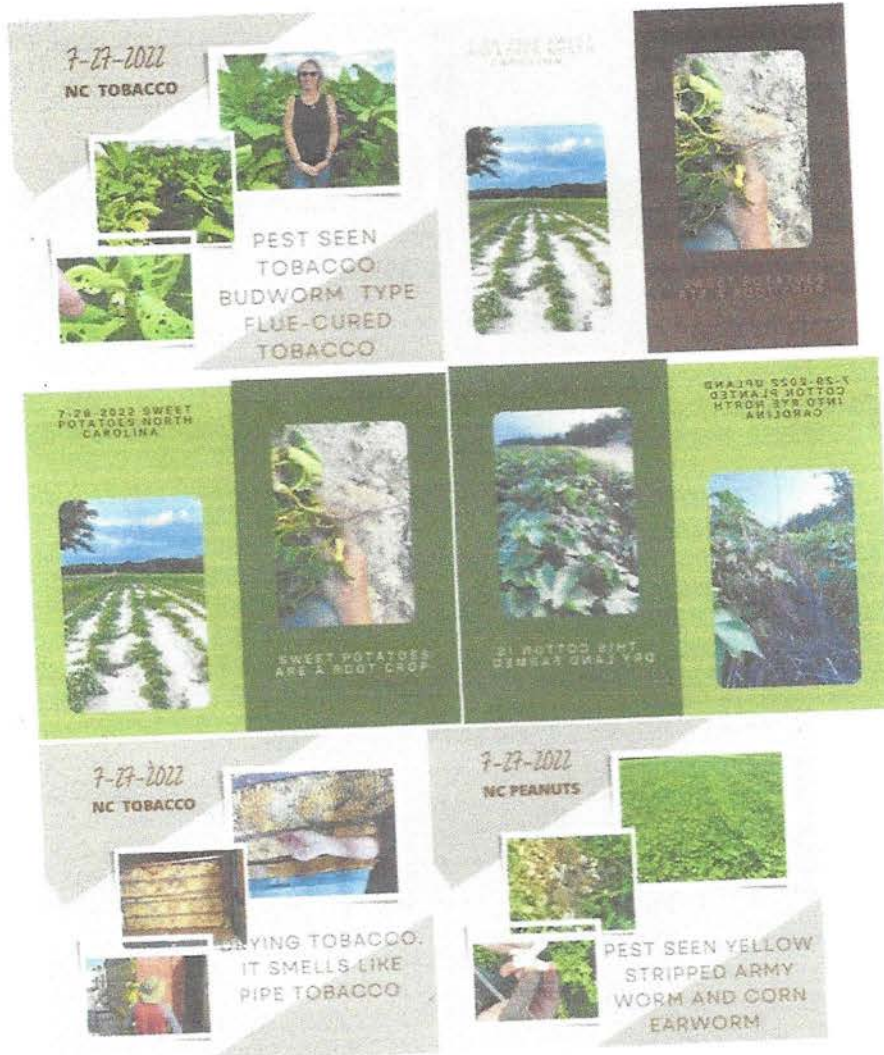
4. **MEMBER RECOGNITION:** All of our members give us a unique and special talent that we love. One of our newest members Blythe Golf course manager Kendra Sutton-Garnica brings to our chapter a new energy and will bring a lot of nice new talent! You will meet her in January!

5. **MISCELLANEOUS:** July 25 Debra Stroschein and Rose Tyron traveled to Lumberton North Carolina and met with some ladies in person and some on zoom. We also had a few from California Join us at the early hour of 5:30 am CA time. We discussed AAW and CWA and a chapter level. I meet with the ladies every other week. They are committed to meeting as the group of 13 and working on growing every other month. Palo Verde chapter board has agreed to shadow them and help them through. The group was enthusiastic and asked great questions.



Jennifer Fruehling, Angela Averitt, Leah Williams, Jennifer Daniels, Rose Tyron, Debra Stroschein Keenan, MaKayla Gross.

After the meeting I was privileged to be able to see some North Carolina agriculture and I will share that with you now. Cotton, soybeans, sweet potatoes, peanuts, and tobacco.



It was such a great experience.

6. **MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**
7. **Southern District Director comment – Debra Stroschein** – looking forward to the meeting coming up in the next few days. Looking forward to serving as your SDD.

**PLEASE SUBMIT TO YOUR DISTRICT DIRECTOR
TWO WEEKS BEFORE A SCHEDULED STATE WIDE MEETING**