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Appointments

Governor Newsom has made appointments to various state agencies and departments as of late. In addition to the appointments made to the Department of Food and Agriculture and the California Environmental Protection Agency reported in last week's Friday Review, the Governor has appointed Wade Crowfoot to the role of Secretary at the California Natural Resources Agency. Mr. Crowfoot previously served as CEO for the Water Foundation and worked as deputy director and senior advisor to Governor Brown. Governor Newsom has also appointed Teresa Marks as the interim director of the Department of Pesticide Regulations, in lieu of Brian Leahy, who resigned earlier this week. Mrs. Marks served as Chief Deputy Director of DPR since June 2016 prior to which she served at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. *Staff contact: Jim Houston, 916-446-4647 or jhouston@cfbf.com.*

Climate Change

The California Air Resources Board will be meeting in Fresno on January 24th to adopt the State Implementation Plan for PM 2.5 emissions in the San Joaquin Valley (PM 2.5 SIP). The meeting is being held at The Grand at 1401 (1401 Fulton Street, 10th Floor Ballroom) and begins at 9:00 am. The PM 2.5 SIP includes a number of new efforts to reduce emissions of fine particulate matter in the San Joaquin Valley. The entire SIP can be found [here](#). The measures of interest to farmers include:

- 1) a goal of retiring 12,000 tier 0, tier 1, and tier 2 tractors by 2024 by using financial incentives, and a plan to adopt a rule requiring the replacement of those tractors if the incentive program does not meet the replacement goal;
- 2) reductions of emissions through expansion of conservation management practices;
- 3) replacement of agricultural pump engines with electric motors or tier 4 final engines; and
- 4) creation of an inspection and maintenance program for heavy-duty vehicles. This concept has been compared to the smog check program for light-duty vehicles. ARB plans to adopt this program in 2020.

Farm Bureau will be attending the hearing to request support for additional incentive funding to pay for tractor replacement and raise questions about the implementation of a heavy-duty diesel inspection and maintenance program particularly regarding the impact it would have on farmers and ranchers who rely on out-of-state trucks for livestock shipments. *Staff contact: Noelle Cremers, (916) 446-4647 or ncremers@cfbf.com*

Industrial Hemp

Assemblymember Cecilia Aguiar-Curry (D-Dixon) has introduced [AB 228](#), a bill which would state that a food or beverage is not adulterated, under the definition of the Sherman Food, Drug and Cosmetic Law, if it contains industrial hemp products or include cannabidiol derived from industrial hemp (including a compound such as CBD). *Staff: Taylor Roschen, (916)-446-4647 or troschen@cfbf.com*

Pesticides/Rodenticides

The Department of Pesticide Regulation's Pesticide Registration and Evaluation Committee (PREC) met on January 18th to discuss potential reassessment of the second-generation anticoagulant rodenticides (SGAR) use in CA. Though SGARs are often used to effectively target farm/home rodents under restrictions to use by approved applicators imposed as of 2014, the Department of Fish and Wildlife has reported increased incidents of exposure of SGARs by non-target wildlife who often consume the target species. In light of this, DPR will determine if they will reassess SGAR use and availability; a decision may be released in the following month. The PREC also discussed an update to the interim restrictions on chlorpyrifos use (see the November 16, 2018 Friday Review for detail) and its listing as a toxic air contaminant, effective April 2019. DPR will likely be seeking consultation with other agencies on mitigation measures for future chlorpyrifos use with final determinations released in 2021. *Staff: Taylor Roschen, (916)-446-4647 or troschen@cfbf.com*

Rural Crime

CFBF's Government Affairs and legal staff presented to the Central Valley Rural Crime Taskforce in Bakersfield to discuss the rise of animal rights activism throughout California targeting livestock operators and perpetuating criminal activities such as trespass and theft. Farm Bureau staff also discussed the incorrect interpretation that these activities are protected under the provisions of the California Penal Code. Additional rural crime issues were discussed including gasoline/diesel, equipment and livestock theft, wire stripping and trespass. *Staff: Taylor Roschen, (916)-446-4647 or troschen@cfbf.com*

Assemblymember Devon Mathis (R-Visalia) has introduced [AB 215](#), a bill which would establish distinct penalties for illegal dumping on private property. As this is a significant issue in rural communities and along transportation corridors amongst farmland, Farm Bureau is likely in support. *Staff: Taylor Roschen, (916)-446-4647 or troschen@cfbf.com*