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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



By Mark Moore, President  
SLO County Farm Bureau



Just two years ago as I accepted my term as President of our Farm Bureau and wrote my first monthly column, "Change" was my topic. Little did I know that Barack Obama would adopt my mantra and run and win a national campaign on the topic.

That said, my two years at the helm are up. As I depart, my first instinct is to write my last column and look back over the past couple of years. But I believe it's more important to keep our eyes on the road in front of us so that we can square-ly see, and then face, the challenges and opportunities to come.

To do that, we must continue to have a strong and vital organization—we have to continue to grow both in terms of our financial resources and also our members. But in these tough economic times, attaining financial and membership goals each quarter, retaining existing members and recruiting new ones is admittedly becoming more and more difficult, if not impossible. We as an organization are only as strong as our members, and that strength comes from numbers and volunteerism.

Your Farm Bureau continues to retain the title as the largest agricultural organization of its type in San Luis Obispo County, and the workload falls primarily to your Board of Directors, Officers and Staff. Although they generously give of their time and our staff work diligently and tirelessly on our behalf, we can only do so much.

So as I look forward, to me it's clear that as an organization we should be asking for more from our members, and you as members should be giving more—and I don't mean just financially either. As an

organization, we should seek to provide more of an opportunity for you to participate, and as the situation warrants, call on you to become Agricultural activists.

We can be activists and advocates for our industry at the same time, because unlike some movie star "activists" with a fleeting cause and a need to be in front of a camera, we actually can give the world something to see, touch, feel, eat and drink. What we do as an industry from the farmer and rancher, the ag banker, the PCA, the CPA, the water or estate attorney and so on is to create and hopefully sustain and grow a viable agricultural industry in our state and our county. For all of us that make our living in Agriculture, the road forward means we need to be giving not just more money, but more of our time.

Our mission today remains the same as when I was elected two years ago, "To lead San Luis Obispo County in the protection, promotion and advocacy of agriculture for the benefit of our members and community." But that is not my mission statement, or the Board of Directors mission statement—it is our organization's, the San Luis Obispo County Farm Bureau's mission statement. That means it takes all of us and more of us to meet those challenges.

You are blessed with a new and capable incoming President, Officers and Board that take their responsibilities seriously, but we continue to need your help. We can not all fail to become more engaged. If we don't do it, if you don't do it, then who will?

Thank you for allowing me serve these last two years. It was a privilege that I will always hold dear.

## COVER PHOTOS

Clockwise from top right: The White Family, Agriculturalist of the Year; Madonna Inn cakes; Roy Parsons, Native Tree Award winner; barbecue—all at Cattleman & Farmers' Day.

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## Farm Bureau Provides Tools for Political Action

**A**s you know, farming and ranching is more than a full-time job—it takes 7 days a week, 52 weeks a year to produce a safe, affordable and abundant supply of food, fiber and flowers for consumers.

Times have changed, however, and farmers and ranchers are encountering challenges like never before.

Faced with high costs of doing business, increased regulations and a shift in legislative representation from rural areas to more urbanized areas, many have found it is no longer business-as-usual for agriculture. You are now required to assume the dual role of advocate and agriculturalist.

While no one person can face these obstacles alone, Farm Bureau has the tools to help you weather the storm. Together, Farm Bureau's Fund to Protect the Family Farm (FARM PAC®) and our grassroots program, the FARM TEAM, have organized the strength of farmers and ranchers to work together and pool resources to protect our agricultural heritage.

Activist organizations such as the United Farm Workers (UFW) and the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) have more than perfected the art of activating their grassroots base. Whether it is raising dollars, writing letters or showing up at events, when these organizations put out a call for action, their followers respond in amazing numbers.

Traditionally, farmers and ranchers haven't held such roles and haven't always made political action a main priority in their business plans. Today we have the tools in place to make this a reality—now is the time to step up and be heard!

FARM PAC has been the voice for farming and ranching in the

political arena for more than 30 years. As a result of voluntary contributions from individuals like you, FARM PAC is able to support candidates who will work in the best interest of California's farms and ranches, regardless of their party affiliation.

As California has become more urbanized, FARM PAC has also become a valuable tool for influencing the outcome of elections in districts where we don't necessarily have the votes to make a difference, by providing financial support to the most business-friendly candidate.

One person's contribution may not make much of a difference, but by pooling our resources we can help elect decision-makers who will work to reduce the high costs of doing business and excessive regulations.

The other side of Farm Bureau's political action program gives you the opportunity to voice your opinion on important legislation and pending regulations through FARM TEAM.

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Your Farm Bureau team has been keeping a watchful eye on proposed legislation. But even with their expertise on your side, we are approaching the end of the legislative session and a critical time for action on your part.

We will soon be faced with the "gut-and-amend" season where legislators can remove the contents of a bill and replace it with new language,

## SLO County Farm Bureau CALENDAR

### SEPTEMBER

- 3 Edna Farm Center
- 14 Farm Bureau Women
- 16 Creston Farm Center
- 16 Young Farmers & Ranchers
- 18 Adelaida Farm Center
- 26 Annual Farm Bureau Meeting of Members

### OCTOBER

- 1 Edna Farm Center
- 12 Farm Bureau Women
- 16 Adelaida Farm Center
- 19 North Coast Farm Center
- 27 Farm Bureau Board Meeting

often changing the subject matter entirely, without input from those who will be affected by the legislation.

During this time, it is important to look for FARM TEAM alerts and take the opportunity to voice your opinion.

To be sure you have the most up-to-date information, sign up for FARM TEAM, look for updates and review the Capitol Alert section of *Ag Alert*.

Regardless of how you participate, your actions help to protect California's family farms and ranches. Whether it is responding to an Action Alert, attending a FARM PAC event or checking the box on your membership renewal, we can make a difference if we work together.

For more information on FARM TEAM or FARM PAC contact your San Luis Obispo County Farm Bureau office at (805) 543-3654.

# AROUND CALIFORNIA

## Early Results From UC Agritourism Survey

California farmers and ranchers hosted more than 2.4 million agricultural tourists in 2008, according to early results from the first statewide economic survey of agritourism operators. Preliminary findings suggest agritourism can be a profitable supplement to farm or ranch business.

Most agritourism operators who responded reported agritourism businesses generated some profit. A majority said they plan to expand or diversify offerings during the next five years.

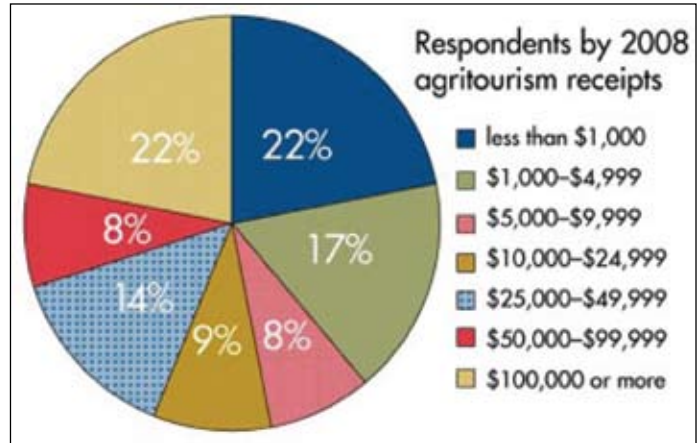
In addition, 22 percent of agritourism operators reported more than \$100,000 in 2008 agritourism receipts. Small farms made up more than two-thirds of the farms that reported offering agritourism.

University of California researchers first mailed questionnaires in January to nearly 2,000 potential agritourism operators in every county. Of the 554 responses to the survey, 332 said they currently offer agritourism activities on their farms or ranches.

The survey, conducted by researchers from UC Cooperative Extension and UC Small Farm Program, measured economic impacts of agritourism and

identified major challenges faced by agritourism business owners, so that future UC work can better address those needs.

Further analysis will examine other agritourism topics. Also see <http://www.sfc.ucdavis.edu/sfcnews/?article=85>.



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# AROUND SLO COUNTY

## Roy A. Parsons Receives Award

Roy A. Parsons received the 2009 Native Tree Stewardship Award from the San Luis Obispo County Native Tree Committee at Cattlemen and Farmers' Day July 23 at the Mid-State Fair.



Roy A. Parsons

The Parsons R&R Ranch contains 600 acres of dry-land grazing with a mixed mosaic of blue oaks, live oaks, pines and chamise in the upper Las Pilitas

area. Roy and his wife, Roberta, bought the ranch in 1984 after retiring from a life of work with his brother at the San Luis Mill and Lumber Company.

Parsons says the oaks and other native trees have become somewhat of a passion with him. He enjoys the work and exercise, as well as the benefit he gets by pruning lower limbs and unwanted competition such as mistletoe and poison oak from both young and mature trees.

The "benefit" is wildfire reduction to the trees, grassland enhancement and better access to forested areas by wildfire services. He does, however, leave many steeper hillsides untouched and in their natural condition for the benefit of wildlife. The Parsons survived the 1985 Las Pilitas Fire, and understand the need for trying to manage their oak woodlands in a realistic and an environmentally friendly manner.

Parsons has tried plantings with both acorns and seedlings, but he has concluded it is best to take naturally



started seedlings he finds and to help them with protection and careful pruning to speed their growth. He has attended several native tree seminars offered by the UC Cooperative Extension Service and the Native Tree Committee.

Established in 1997, the Native Tree Committee promotes the voluntary planting and conservation of native trees through education, propagation and stewardship throughout the county. The diverse group of volunteers includes ranchers, vineyard operators and representatives of various agricultural and environmental organizations. Members meet monthly to work on projects that promote and sustain the longterm health of the county's native woodlands.

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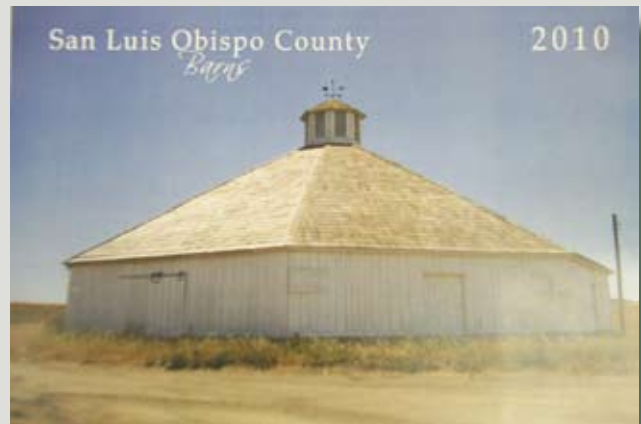
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- Coverage for actual production losses, mandated crop destruction and/or unavoidable deterioration that may occur during quarantine.
- Does not cover losses from missed marketing opportunities caused by quarantine where no crop damage has occurred.
- Growers' fields must be within the specified quarantine zone imposed by USDA APHIS or CDFA.

### More Information

Go to the USDA website — <http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usdahome?contentidonly=true&contentid=2009/06/0267.xml>



# AROUND SLO COUNTY

## July Budget Revision Impacts Agriculture by Assemblyman Sam Blakeslee

The July budget revision recently signed into law by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger will have a significant impact on agriculture and our efforts to keep local land for farming. It regrettably suspends funding for the Williamson Act program, which helps preserve open space across California, especially in suburban and rural areas. This program allows farmers to set aside their lands for agriculture in exchange for reduced property taxes. The state government then reimburses county governments for the lost taxes.

Representing a region like ours that has such a rich agricultural tradition, I understand how important the Williamson Act is to preserving our high quality of life and protecting farms from development. That is why protecting funding for the Act was and always has been an important priority for me.

The bipartisan budget passed by the Legislature secured 80 percent of funding for the Williamson Act, a significant achievement considering these very difficult financial times. When the Governor signed the budget revision into law, however, he vetoed funding for the program in order to create a larger budget reserve for a rainy day. This decision effectively suspends state funding for counties for the Act for the 2009-10 fiscal year.

With the suspension, county governments may struggle to maintain the program with their own funds. Historically, counties that have participated in the state's Williamson



*Sam Blakeslee*

Act program have depended on the subvention funds to backfill the loss of property tax revenues. The Williamson Act program will continue to exist for counties that choose to participate without the availability of subvention funds.

Across California, each county's local Board of Supervisors will decide whether to continue the program in their own county. The Williamson Act is important to our communities, and lawmakers and stakeholders are seeking ways to restore funding in the future. It is hoped that as the economy and state finances improve, money can be secured to keep the program funded.

The Williamson Act has been instrumental in allowing farmers and ranchers to stay in business by tying their property tax rates to the use of the property rather than the development potential. I will continue to advocate for state funding for this vital program.

# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Editorially speaking by Joy  
Fitzhugh, SLO County Farm  
Bureau Legislative Analyst

## State Budget Crisis Is NOT Changing Our Ag Preserve Program Tomorrow!

*Following are some local perspectives on the situation described in Assemblyman Blakeslee's article on page 6.*

"It is premature to speculate on what the county will do," assured Terry Wahler of the San Luis Obispo County Agricultural Preserve planning staff. "There is no county-initiated non-renewal of the Agricultural Preserve Program even being considered."

He further explained that, "all the state did was withhold the state funds; they did not do anything else." The state can not tell the counties to end the Ag. Preserve Program. That is a decision for the county to make.

Supervisor Jim Patterson voiced his belief in the county's position. "I am supportive of the Williamson Act program, yet the Board must weigh the impacts of all of the state's budget cuts. SLO County is one of the state's largest participants in the program, and we have consistently supported the program in past years when its funding was threatened with elimination. I have no reason to believe that our position has changed."

Numerous other sources at our San Luis Obispo County Government Center have stated that the loss of the state subvention funds have not changed the county's support of the Williamson Act, Agricultural Preserve Program at this time.

### **So, what are subvention funds anyway?**

These are the dollars that the state sends to the counties to backfill for the reduced property tax dollars the county receives because the agricultural land is taxed on its actual agricultural productivity instead of being taxed at the development or speculative value.

In 2008, the subvention funds received by SLO County were \$980,000. It was thought that the subvention funds to the county would be \$1 million in 2009. With the line item veto of the Williamson Act subvention funding, this \$1 million is gone.

### **What does the \$1 million loss mean in the county's budget?**

The auditor-controller's office explained that SLO County's approved 2009-2010 General Fund budget (without carry-overs) is about \$368 million. The loss of \$1 million amounts to less than three-tenths of one percent (0.3%) of the county's overall budget.

Looking at this from another direction, Dan Buckshi, county principal administrative analyst/budget director explained that this could be compared to "10 positions out of the total 24,000 county employee positions."

### **Where will the money come from?**

Dan Buckshi further said that the county administrative office

in their budget update is proposing to the Board of Supervisors on August 25 that the \$1 million should come from the county fund balance and contingency funds. (Since this is being written on August 18, the report and Board of Supervisor's decision will already have been made after the to-print date.)

### **What could the county do?**

The county assessor's office emphasized that a county-initiated non-renewal is not being considered at this time. Terry Wahler also stated that, "there is no need to have great anxiety. Even if the county chose to initiate a non-renewal process, they must follow the same 10-year withdrawal period just like the private sector." It is a contractual obligation on the part of the county, the same as for the agricultural landowner.

### **Conclusion?**

Keep the good thoughts, and every chance you get remind your county Supervisor that the Ag. Preserve Program is critical to the continued health and well-being of agriculture in San Luis Obispo County. As we look to 2010-2011, we must be prepared to lobby the state to reinstate the subventions. San Luis Obispo County is actually quite lucky compared with other counties which live and die on the subvention funds from the state.





## Junior Livestock Fundraiser Contributors

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## Deadline Nears for Farm Bureau Photo Contest

Amateur photographers who are Farm Bureau members have until September 30 to submit photos that best highlight California agriculture. The Grand Prize winner will receive a cash prize of \$500, while prizes will also be awarded to first- and second-place winners in each of five categories. First-place winners will receive \$250 and second-place winners will receive \$100.

In addition, aspiring shutterbugs 13 years and younger who are children of Farm Bureau members are encouraged to enter the "Budding Artists" category. Sponsored by the California Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom, prizes for this category include a total of \$350 in cash and copies of the book, "Imagine this...Stories Inspired by Agriculture."

The five categories are as follows:

- Kids & Critters
- From Farm to Fork
- All in a Day's Work on the Farm
- Natural Beauty
- Budding Artists

Photos may be in color or black and white. They must be printed on photographic paper and measure at least 5 by 7 inches, but no larger than 8½ by 11 inches, unmatted and unframed. Photos must have been taken in 2008 or 2009. Judges will consider the photo's composition, lighting, creativity and agricultural message.

All photos become the property of California Farm Bureau. Winning photos will be published in *Ag Alert*® and *California Country*. They will also be displayed on CFBF websites ([www.cfbf.com](http://www.cfbf.com) and [www.california-country.org](http://www.california-country.org)) and at the 2009 CFBF Annual Meeting, December 6-9 in Anaheim.

Entry forms and official contest rules are available at [www.cfbf.com](http://www.cfbf.com) and from county Farm Bureaus. For more information or additional forms, contact Chico Ochi in the CFBF/News Division at (916) 561-5550 or [cochi@cfbf.com](mailto:cochi@cfbf.com).

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## Farm Bureau Board Nominations Submitted

The Nominating Committee has contacted the following Farm Bureau members and hereby submits their names as nominees for their respective positions as officers and district directors to be elected for the 2009–2010 Farm Bureau membership year.

### Officers

President: Richard Gonzales  
 Vice President: Bernard Olsen  
 Secretary: Carlos Castaneda  
 Treasurer: Dan Sutton

### District Directors

District 1: Blanche Comino  
 District 2: Ray Wiebe  
 District 3: Steven Beck  
 District 4: Tom Ikeda  
 District 5: Kate Magnuson

## Meeting Discusses Paso Robles Proposed City Private-Well Ordinance

A 7 p.m. meeting September 17 takes place in the Paso Robles City Council Chambers, 1000 Spring Street, to discuss the proposed private-well ordinance.

One of the proposed permissible uses of private wells within the city limits is as follows: "To accommodate agricultural land uses without access to city water (specifically, where property boundary is 200 feet or greater from a city water source or when the demonstrated primary use of the property is greater than 1,000 feet from a city potable source) or where the use of city water for agricultural purposes would be inconsistent with other city policies."

The category for "policy considerations association with requests for new wells" is as follows:

"Allow the use of wells subject to permit conditions," which includes "agricultural production, resort or recreational uses."

Proposed permit conditions include the following:

- Require connection to city reclaimed water when available
- City right to inspect
- City shall have the right to place a meter on the well and the owner shall enroll in the county groundwater monitoring program.

These and other issues such as existing private well and abandonment of well issues will be discussed.

For more information, contact John Falkenstien, Community Development Department, at (805) 237-3860 or JFalkenstien@prcity.com.

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# Use Care When Handling Agricultural Chemicals

by Mike Klimenko, State Fund Farm Bureau Group Manager

**A**gricultural chemicals come in several forms, including mist, vapor, liquid, dust, fume or gas. These products have been undergoing a major shift in recent years, as harsh chemicals are replaced by much softer, safer materials.

But this transformation doesn't mean that it's OK to let your guard down when working with or around these chemicals. Don't believe that it is no longer necessary to be careful.

To know and understand possible dangers of a chemical that a person is handling, it is important to carefully read label instructions and precautions. All labels must clearly state the hazards in using the contents and describe the precautions to take for safe use. The label also carries information on what to do in the case of exposure or an injury.

Here are other tips to share with others on your farm or ranch.

- Know what to do in an emergency.

If there is a leak or spill, keep away from the area and instruct others to do the same, unless you know what the chemical is and how to safely clean it up.

- Always use appropriate protective clothing such as glasses, apron, boots and gloves.
- If clothing becomes contaminated by a chemical, shower or wash the exposed skin areas. Change and decontaminate clothing or dispose of it, if it is designed for one-time use.
- When working with chemicals, always remember to wash hands thoroughly before eating, and if necessary, shower and change clothes before going home.
- Never take food into a work area where chemicals are being used or stored.
- A buddy system or emergency communications system should be used when working with toxic substances in case someone becomes dangerously exposed and is in need of immediate assistance.

While proper handling and storage of these materials may seem to be common sense, a periodic check of your farm and ranch should be done to assure that this is being done. Train all employees on proper care and handling of these materials. Be sure to conduct regular reviews as well.

For the majority of chemicals, it is recommended that they be stored in a well-ventilated area away from direct sunlight or other heat source, and away from sparks, flames, static electricity or other sources of ignition.

Make sure storage shelves are sturdy, secure and acid resistant, and never store chemicals higher than eye level. Chemical containers should never be stored on top of one another or on the ground where they could be accidentally knocked over. Be sure that the storage area is securely enclosed and locked to prevent unauthorized entry, particularly by children.



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Contacts: Kenneth Bornholdt, Jon Goetz

1432 Higuera Street, San Luis Obispo

**Phone: 786-4302 Fax: 786-4319**

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**Phone: 489-5594 Fax: 489-4183**

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