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Happy New Year from the CAC!*

NEWSLETTER

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DRAFT BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES & GUIDANCE DOCS NOW AVAILABLE



The Department of Water Resources has released its first publication of Best Management Practices as required by the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act. DWR has elected to publish two categories of

information that can be beneficial to Groundwater Sustainability Agencies with developing Groundwater Sustainability Plans. DWR has created a draft of Best Management Practices and Guidance Documents addressing sustainability management of ground water. BMPs are intended to provide clarification, guidance, and examples to help GSAs develop the essential elements of a Groundwater Sustainability Plan. Draft Best Management Practice topics include the following:

1: Monitoring Protocols, Standards, and Sites, 2: Monitoring Networks and Identification of Data Gaps, 3: Hydrogeologic Conceptual Model, 4: Water Budget, and 5: Modeling. Guidance Documents provide suggestions, with supporting graphics, for developing certain GSP components where no established practices in the water management industry exist. Draft Guidance Documents include the following: 1.Preparation Checklist for GSP Submittal, 2.GSP Annotated Outline, 3.Establishing Sustainable Management Criteria, 4.Engagement with Tribal Governments, and 5.Stakeholder Engagement and Communications. To read more about this information, please visit: water.ca.gov/groundwater/sgm/bmps.cfm.

REGISTRATION FOR PHYTOSANITARY IRRADIATION WORKSHOP NOW OPEN

Registration for the 7th annual Chapman University Phytosanitary Irradiation Forum is now open. The forum is

organized in cooperation with the USDA and the Joint program of the FAO/IAEA. The objective of the forum is to increase use and knowledge on irradiation as a means of phytosanitary treatment, which in turn will increase global trade and prevent invasive pests. The forum will be held March 21st-22nd, 2017 at Chapman University. Topics for the forum include efficacy, technology and consumer acceptance, global use, logistical challenges, regulatory agency perspectives, export certification and import regulations, and market access and trade. There is a registration fee of \$100 per guest. For information on how to register for this forum, please visit chapman.edu or contact the Commission office.

CHINA: FRESH DECIDUOUS FRUIT ANNUAL

China's apple production post season is at 43.5 MMT in marketing year 2016/17, up two percent from last year. Pear production is expected to increase by three percent, to 19.3 MMT, and grape production is forecasted to increase by six percent to 10.2 MMT. China's imports of deciduous fruit will continue to increase on strong demand for high quality fruit and off-season supplies. Fruit exports will continue to rebound if we continue to have increasing, but low-priced foreign supply.

MEXICO: FRESH DECIDUOUS FRUIT ANNUAL

Apple production in Mexico for marketing year 2016/17 (August/July) is forecast at 730,000 metric tons, which is a smaller crop compared to 2015/16 due to weather issues. Total pear imports for 2016/17 (July/June) are estimated to be lower compared to 2015/16 due to an expected lower demand. Total Mexican table grape production for 2016/17 (May/April) is estimated at 280,000 metric tons. Grape exports are expected to decrease to about 156,000 metric tons for 2016/17. The United States remains the major supplier of deciduous fruits to Mexico.

MEXICO INSPECTOR

In early August, the Mexico inspector arrived in California to start the California/Mexico apple export program. Juan Jose

Lopez was this year's inspector. In accordance with the California/Mexico work plan, the Mexico inspector visited California again November 28th- December 2nd to certify all packing sheds and fumigation chambers intending on exporting apples to Mexico. This year's work plan has concluded and will resume next year. If you have any questions regarding the Mexico Export Program, please contact Todd Sanders at the Commission office.

SEN. FEINSTEIN AND REP. MCCARTHY STRIKE WATER DEAL

A bipartisan agreement between Senator Dianne Feinstein and House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy, dealing with short as well as long term goals for the California drought, has been included in the FY17 Water Resources Development Act (WRDA). The agreement between Feinstein, McCarthy, and other House republicans entailed creating a 90 page bill to link with a broader measure created by Senator Barbara Boxer. The House approved the legislation, S. 612, on Thursday December 8, 2016. In the 728 page bill, there is something to help many parts of the nation. The bill includes \$558 million for water-storage, recycling and desalination projects in California, including funding for a possible reservoir project north of Sacramento. To read more about this article and WRDA, please visit sacbee.com.

CAC ANNUAL REPORT

The Annual Reports are complete and have been shipped out. The Annual Report includes information on the current and future research, education projects, market reports, and other pertinent industry information. If you would like a hard copy, please contact the Commission office.



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APPLE BITES

Apple-Loaded Shortbread Cookies

- 1 lb unsalted butter, room temp
 - 1 1/4 cups granulated sugar
 - 1 1/4 tsp vanilla extract
 - 4 1/4 cups all-purpose flour, sifted
 - 2 tsp kosher salt
 - 1 1/3 cups fresh California apples, skin on, small dice
1. In stand mixer, add butter and sugar. Blend until mixture is light yellow.
 2. Add vanilla. Sift in flour and salt. Add small pieces of apple and continue blending, using hands, until incorporated.
 3. Remove dough, use a little flour (if needed), and work into a long roll (dough log). Wrap dough in plastic and chill for 45-60 minutes until butter sets.
 4. Pre-heat oven to 350 degrees. Remove dough from fridge. Slice into 1/2 inch circles and place onto ungreased baking sheet. Bake for 20 minutes, or until golden.
 5. Top with Apple Cider & Mascarpone Frosting.

Recipe courtesy of U.S. Apple Association; <http://www.usapple.org>

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **Public Policy Meeting**
 - Date: January 23-26, 2017
 - Washington, DC
- **Fruit Logistica**
 - Date: February 8-10, 2017
 - Berlin, Germany