

# Newsletter

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# KASUGAMYCIN REGISTRATION WITH THE NATIONAL ORGANIC STANDARDS BOARD (NOSB)

The CAC provided a letter of support to the NOSB supporting the registration of kasugamycin to fight bacterial and fungal diseases such as fire blight. The NOSB will be delivering its decision on this request for registration in the Fall of 2021. CAC staff will update the industry when the decision is made.

#### **CAC 2021-2022 RESEARCH PROJECTS**

Below are approved CAC research projects that will be happening in the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year. Please do not hesitate to contact the CAC office with any questions regarding the below projects. CAC staff will keep the industry updated with Interim and Final Reports.

TOPIC	LEADERS
Sterile Codling Moth Release in California Apples	M3 Agriculture Technologies
ProTone Trials on CA apple varieties to gain efficacy data for use of ProTone as an organic apple thinner	Valent
Evaluation of New Bactericides for Controls of Fire Blight of Apples Caused by Erwinia Amylovora and Evaluation of New Postharvest Fungicides for Pome Fruits	Dr. Jim Adaskaveg

# CAL/OSHA UPDATES ON REGULATIONS FOR EMPLOYERS AND SUPERVISORS

The Cal/Osha Emergency Temporary Standards (ETS) for COVID-19 was updated on June 17th and become effective immediately through an executive order signed by Governor Gavin Newsom. Cal/Osha will be hosting a series of free, two-hour webinars to discuss the updated changes to the ETS for employers. See below for dates and registration information:

- Tuesday, June 22nd, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. <u>Click here to register</u>
- Friday, June 25th, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Click here to register
- Tuesday, June 29th, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Click here to register
- Thursday, July 1st, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Click here to register

## STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD (SWRCB) RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED EMERGENCY REGULATION

On June 16th, the SWRCB unanimously passed an emergency regulation that will implement curtailments in both the Upper and Lower Russian River Watersheds to ultimately protect water supplies and threatened and endangered fish in the Watershed. Although the SWRCB does not view Agricultural water use as unnecessary, they do believe that human/fish health and safety is the current priority. The SWRCB noted that this regulation is not necessarily indicative of what will happen with other Watersheds. CAC staff will update the industry if changes in regulations are implemented in other Watersheds.

To view the SWRCB's press release regarding actions taken, please access it <u>here</u>. Also, please click <u>here</u> to view a statement regarding water availability for Delta water right holders.

#### AB 710 AND AB 778 UPDATE

In December 2020, the CAC Board of Directors voted to support AB 710 which would prohibit the sale of listed agricultural produce that does not meet California's pesticide and labor regulations, and AB 778 which would require all state institutions to purchase California grown produce when available. As both bills have been moving through various Assembly and Senate Committees, CAC staff have been providing Letters of Support along the way. A final vote on both bills is expected to be announced in late June/early July. CAC staff will keep the industry updated on the outcome of both bills.

#### **CAC Social Media Update**

Don't forget to follow @calapples on Instagram! CAC staff will continue to expand the CAC's social media presence in the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year by continuing our existing partnership with CA Grown and fostering a new partnership with the California Wild Rice Advisory Board, which will be of no extra cost to the CAC. See below for a sample of @calapples Instagram grid.



#### Find us on social media!









# CHAMP WG SPECIAL LOCAL NEED REGISTRATION APPROVED BY CA DEPARTMENT OF PESTICIDE **REGULATION (CDPR)**

In June, the California Department of Pesticide Regulation (CDPR) issued their approval for the Champ WG Special Local Need registration for aerial application to almond, citrus, peach/nectarine, pear, apple, and walnut orchards with standing water. This decision comes after an over a year review process that began in early 2020. For more information regarding this decision, please do not hesitate to contact the Commission office.

#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **OFFICE CLOSED- Independence day** o July 5, 2021
- USApple Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL • August 19-20, 2021
- United Fresh Washington Conference, Washington, DC
  - September 20-22, 2021
- **Produce Marketing Association (PMA)** Fresh Summit, New Orleans, LA
  - October 28-30, 2021

Some events are being held virtually. Please contact the CAC office for more information.



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