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AB 2183 SEMINAR

The CAC and other local agriculture associations invite you to join them for an important labor seminar regarding AB 2183, the agricultural employee unionization card check legislation that goes into effect on January 1, 2023. The next seminars are located in Coachella and Orland.

Coachella: Thursday, January 5th from 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
Deadline to RSVP is January 3rd.

Orland: Tuesday, January 10th from 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
Deadline to RSVP is January 6th.

For additional details on how to RSVP, please access the Coachella flyer [here](#) and the Orland flyer [here](#).

If this location is not convenient for you, we will be hosting additional seminars that will take place in other locations in the state. Additionally, we will be hosting additional seminars over zoom.

For updated procedural forms from the Agricultural Labor Relations Board, please access their website [here](#). Please do not hesitate to contact the CAC office with any questions.

CAC ATTENDS USAEDC ANNUAL WORKSHOP IN BALTIMORE

The U.S. Agricultural Export Development Council held its annual workshop from November 16-18 in Baltimore, MD. This annual event features in-depth presentations on a wide range of topics, including: election analysis, marketing trends, successes with export development programs, sustainability, effects of current events on world markets, updates to compliance with FAS funding programs, and issues facing specific sectors of the agricultural industry. If you would like additional information on this event, please do not hesitate to contact the CAC office.

USDA-RMA SPRING 2023 LISTENING SESSIONS

The Risk Management Agency (RMA) is inviting interested parties to participate in a listening session to discuss proposed changes to the apple crop insurance program. Proposed changes were published in a Proposed Rule with request for comments on December 16, 2021. RMA invited the public to comment on this rule through April 15, 2022. RMA would like to engage with interested parties to clarify the intent of the [Proposed Rule](#) before finalizing changes. Please access the listening session flyer [here](#) to learn how to participate.

2023 SPECIALTY CROP BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM PHASE 2

On August 18th, the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) announced the opening of the 2023 Specialty Crop Block Grant Program! The CAC submitted two concept proposals to CDFA by the September 16th deadline. The first project is titled, *Back to Fresh: Improving Consumer Education on the Importance of Buying Fresh, Local Apples*, with a total funding request of \$427,912. The second project is titled, *Analysis of the Effects of 1-MCP use on the Quality of Gala, Fuji, and Granny Smith Apples in Long Term Storage*, with a total funding request of \$140,000. Both projects have made it to the Phase 2 process, at which time staff will be submitting full proposals by the January 19th deadline. Please do not hesitate to reach out to the CAC office with any questions.

ACCEDE PLANT GROWTH REGULATOR

Accede, which is used to thin pome and stone fruit to reduce crop load, is available for use on apples in California. Accede Plant Growth Regulator contains ACC, a natural compound responsible for the biosynthesis of ethylene production in tree fruits. This product is manufactured by Valent. For the EPA Federal label, please access [here](#).

CAL OSHA COVID-19 NON-EMERGENCY REGULATIONS

On December 15, 2022, the Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board voted to adopt non-emergency COVID-19 Prevention regulations. These regulations will take effect in the month of January 2023 and will remain in effect for two years after the effective date. Some requirements implemented in the COVID-19 Prevention Emergency Temporary Standards (ETS), will remain in the Non-Emergency Regulations. For instance, employers must provide face coverings and ensure they are worn by employees when CDPH require their use, employers must make COVID-19 testing available at no cost during paid time to employees following a close contact, etc. For additional information, please access Cal-Osha information [here](#).

STERILE INSECT TECHNIQUE FIELD DAY

Join USDA-ARS and M3 Agriculture Technologies in Parlier, CA for a field day that will emphasize the benefits and adaptation of sterile insect technique as a biological pest control method, along with state of the art technology advancements. There will be presentations and speeches on history, challenges, commercialization, success and opportunities of Codling Moth SIT here in California. The event will conclude with a live field demonstration of American made drones releasing moths. For additional details on the field day agenda and how to register, please access the registration website [here](#).

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **JANUARY 10TH- POMOLOGY ACTION CONFERENCE**
 - DAVIS, CA
- **JANUARY 16TH- OFFICE CLOSED**
- **JANUARY 20TH- SIT FIELD DAY EVENT**
 - PARLIER, CA
- **JANUARY 23-27- CAC STAFF IN D.C.**



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BOARD OF DIRECTORS FORM 700 STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS

As outlined by CDFA and the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC), all Board of Directors filers must complete the necessary Form 700. Board members are now eligible to submit your Form 700 electronically through eDisclosure, please log on to <https://form700.fppc.ca.gov/>, once you have completed your Form, the system will prompt you to electronically submit your completed Form 700. You may also download the Form 700 at <https://www.fppc.ca.gov/Form700.html>. As a reminder, Form 700 is due April 3, 2023. If you have any problems accessing or completing your eDisclosure Form 700, please contact your assigned filing officer, Andrea Carey, via email at Form700@fppc.ca.gov. As always, the CAC is available to assist you as well. Please do not hesitate contact the CAC office for support.

DR. GENNARO FAZIO VISITS CALIFORNIA APPLE GROWERS

In early November, Dr. Gennaro Fazio from USDA-ARS visited California to visit apple rootstock trial test sites throughout the State. Dr. Fazio has been working with the CAC and California apple industry over the past several years to conduct trials in California on various apple rootstocks to determine performance. This project has been co-funded by USDA-ARS and CDFA Specialty Crop Block Grant program funds. For more information on the trials or grant program, please do not hesitate to contact the CAC office.



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