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Dear Interested Parties:

The Assembly Committee on Agriculture addressed several significant issues within the Committee's primary areas of jurisdiction including maintaining funding for the California Department of Food and Agriculture, the California Department of Pesticide Registration, and County Agricultural Commissioners; encouragement of foreign and domestic marketing; prevention and eradication of destructive pests and diseases, and to assure agriculture continues to receive funding despite a state budget shortfall.

The goal of the Assembly Committee on Agriculture is to ensure that state policy assists California's agriculture in combating current and future issues that threaten its viability. California's agricultural community represents approximately \$27 billion in gross revenue each year and employs 10% of California's total workforce. The following issues are of the utmost importance to California's agricultural community.

Land Use

California's agricultural land will be paved over in order to accommodate population growth, as well as the plethora of amenities that accompany urbanization, unless successful strategies to prevent this trend are devised and implemented. Without an ample source of food a population cannot sustain itself therefore, it is in the interest of the state that the over development of agricultural land be limited.

Marketing

While we focus on preserving agricultural land in order to ensure an adequate, safe, and affordable food supply, we should also evaluate ways to optimize the sale of the commodities we do have. Marketing campaigns such as 'Got Milk?' have been tremendously successful. Recent programs such as the 'Buy California' campaign further engage agricultural producers and workers while advancing California's economy as a whole.

Plant and Animal Health

The agricultural industry is not only at risk of losing valuable farmland; it constantly faces the possibility of newly introduced pests and diseases. After the tragedy of September 11, 2001, the protection of our domestic food production has been heightened. Immediately after the detection of a pest or disease, efforts are made by the California Department of Food and Agriculture and County Agricultural Commissioners to contain the threat and eradicate it before crippling losses occur. Proactive steps to minimize these threats include focusing attention and resources on prevention which, among other solutions, may include providing additional resources for check points and trained canines.

The following legislation was heard in the Assembly Committee on Agriculture during the 2001-2002 legislative session and includes a brief summary of each bill. For any questions regarding this report, please contact the Committee at (916) 319-2084.

Sincerely,

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Assembly Committee on Agriculture

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Assembly Committee on Agriculture

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AB 11 (Dickerson)

Expands the Stone and Pome Fruit Pest District Control Law to include olives and makes related changes in order to control and eradicate specified pests.

Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 179, Statutes of 2001.

AB 52 (Wiggins)

Prescribes categories of loans from Proposition 40 funding, which was passed by the voters in March of 2002. The funding is for the acquisition, development, improvement, rehabilitation, restoration, enhancement, and protection of farmland in California.

Chaptered by Secretary of State-Chapter 983, Statutes of 2002. (Line Item Veto - The Governor eliminated the \$2.4 million appropriation to the California Environmental Quality Improvement loan program, and the \$2.4 million appropriation to the Coastal Farmland Preservation program.)

AB 137 (Reyes)

As passed by the Committee on Agriculture, this bill established the Overseas Agricultural Export Service and required this service to assist agricultural enterprises in cooperation with the California Department of Food and Agriculture. These provisions were removed, and language was added in the Senate to make changes to the Williamson Act requiring the California Department of Conservation (DOC) to advise Local Agency Formation Commissions if DOC has concerns regarding a city's proposal to not succeed a county's Williamson Act contract.

Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 188, Statutes of 2002.

AB 236 (Kelley)

Defines a "handler" of eggs, including defining "affiliate" or "affiliated with" and "control."

Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 384, Statutes of 2001.

AB 274 (Committee on Agriculture)

Makes several changes to the Food and Agricultural Code relating to livestock identification, branding, and inspection.

Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 182, Statutes of 2001.

AB 304 (Committee on Agriculture)

Updates provisions relating to County Agricultural Commissioner salary subvention; requires the salary or lowest step in the salary schedule be based on the salary that was established for that position in January of 2000; and, permits the Secretary of the California Department of Food and Agriculture, in the case where no position was established in January of 2000, to increase the maximum amount of money for salary subvention from \$ 6,600 to \$28,000.

Vetoed by Governor.

AB 448 (Strom-Martin)

Directs the Secretary of the California Department of Food and Agriculture, in consultation with the Attorney General, to establish rules and regulations for the licensure and cultivation of industrial hemp. Provides definitions and makes it a crime to violate any of these provisions.

From Committee without further action, pursuant to Joint Rule 62(a).

AB 573 (Canciamilla)

As passed by the Assembly Committee on Agriculture, this bill created a consultation memorandum of understanding between the California Department of Pesticide Regulation and the California Department of Health Services with respect to vector-related public health pesticides, their use, registration, cancellation, and required state testing. These provisions were deleted, and language was added to change the author and increase damages applicable to any person that corruptly permits the violation of any state public contract for acquisition of goods and services.

In Senate Committee on Governmental Organization. Failed Passage.

AB 605 (Negrete McLeod)

Establishes the California Dairy Producers Environmental Stewardship Trust Fund and allows the fund to receive monies from state, federal, and private entities for the purpose of awarding dairy producers incentives to assist in payment of debt incurred by the purchase of equipment that benefits, improves, or protects natural resources.

Filed with the Chief Clerk pursuant to Joint Rule 56. Died pursuant to Art. IV, Section 10(c) of the Constitution.

AB 780 (Thomson)

Extends from January 1, 2003 to June 30, 2004 the sunset on the 17.5 mills per dollar (\$0.0175) assessment on pesticide sales, rather than allowing it to revert to 9 mills. Appropriates \$7 million from the General Fund to address the California Department of Pesticide Regulation's projected annual budget shortfall beginning 2002-2003.

Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 523, Statutes of 2001. (General Fund appropriation eliminated by Governor.)

AB 786 (Cogdill)

Permits a landowner in the Williamson Act program to petition the local governing body for cancellation of the contract and requires cancellation if the landowner has not experienced tax relief over the preceding 10 years.

Filed with the Chief Clerk pursuant to Joint Rule 56. Died pursuant to Art. IV, Section 10(c) of the Constitution.

AB 791 (Strom-Martin)

Requires that retail sales of any unpackaged transgenic fish or shellfish, other than by a restaurateur, is accompanied by a notice that clearly discloses to the consumer that the fish or shellfish is transgenic and the definition of transgenic.

Re-Referred to the Assembly Committee on Agriculture.

AB 801 (Salinas)

Requires state owned and operated institutions to purchase California products as long as specified criteria are met regarding the price, and requires the Secretary of the

California Department of Food and Agriculture to produce an annual report to evaluate the effectiveness and adherence to these provisions.

Vetoed by Governor.

AB 955 (Florez)

Makes technical, substantive and conforming changes to the authority of the State Veterinarian and Secretary of the California Department of Food and Agriculture to deal with animal quarantines, disposal of animals, compensation process, and deletes outdated sections.

Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 503, Statutes of 2001.

AB 956 (Strickland)

Extends the Pierce's Disease Control Program in the California Department of Food and Agriculture to 2008-2009.

Filed with the Chief Clerk pursuant to Joint Rule 56. Died pursuant to Art. IV, Sec. 10(c) of the Constitution.

AB 1136 (La Suer)

Appropriates \$1.25 million from the General Fund to the California Department of Food and Agriculture to trap, determine the total infestation area, and control and eradicate the Formosa termite in the City of La Mesa, in the County of Riverside.

Filed with the Chief Clerk pursuant to Joint Rule 56. Died pursuant to Art. IV, Section 10(c) of the Constitution.

AB 1242 (Wiggins)

Appropriates \$7.14 million in federal funding for the California Department of Food and Agriculture to distribute grants to grape producers to compensate for vine losses resulting from Pierce's disease.

Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 18, Statutes of 2002.

AB 1332 (Cardoza)

Authorizes the California Department of Food and Agriculture, in consultation with the agricultural industry, to develop programs to promote California-grown agricultural products through the use of marketing licenses, trademarks, nutrition education, and related activities.

Filed with the Chief Clerk pursuant to Joint Rule 56. Died pursuant to Art. IV, Sec. 10(c) of the Constitution.

AB 1333 (Kelley)

Adds to the definition of a "handler" as one that has a commercially based financial interest for purposes of serving as an elected California Avocado Commission Board member or an alternative.

Filed with the Chief Clerk pursuant to Joint Rule 56. Died pursuant to Art. IV, Sec. 10(c) of the Constitution.

AB 1386 (Briggs)

Expands existing law regarding pesticide regulation. This bill would require an offer of compensation to, or written authorization from, the original registrar of a pesticide when

the pesticide is registered for another use.

Filed with the Chief Clerk pursuant to Joint Rule 56. Died pursuant to Art. IV, Sec. 10(c) of the Constitution.

AB 1394 (Wiggins)

Creates, until March 1, 2006, the Pierce's Disease and Glassy-winged Sharpshooter Board within the California Department of Food and Agriculture. It provides for an annual assessment to be paid by wine grape processors to fund research on integrated pest management and other practices.

Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 103, Statutes of 2001.

AB 1408 (Hollingsworth)

Deletes requirements for the Secretary (Secretary) of the California Department of Food and Agriculture to establish regulations and provide plans for construction of market milk barns, makes technical changes to the Pierce's Disease Control Program, and permits the Secretary to authorize additional expenditures from the Milk Producers Security Trust Fund, should SB 1769 (Machado, 2002) be chaptered.

Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 524, Statutes of 2002.

AB 1417 (Hollingsworth)

Requires a study by the Department of Food and Agriculture to research commodity treatment and processing protocols for exotic or minor crops to allow those crops to be transported out of a general quarantine area, and states the intent of the Legislature to provide a coordinated state response to exotic pests and invasive species.

Filed with the Chief Clerk pursuant to Joint Rule 56. Died pursuant to Art. IV, Section 10(c) of the Constitution.

AB 1435 (Pacheco)

Creates the Invasive Species Revolving Fund to be used by the Secretary of the California Department of Food and Agriculture for emergency appropriation and creates a task force to research long-term pest control.

Filed with the Chief Clerk pursuant to Joint Rule 56. Died pursuant to Art. IV, Section 10(c) of the Constitution.

AB 1466 (Florez)

Requires, until January 1, 2007, the Secretary of the California Department of Food and Agriculture in conjunction with the California Environmental Protection Agency and the Scientific Advisory Panel on Environmental Farming, to establish a financial incentive program to encourage dairy farmers to improve air and water conditions on dairy farms.

Filed with the Chief Clerk pursuant to Joint Rule 56. Died pursuant to Art. IV, Section 10(c) of the Constitution.

AB 1509 (Runner)

As passed by the Committee on Agriculture, this bill was relative to the expansion of the Antelope Valley Fair's boundaries. It was later amended to require the Legislative Counsel and the Legislative Data Center to observe the same holidays as the Legislature.

Chaptered by Secretary of State- Chapter 153, Statutes of 2002.

AB 1548 (Committee on Agriculture)

Makes it a misdemeanor for any person to use any commercial feed containing drugs or food additives except in compliance with all directions for use as stated on the label of the packaging. Also, makes various changes to the California Sheep Commission, including clarifying that the Commission also has the authority to assess “offsort wool” at a different rate.

Chaptered by the Secretary of State - Chapter 397, Statutes of 2001.

AB 1552 (Committee on Agriculture)

Authorizes procedures, forms, and guidelines relative to the implementation of environmental grant programs of the California Department of Food and Agriculture are exempt from submission to the Office of Administrative Law. This bill also imposes additional requirements relating to products sold at farmers’ markets and makes non-substantive, technical changes to the California Tomato Commission.

Chaptered by the Secretary of State - Chapter 373- Statutes of 2001.

AB 1608 (Committee on Agriculture)

Requires a state agency that governs plant quarantine and pest control to accept test results from an accredited laboratory operating under the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) accreditation program and requires laboratories wishing to contest results to receive approval from the Secretary of CDFA prior to doing so.

Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 256, Statutes of 2001.

AB 1612 (Committee on Agriculture)

Authorizes any state established commission or council to petition the Secretary of the California Department of Food and Agriculture to adopt and administer any activity authorized pursuant to the California Marketing Act of 1937.

Chaptered by the Secretary of State - Chapter 510. Statutes of 2001.

AB 1618 (Committee on Agriculture)

Authorizes the California Department of Food and Agriculture to grant a variance from fuel specifications for “developmental engine fuels” under certain conditions.

Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 596, Statutes of 2001.

AB 1628 (Committee on Agriculture)

Modifies the relationship between the California Department of Food and Agriculture and individual district agricultural associations regarding various financial transactions of the district agricultural associations and county fairs.

Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 423, Statutes of 2001.

AB 1637 (Dickerson)

As passed by the Committee on Agriculture, this bill required notification to the California Department of Food and Agriculture and the California Department of Conservation when agricultural property is purchased or condemned by a public agency. The bill was later amended to allocate \$8 million appropriated to the State Trade and Commerce Agency in the 2001 Budget Act for the Klamath River Water Crisis Economic Assistance and Mitigation Program.

Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 511, Statutes of 2001.

AB 1654 (Nakano)

Appropriates \$500,000 from the General Fund to the Secretary of the California Department of Food and Agriculture to create a meat inspection program with standards at least as stringent as federal meat inspection laws.

Filed with the Chief Clerk pursuant to Joint Rule 56. Died pursuant to Art. IV, Section 10(c) of the Constitution.

AB 1686 (Thomson)

Establishes, until June 30, 2008, the Rice Straw Utilization program, to be administered by the California Department of Food and Agriculture to provide financial assistance to rice growers for rice straw utilization and to implement a plan for rice straw utilization.

Vetoed by Governor.

AB 1811 (Richman)

Makes several findings and declarations regarding the threat of invasive species, and requires the California Department of Food and Agriculture to develop a comprehensive strategic plan for California Border Inspection Stations for submittal to the Legislature by July 1, 2003.

In Assembly Committee on Appropriations: set, second hearing. Held under submission.

AB 1854 (Ashburn)

Deletes the sunset date on, and expands, the fluid milk marketing promotion plan which is jointly administered by the California Milk Advisory Board and the California Manufactured Milk Advisory Board.

Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 157, Statutes of 2002.

AB 1880 (Committee on Agriculture)

Extends the Sunset for the Food Safety Industry Education Training Program, as well as the \$100 food safety fee until January 1, 2006. The contents of this bill were added to AB 2981.

In Senate: to Inactive file.

AB 2091 (Kelley)

Makes technical and substantive changes to the California Table Grape Commission (Commission) statutory authority; modifies the findings and declarations; identifies state and federal statutes and regulations for the Commission to deal with; clarifies the definition of "shipper" and "person"; enumerates the districts; caps per diem for board members at \$100 per day; requires a positive Commission vote to raise the assessment; deletes outdated statutes; eliminates block voting of the cooperative; expands the powers and duties of the Commission; requires proprietary or trade secret information developed or obtained by the Commission to be confidential; gives the Commission sole discretion to release information on shipping and marketing; revises and expands criteria for failure to pay an assessment, including civil procedures and requirements; and adds a misdemeanor for the failure to provide reports or records or for the destruction of secret records.

In Senate Committee on Agriculture and Water Resources. Hearing postponed by Committee.

AB 2155 (Committee on Agriculture)

Conforms California horse show and event medication rules to the standards established by the Food and Drug Administration. The bill will put these standards in alignment with national horse associations. Additionally, this bill prohibits the use of any medications for horses going to auction.

Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 434, Statutes of 2002.

AB 2345 (Ashburn)

Authorizes the creation of Table Grape Pest and Disease Control Districts for the purpose of combating Pierce's disease and the glassy-winged sharpshooter, as well as other pests that threaten grapes.

In Senate Committee on Appropriations: set, second hearing. Held under submission.

AB 2356 (Keeley)

Requires the California Department of Pesticide Regulation to make determinations regarding pesticide residues of the herbicide 'clopyralid' and impose appropriate restrictions on its uses.

Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 591, Statutes of 2002.

AB 2390 (Cedillo)

Removes the sunset on the Navel and Valencia Orange Advisory Commission; makes several structural and operational changes to the California Avocado Commission; and authorizes County Agricultural Commissioners to donate unclaimed seized agricultural commodities to nonprofit charitable organization.

Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 946, Statutes of 2002.

AB 2570 (Cogdill)

Authorizes a tax credit for the cost paid or incurred on the purchase and installation of a qualified irrigation system improvement that is used for farm production.

In Assembly Committee on Revenue and Taxation: Held under submission.

AB 2584 (Matthews)

As passed by the Committee on Agriculture, this bill contained language relative to shell eggs. Those provisions were amended into AB 2981 and this measure was amended in the Senate to make it a misdemeanor for an outside provider of payroll services to possess money or negotiable instruments intended for the payroll and payroll deduction expenses of a business to which it is providing those services.

Withdrawn from Senate Committee on Agriculture and Water and re-referred to Committee on Rules.

AB 2587 (Matthews)

Requires the California Department of Food and Agriculture to estimate the growing need for food products as the population grows, and to submit its findings to the California Department of Water Resources for estimation of agricultural water needs for inclusion in Bulletin-160.

Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 615, Statutes of 2002.

AB 2823 (Strom-Martin)

Rewrites the California Organic Foods Act to conform to the National Organic Program, broadens the regulatory authority for the California Department of Food and Agriculture and the Department of Health Services use of the word "organic" on a label and for enforcement of processed food, pet food, nonfood plants and cosmetics, and changes the fee structure and registration requirements for organic producers and processors and retailers.

Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 615, Statutes of 2002.

AB 2852 (Wayne)

Authorizes the Del Mar City Council to submit at least three but not more than five names of Del Mar City residents to the Governor for appointment of one as a non-voting member of the 22nd Agricultural Association (Del Mar Fair) Board. The Governor would have 45 days after submission to select the appointee, or the name at the top of the list will be deemed appointed, for a term of four years.

In Assembly Committee on Appropriations: To inactive file.

AB 2890 (Wiggins)

Allows the Pierce's Disease and Glassy-winged Sharpshooter Board to coordinate its activities with the Secretary of the California Department of Food and Agriculture's science advisory board and agricultural/governmental advisory task force. Upon recommendation of the Board, the Secretary may contract with any nonprofit authoritative scientific body in order to expedite research relative to the eradication of Pierce's disease.

Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 741, Statutes of 2002.

AB 2923 (Pescetti)

Designates the first day of spring in each year as "California Agriculture Day". This bill also encourages a public school, on either the first day of spring or the day determined by the school, to provide education that instructs students on the history and importance of agriculture in California.

Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 348, Statutes of 2002.

AB 2962 (Strom-Martin)

Require transgenic fish or shellfish to be labeled as a transgenic product on consumer packaging.

In Assembly Committee on Appropriations: Set, second hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.

AB 2976 (Committee on Jobs)

Eliminates the \$500,000 statutory cap on administrative costs associated with the Foreign Market Development Export Incentive Program for California Agriculture Act. This bill also adds legislative intent language to limit costs to those necessary to carry out planned program marketing.

In Assembly Committee on Appropriations: set, second hearing. Held under submission.

AB 2981 (Committee on Agriculture)

Makes various technical changes to the California Food and Agricultural Code. This bill adjusts a license fee exemption for the sale of nursery stock, extends a food safety program, and clarifies elements of rendering transportation law, poultry inspection and labeling requirements.

Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 535, Statutes of 2002.

AB 3057 (Matthews)

Renames the open space element of city and county general plans the “agricultural and open space element” and requires counties to include land inventories, goals and policies to support conservation of agricultural lands.

Vetoed by Governor.

ACR 126 (Pescetti)

Requests funding from the United States Congress and the United States Department of Agriculture for various purposes related to the protection of California agriculture from invasive plant and animal-destroying insects, diseases, and microorganisms.

Chaptered by Secretary of State - Resolution Chapter 99, Statutes of 2002.

ACR 216 (Pescetti)

Recognizes the Zinfandel grape as having great historical importance to California.

Referred to the Assembly Committee on Agriculture.

AJR 38 (Nation)

Urges the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to place a moratorium on the domestic marketing, importation, and exportation of transgenic fish until the FDA establishes a comprehensive regulatory framework.

In Assembly Committee on Agriculture: Set, second hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.

SB 29 (Machado)

Requires the Secretary of the California Department of Food and Agriculture to establish a pilot program that authorizes milk producers and cooperatives to voluntarily enter into forward price contracts with milk processors whereby the processor agrees to sell a specified quantity of milk or milk components for a specified period of time at a specific price level.

In the Assembly Committee on Agriculture: Held in Committee.

SB 556 (Costa)

Establishes a structure at the Department of Food and Agriculture to receive and disperse already appropriated federal block grant funds earmarked to provide financial assistance to growers of specialty crops in California.

Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 982, Statutes of 2002.

SB 594 (Chesbro)

Authorizes the creation of a special assessment district within Napa County for the purposes of dealing with winegrape pests and diseases, for a period of five years, which may be extended.

Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 442, Statutes of 2001.

SB 605 (Costa)

Establishes that all sales made electronically, telephonically, or by any other means resulting in a pesticide being shipped or used within California are subject to assessment by the Department of Pesticide Regulation."

Referred to Assembly Committee's on Agriculture and Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled by author.

SB 644 (Machado)

Requires the Secretary of the California Department of Food and Agriculture to establish a pilot program that authorizes milk producers and cooperatives to voluntarily enter into forward price contracts with milk processors whereby the processor agrees to sell a specified quantity of milk or milk components for a specified period of time at a specific price level.

In Assembly Committee on Agriculture. Held in Committee.

SB 772 (Johannessen)

As passed by the Committee, this bill dealt with appropriations to the 27th District Agricultural Association. It was later replaced with the contents of SB 1383 (Bowen), and would require that electronic mail providers give consumers at least 30 day notice before their email addresses are terminated.

Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 783, Statutes of 2002.

SB 866 (Costa)

Authorizes brand promotion, exempts calves under 300 pounds from fees, changes the referendum authority, permits an increase in fees and makes technical and non-substantive changes.

Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 291, Statutes of 2001.

SB 870 (Costa)

Requires the California Department of Food and Agriculture to complete a study by April 15, 2002 on various programs affecting the regulated milk pricing and pooling programs.

Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 828, Statutes of 2001.

SB 942 (Costa)

Modifies the structure for funding state programs conducted at the county level by County Agricultural Commissioners and for reimbursing counties for conducting these programs.

Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 145, Statutes of 2001.

SB 1003 (Poochigian)

Requires the State Department of Food and Agriculture, in consultation with other agencies and departments involved in electricity regulation or delivery, to study energy challenges that are specific to agriculture.

In Assembly Committee on Agriculture: set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.

SB 1224 (Committee on Agriculture & Water Resources)

Exempts grants by the California Department of Conservation (DOC) under the California Farmland Conservancy Program, the California Beverage Container Recycling and Litter Reduction Act, and its resource conservation programs from the requirements pertaining to public contracts that require prior approval by the California Department of General Services; and requires DOC, when reviewing applications to fund agricultural conservation easements, to consider matching funds and in-kind services contributed by sources other than local governments.

Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 234, Statutes of 2001.

SB 1341 (Alpert)

Permits the Board of Directors of the 22nd District Agricultural Association to have authority to approve a recruitment and retention differential for exempt and excluded employees of the district to a maximum 35 percent.

In Assembly. Held at Desk.

SB 1345 (Kuehl)

Establishes additional protocols for commercial blood banks for animals that are licensed by the California Department of Food and Agriculture, revises the definition of "animal", and exempts certain facilities from the requirements under this bill.

Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 822, Statutes of 2002.

SB 1610 (Bowen)

Requires the manufacturer or producer that claim their food or dietary supplement products for human consumption is low in saturated fat levels, as per federal regulations, to provide the amount of trans-fatty acids in such food products, effective January 1, 2005. This requirement would be void if federal regulations took effect prior to that date.

In Assembly Committee on Agriculture: Set, second hearing. Failed passage in Committee.

SB 1769 (Machado)

Allows the Secretary of the California Department of Food and Agriculture, in consultation with the Milk Producers Security Trust Fund Advisory Board, to consider the use of alternative financial instruments to replace money that has been withdrawn from the Milk Producers Security Trust Fund.

Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 769, Statutes of 2002.

SB 1864 (Costa)

Makes various minor and technical changes to the Williamson Act and the California Farmland Conservancy Program Act, which were created to promote the preservation of agricultural land and open space.

Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 616, Statutes of 2002.

SB 2043 (Bowen)

Requires the California Department of Health Services, in consultation with the California Department of Food and Agriculture, to conduct a study to evaluate the extent to which the use of antimicrobial drugs (antibiotics) in agricultural animals may lead to

the development of antimicrobial-resistant diseases in humans, and makes several findings and declarations.

In Assembly Committee on Agriculture. Hearing postponed by Committee.

SCR 74 (Machado)

Recognizes and honors the men and women of California who have contributed to the excellence of the agricultural industry, and recognizes that many steps are taken and millions of people are involved in the delivery of safe food and agricultural products to consumers everyday.

Chaptered by Secretary of State - Res. Chapter 86, Statutes of 2002.

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