



COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

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Assembly Agriculture Committee Informational Hearing:
Assemblymember Anna M. Caballero, Chair
Environmental Benefits of Agriculture

August 22, 2018, 1:30 pm
State Capitol, Room 126

Agenda

1) Welcoming Remarks by Committee Chair

- a) Assemblymember Anna Caballero, Chair, Assembly Committee on Agriculture

2) Agricultural Land Conservation

- a) Serena Unger, Senior Policy and Planning Manager, America Farmland Trust
 - i) *Comparison of Greenhouse Gas Emissions from California Agricultural and Urban Land Uses* report
- b) Brian Shobe, Associate Policy Director, California Climate & Agriculture Network
 - i) Healthy Soils and other Climate Smart Agriculture Practices

3) Ag crops and their impact

- a) John Chandler, Chandler Farms
 - i) Working with State Agencies and Programs
 - ii) Changes in farming practices

- b) Paul Buttner, Manager of Environmental Affairs, California Rice Commission
 - i) Habitat benefits for waterbirds and other wildlife
 - ii) Water use efficiency
- c) Mike Lynes, Director of Public Policy, Audubon California
 - i) Working Lands Program
- d) Michael Boccadoro, Dairy Cares
 - i) Dairy Digesters
 - ii) Dairy Sustainability programs

4) What the future holds

- a) Stephanie Larson, Ph.D., Director, UC Cooperative Extension Sonoma County, & Livestock and Range Management Advisor, University of California Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources (UCANR)
 - i) Ecosystem Services and Working Landscapes
 - ii) UCANR research to improve Agriculture environmental footprint

5) Public comment

6) Closing Remarks