



ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE
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Farmer Equity Act
Wednesday, March 17, 2021
9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
State Capitol, Room 4202

Welcome and Introduction

- Chair, Robert Rivas introduction and overview
- Vice Chair, Devon Mathis
- Other Members

Panel 1: Overview of California Department of Food and Agriculture's (CDFA) Farmer Equity Program and UC Agriculture and Natural Resources (UCANR) Small Farm Advisor Program.

- Thea Rittenhouse, CDFA Farmer Equity Advisor
- Ruth M Dahlquist-Willard, UCANR Small Farm Advisor
- Michael Yang, UCANR Small Farms and Specialty Crops Hmong Agricultural Assistant

Panel 2: Farmers Discuss Farmer Equity – Challenges, Barriers and Opportunities.

- Patricia Rodriguez, Strawberry Grower, Castroville
- Doria Robinson, Executive Director, Urban Tilth, Richmond
- Mai Nguyen, Sonoma Country farmer and Chair of the Asian American Farmers Alliance

Public Comment (In-person & Phone)

Closing remarks