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### **CCA and NCBA Express Concern on U.S. Beef Export Rule Changes in Taiwan**

In early January, Taiwan's legislature passed a ban the import of all ground beef and offals from the United States, as well as any country that has had a BSE case, for a period of 10 years from that country's most recent case. The legislature also approved a resolution to restrict U.S. beef imports to products derived from cattle less than 30 months of age. While this resolution is nonbinding at this time, Taiwan may implement changes to its import requirements that reflect the resolution's intent despite the fact that the country's scientists have already assessed the safety of U.S. beef through a thorough and extensive risk assessment.

Through October of last year, Taiwan was the sixth-largest value market for U.S. beef exports at \$114.3 million. CCA will continue to work with NCBA to share with policymakers our desire to expand access for U.S. beef around the world and let the sound science about our strong beef safety record and regime drive trade policy.

For more information, contact Matt Byrne in the CCA office at (916) 444-0845 or [matt@calcattlemen.org](mailto:matt@calcattlemen.org).

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## **NCBA and CCA Support Senate Resolution to Block GHG Endangerment Finding**

NCBA and CCA are strongly supporting a resolution introduced by Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-AK) to reverse the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) recent finding that greenhouse gases (GHG) are an "endangerment to public health and welfare." The resolution would in effect prevent EPA from regulating GHGs under the Federal Clean Air Act (CAA).

The CAA was established by Congress in the 1960s to regulate air pollutants that are harmful to human health and to this date have focused on reducing air pollutants such as sulfur dioxide the increases acid rain. The CAA is ill-equipped and inappropriate to address the reduction of GHGs and would impose strict and costly regulatory burdens on producers.

CCA will continue to impose the Endangerment Finding and will work with NCBA to support efforts in Congress to block efforts by the Administration to implement the program even without a Congressional mandated Cap & Trade program. The Murkowski resolution is co-sponsored by 38 Senators, including three Democrats.

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## **State Water Board Releases New Water Diversion Reporting Information**

Current law requires those that divert water from California's lakes, rivers, streams and creeks to report a Statement of Diversion and Use to the State Water Resources Control Board annually for monthly water use. The reporting statute applies to all water diversions, including adjudicated and riparian water rights. Until recently, there was no consequence associated with non-compliance, however following the adoption of water legislation passed by the state legislature and Governor Schwarzenegger last year, a series of fines were established for water diversions that are not reported on an annual basis as currently required by state law.

Certain diversions are **exempt** from filing a Statement of Diversion and Use. CCA worked to ensure other diversions, including those covered under a stockpond registration, were not added to the already existing reporting requirement during water negotiations last year. Exemptions include:

- *Those who divert from a spring that does not flow off the property on which it is located, if the total diversion is not more than 25 acre-feet per year.*
- *Those who divert under a small domestic or livestock stockpond registration or certificate.*
- *Those who divert under a permit or license to appropriate water issued by the State Water Board.*
- *Those who divert from a source regulated by a court or state appointed watermaster where the watermaster maintains records of the diversion.*

For those not currently reporting, the deadline to file a State of Diversion and Use for 2009 is **July 1, 2010**. Reporting forms can be accessed by [clicking here](#), or by calling the State Water Resources Control Board at (916) 341-5300.

For more information, visit the CCA Web site at [www.calcattlemen.org](http://www.calcattlemen.org) under the Current Issues section of the homepage or call the State Water Resources Control Board at (916) 341-5300.

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### **Assembly Elects Garrick as Minority Leader**

On Tuesday, California State Assembly Republicans unanimously elected a new assembly minority leader to succeed Assembly Minority Leader Sam Blakeslee (R-San Luis Obispo). Minority Leader-elect Martin Garrick (R-Carlsbad), who took office in 2006 to represent the 74<sup>th</sup> Assembly District, which encompasses the communities of Carlsbad, Del Mar, Encinitas, Escondido, Oceanside, San Marcos, Solana Beach and Vista, has served side-by-side with Blakeslee as assistant minority leader.

After thanking Blakeslee for the outstanding job he did in his position as minority leader, Garrick stated, "California is facing some very difficult times today, which will require strong leadership and bold solutions." As assembly Republican leader, I will lead my colleagues in offering Californians the solutions they are seeking to reform Sacramento, put people back to work and get our deficit under control."

CCA appreciated the support Blakeslee has given to California cattle producers and looks forward to working with Garrick in his new position.

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### **Chico State Beef Day to be held February 20**

The 19<sup>th</sup> Annual California State University, Chico (Chico State) Beef Day and Trade Show will be held Saturday, Feb. 20, at the Chico State Farm. Registration for the full-day event will begin at 8 a.m. with presentations set to begin at 9. This event serves as the primary fundraiser for Chico State's Young Cattlemen's Association, so all producers and allied industry affiliates are encouraged to attend.

This year's featured speakers will be Fred Provenza, Ph.D., an animal behavior and management expert from the College of Natural Resources at Utah State University as well as Frank Mitloehner, Ph.D., an air quality specialist at the University of California, Davis, who will talk about his research on livestock contribution to climate change.

In addition to these prestigious speakers, there will also be updates from CCA, University of California Cooperative Extension, California State University, Chico projects, as well as breakout educational sessions in the afternoon.

Cost for attendance is \$8 for students and \$12 for the general public. Registration fees include a Tri-tip lunch prepared by the Butte County Cattlemen's Association. Trade show booth space is available at \$150/space and includes two lunches. This is a great opportunity to support the future leaders of beef production, gain up-to-date information about your way of life and network with other beef producers and advertise your business!

For more information, contact Dave Daley, [ddaley@csuchico.edu](mailto:ddaley@csuchico.edu), (530) 898-6343 or (530) 898- 4539.

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### **32<sup>nd</sup> Annual CCA Steak and Eggs Legislative Breakfast to be held March 23**

Mark your calendars for March 22 and 23! CCA's annual Steak and Eggs Legislative Breakfast will be held March 23 at the Sutter Club in Sacramento at 6:45 a.m. This unique event offers you the opportunity to interact one-on-one with your elected leaders as well as hear from a slate of speakers about what your government officials and CCA are doing for you.

Following the breakfast, CCA staff will coordinate legislative office visits where you can personally meet with politicians from your area to share the importance of looking out for beef producers. Ag Day at the Capitol is also held on March 23, so you may also visit California commodity groups on the lawn of the capitol building to celebrate agriculture.

In addition, there will be a PAC-200 dinner held at Chops Steakhouse on March 22, the night prior to the breakfast. For information on becoming a PAC-200 member, to RSVP for the dinner or breakfast or to sign up for legislative visits, contact Chaley Paulson in the CCA office at (916) 444-0845 or by e-mail at [chaley@calcattlemen.org](mailto:chaley@calcattlemen.org).

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### **Sierra Day at the Capital Set for April 14**

The Sierra Nevada Conservancy has set April 14 as "Sierra Day at the Capitol." Ranchers who live or ranch in the Sierra Nevada region are invited to join others for a day in Sacramento to raise the profile of the region. The event will include visits with elected officials, an issues seminar and reception. As details are confirmed, CCA will share them with you in the *Legislative Bulletin*. If you have any questions or would like more information please contact Tracy Schohr at (916) 444-0845 or [tschohr@calcattlemen.org](mailto:tschohr@calcattlemen.org).

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### **Fish and Game Warden Stamp Decals Available**

New in 2010, the California Department of Fish and Game has begun selling Fish and Game Warden Stamps as a decal to be displayed on vehicles, boats, RVs, store windows, etc. as a declaration of support for its law enforcement officers and the protection they offer California's natural resources.

Over the years, CCA members have relied upon the state's game wardens as a law enforcement entity in rural areas. CCA wants to take this opportunity to let you know of a new initiative support the state's wardens.

For more information regarding the Stamp or to purchase one visit [www.dfg.ca.gov/wardenstamp](http://www.dfg.ca.gov/wardenstamp).

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### **Stop by the CCA Booth at the Red Bluff Bull and Gelding Sale!**

Next week, CCA's Legislative Bulletin will be sent on Thursday, rather than Friday as usual. The CCA staff will be manning a booth at the Red Bluff Bull and Gelding Sale and we hope to see you there! If you are attending the bull sale events, be sure to visit with your CCA staff in the trade show tent. CCA will be sharing with producers the issues we are currently working on and accomplishments the CCA has made on your behalf. If you have any ideas about how we can better serve you, we would love to hear from you. In addition, this is a great opportunity to recruit new members. If you know someone who might be interested in joining CCA, tell them to stop by the booth and CCA staff will share with them how we can help protect their way of life for generations to come as well as introduce them to the many benefits of being a CCA member.

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### **Cattle Fax Weekly Market Highlight January 22, 2010**

The fed cattle market was unevenly steady for the week in a moderate trade. In the North, the bulk of the trade occurred at \$136 to \$138 dressed and \$84 to \$84.50 live. Kansas noted sales at \$85 while Texas sold for \$86. Boxed beef prices declined late week as supplies began to build with the continued large slaughters. Feeder cattle prices were quoted even to \$2 higher while calves were generally \$2 to \$5 firmer. Slaughter cows primarily steady this week after a steep run-up last week. Corn prices traded even to softer throughout the week.

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### **Help Your Business and Your Industry by Joining CCA Today**

Do you like what you see here? Are you interested in participating in these important efforts and receiving additional publications about California's beef cattle industry? If you're not yet a member, you can lend your support by joining the California Cattlemen's Association (CCA) today. CCA is the only membership organization in California dedicated solely to looking out for the interests of ranching families and California's cattle industry.

CCA staff and officers work every day to ensure that our members have a known voice in Sacramento and in Washington, D.C. CCA defends your private property rights; works towards preserving private and public rangeland; protects the health of California's cattle herd; and provides scholarships to help the next generation of ranchers remain in the industry.

Joining this critical effort is simple for cattle producers, landowners and supporters of the industry. Call Stevie in the CCA office at (916) 444-0845 or email requests for membership information to [stevie@calcattlemen.org](mailto:stevie@calcattlemen.org).

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