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Today, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger released his revised 2010-2011 Budget. As in his originally-proposed budget in January, the Governor has left subvention funding for the Williamson Act at \$1,000 for the entire program which - at full funding - would total approximately \$38 million.

After much effort was expended by CCA members and a broad coalition of stakeholders, CCA is extremely disappointed in the outcome. This program has been a critical tool in protecting nearly 16.5 million acres - or 40 percent - of the privately-held land within the state, approximately 10.5 million acres of which is used for grazing.

CCA will continue to keep members updated on this situation. For more information, please contact Dawn Clover in the CCA office at (916) 444-0845 or by e-mail at dawn@calcattlemen.org.

2010 CCA/CCW Midyear Meeting Hotel Deadline Approaching, Reserve Your Room Today!

The 2010 CCA/CCW Midyear Meeting will take place June 16-17, at the Lake Natoma Inn in Folsom. This is your opportunity as a member to give direction to your association. New this year, we have a condensed two-day meeting schedule to collaborate with the 2010 CBCIA Tour, June 18-20, following the Midyear Meeting.

Registration materials will be mailed to you, but are also available to print on our Web site, www.calcattlemen.org, where online registration is now available.

The schedule is boasting with education and opportunities to mingle with your fellow ranchers. The Allied Industry Council wine and cheese reception will be a great chance to support the group and raise money for their scholarship fund. Don't miss this fulfilling event!

Hotel reservations can be made by calling the Lake Natoma Inn at (916) 351-1500 and by mentioning the California Cattlemen's Association you can receive the block rate of \$109/night. Reservations should be made by this coming **Monday, May 17**.

If you have any questions about Midyear, please contact Chaley Paulson in the CCA office at (916) 444-0845 or chaley@calcattlemen.org.

CCA's Feeder Council Holds Annual Meeting in San Diego

Today, CCA's Feeder Council wrapped up their annual Feeder Meeting at the Coronado Island Marriot Resort near San Diego. At the meeting, nearly 200 members, sponsors and guests of the Feeder Council and Arizona Cattle Feeders joined forces to talk about current issues of concern as well as discuss regular business that dictates the direction of the respective groups.

In addition to the regular business, the groups heard from Temple Grandin, Ph.D., from Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colo., and numerous other researchers and experts who shared information about the state of the beef industry and ways cattle producers and feedlot managers can make the most of their cattle operations.

To learn more about this event, watch for a complete story in an upcoming issue of the *California Cattleman* magazine.

Public Lands Council Announces Californian as New Manager of Legislative Affairs

The Public Lands Council (PLC) has hired Theodora (Theo) Dowling as the new Manager of Legislative Affairs. Dowling grew up on a ranch in the Scott Valley, in Northern California, where her family raised sheep, cattle and ranch horses. She earned bachelor's degrees in Agricultural Communications and French from California State University, Chico.

Dowling has previously held internships with the Heritage Foundation, the Society of American Foresters, and most recently as an associate with the Koch Foundation.

CCA looks forward to working closely with Dowling on legislative issues to meet the needs of California's public lands ranchers.

Senate Bill 1303 Gains Passage in Senate

Senate Bill 1303, authored by Senator Lois Wolk (D-Davis), gained passage of the entire Senate on Monday. SB 1303 extends the provision of the California Endangered Species Act whereby ranchers and farmers may engage in routine and ongoing agricultural activities without fear of penalties should they accidentally take a species listed as candidate, threatened or endangered.

This provision of law has been in place since 1997 and is a critical component in incentivizing landowners to allow habitat enhancement on their property. This legislation is sponsored by CCA and the California Farm Bureau Federation, and now moves to the Assembly for referral to committee.

Please contact Dawn Clover at dawn@calcattlemen.org with questions or concerns.

Humboldt/Del Norte Cattlemen's Association Calls for Vote to Repeal Modified Point of Origin

On May 18, the Humboldt/Del Norte Cattlemen's Association will be holding a vote to repeal the Modified Point of Origin (MPO) regulations currently in place in the Tri-County brand inspection area, consisting of Humboldt and Del Norte counties and a portion of Trinity County.

In order to proceed, the move to repeal current point of origin laws must be passed by a two-thirds margin of those present and voting. Only cattle producers that are property taxpayers, lessees or residents of the MPO area are permitted to vote. The vote will be held at 7 p.m. at the Humboldt County Agricultural Extension Center, 5630 South Broadway, Eureka, CA

For additional information, please contact Dawn Clover at dawn@calcattlemen.org.

Select Committee to Hold Informational Hearing on Water and Jobs in Inland Empire

The Assembly Select Committee on Regional Approaches to Addressing the State's Water Crisis will be holding an informational hearing on Thursday, May 20, 2010 regarding "Regional Water Infrastructure and Jobs: The Inland Empire."

The hearing will be held at 4 p.m. at Fontana City Hall Council Chambers at 8353 Sierra Avenue, Fontana, CA. The purpose of the hearing is for the public to learn about how the area is planning for future water supply availability.

Representatives from California State University, San Bernardino, Water Resources Institute, the City of Colton and various water agencies are tentatively scheduled to testify.

Please RSVP to john.nam@asm.ca.gov or via phone at (916) 319-2069 if you wish to attend.

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The fed cattle market was steady to \$1 higher with the higher quotes noted North. For the South, the bulk of the trade was at \$100 while the North traded mostly at \$162 to \$163 dressed and \$100 live, with some as high as \$101. Trade volumes remain adequate. The boxed beef market was even to softer as trimming prices moved lower, negatively affecting the cut-out late in the week. Sales for that side were moderate. Feeder cattle prices were primarily steady to \$2 higher on the week while calves were unevenly steady. Movement of cattle off of winter wheat remained active in the South Plains. Slaughter cows for the week were \$1 to \$2 firmer. Corn prices increased this week as exports sales remained active, primarily to China.