



# California Agricultural Commissioners and Sealers Association

*Protection and Service Since 1881*

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In California, Agricultural Commissioners and Sealers of Weights and Measures in each county have been working since 1881 to protect individual consumers, the environment and the agriculture industry in the state which is currently valued at \$32 Billion. County Agricultural Commissioners and Sealers work to maintain a balance between regulatory requirements and commerce to meet the 21st Century challenges and demands of our dynamic food and agriculture industry and to protect our abundant and varying ecosystems. Each day we ensure that consumers get what they pay for at the pharmacy, the grocery store and the gasoline pump. We are also continually surveying for harmful pests and plant diseases that could damage some of the 300-plus agricultural crops grown in California, a large part of the global food and fiber supply.

The California Agricultural Commissioners and Sealers Association (CACASA) is the official organization of County Agricultural Commissioners and Sealers and is incorporated as a non-profit 501 (c) 6 organization.

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## CACASA's Kurt Floren Nominated to Lead National Conference on Weights and Measures

Nashville, TN - CACASA's own Kurt Floren, Agricultural Commissioner/Director of Weights & Measures of the County of Los Angeles, was recently nominated to become Chairman of the National Conference on Weights and Measures (NCWM). The nomination was announced at the closing meeting of the 2010 NCWM Interim Meeting held in Nashville, Tennessee, from January 24 through January 27.



NCWM is the standards development organization for weights and measures regulatory agencies of states, counties, and cities across the United States. Meetings of the Conference bring together governmental officials and representatives of business, industry, trade associations, and consumer organizations to discuss, debate, and address subjects related to the field of weights and measures technology and administration. The Conference develops and recommends laws, regulations, and technical codes for weighing and measuring devices used in commerce and test methods, enforcement procedures, and administrative guidelines for adoption by regulatory agencies. NCWM, working together with the National Institute of Standards and Technology (a branch of the U.S. Department of Commerce), strives to promote uniformity in requirements and methods among state and local jurisdictions.

Kurt has been involved in weights and measures regulatory work for over 24 years, having joined the County of Los Angeles Department of Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures in 1985. As a member of NCWM, Kurt has contributed to the development of model weights and measures laws and regulations through most of those years and has been attending NCWM conferences and actively participating in its work for the past 12 years. Kurt

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## President's Corner



CACASA is an organization on the move, in many respects. I cannot remember a time when we have been as busy as an association.

Consider, we are active in our state legislature seeking favorable consideration of many of our programs, CACASA is actively planning for our future growth through Long Range Planning, we are about to make our annual trip to Washington, DC to talk to federal policymakers and regulators about our cooperative programs, we are implementing a consistent, statewide multi-million dollar pesticide reporting system and our Annual Spring Conference is just a couple of months away.

Moreover, we are beginning to witness the fruit of our hard labor as last month USDA allocated \$13.1 million to California from the Pest and Disease Management provisions of the 2008 Farm Bill. Those funds are to be used to enhance our county pest detection and surveillance programs.

is currently the Vice President of Weights and Measures Affairs for CACASA and served in 2009 as President of the Western Weights and Measures Association.

Kurt oversees one of the nation's largest Weights and Measures regulatory agencies, as Los Angeles County's Weights and Measures Bureau has a staff of 84 to regulate more than 1900 gas stations, over 10,000 retail stores operating scanners, a business community that commercially employs over 220,000 weighing and measuring devices and distributes phenomenal volumes of packaged commodities, all subject to inspection and regulation.

Kurt is tremendously proud of the excellent members of his Weights and Measures team, who annually conduct tens of thousands of device inspections, undercover test purchases, undercover test sales to recyclers, weighmaster audits, package inspections, and countless other activities to protect consumers and competing businesses in the marketplace. He credits all of his staff for providing the information and expertise with which he enthusiastically participates in the work of the National Conference on Weights and Measures.

The NCWM Nominating Committee is made up of the most recent Past Chairman and six active members of the Conference, including representation from each of the four regional Weights and Measures Associations in the U.S. The Committee's nomination will be placed to a vote of the NCWM membership at the upcoming 95th Annual Meeting of the NCWM in July in St. Paul Minnesota. The Chair-Elect serves on the Board of Directors, prepares a budget for review by the Board, reviews the work and necessity of ad hoc committees and task forces, and attends meetings of the four regional associations. If confirmed, Kurt will fulfill these duties beginning in July through the 2011 Annual Meeting and, as Chairman, will then preside over the meetings of the Board of Directors and the Conference through July 2012, making policy decisions, appointments to standing and special purpose committees, and appointments of other officials during his term. Following that, Kurt would assume the role of Chair of the National Type Evaluation Program Committee. He says this would finally give him enough to stay busy!

To learn more about NCWM, go to: <http://www.ncwm.net>.

## Apiary Colony Strength Inspector Training

By Gary Caseri, Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer Stanislaus County

County Apiary Inspectors from as far as Shasta to Kern County and in between participated in an Apiary Inspector training class that focused on conducting colony strength inspections. The training, which some old timers say last took place around 1972, was sponsored by CACASA; the CACASA Nursery, Seed & Apiary Committee; CDFA; the California State Beekeepers Association (CSBA); and the Merced and Stanislaus County Agricultural Commissioner. The event was held on February 4, 2010, at the Merced CAC Office and included both classroom and an off-site apiary strength inspection field demonstration.

This past year CACASA and its Nursery, Seed & Apiary Committee, working with CDFA and the California State Beekeepers Association, agreed upon a standard and uniform set of colony strength inspection procedures. The Merced training event was an effort to implement these newly adopted uniform procedures by County Apiary Inspectors on a statewide basis. The training started with an Apiary 101/Bee Biology presentation by CDFA's Dr. Kevin Hoffman, followed by a "Pests, Predator, Disease and Pesticides"



CACASA is continuing to do our part to ensure California receives its fair share of federal tax dollars to implement programs that protect citizens locally in California and throughout the nation. This year we are asking Congress to consider funding proposals for continued pest detection in rural residential areas throughout California, control ever-growing invasive weed populations in our National Forests and help alleviate a growing federal/local imbalance to funding activities when citizens and wildlife make contact with one another.

Yes, CACASA is an active organization on the move. Our success on many fronts is due to the collective, diligent efforts of all our dedicated Commissioners and Sealers throughout California. During these busy times, we appreciate the contribution of many of our members.

## Upcoming Meetings

2010:

- February 18: Southern Regional Meeting, Los Angeles
- February 24: San Joaquin Valley Regional Meeting, Madera
- February 25: Sacramento Valley Regional Meeting, Woodland
  
- March 11-12: CACASA Long Range Planning Committee
- March 11: Coast Regional Meeting, Santa Cruz County
- March 15-17: CACASA Washington, DC
- March 17: Northern Regional Meeting
- March 18: Southern Region Conference Call
- March 24: San Joaquin Valley Regional Meeting, Tulare
- March 25: Sacramento Valley Regional Meeting, Auburn
  
- April 15: Southern Regional Meeting, Imperial County

presentation by Shannon Mueller of UC Cooperative Extension, Fresno. The group was then provided with a presentation and realistic overview of colony strength inspection procedures by Merced County Apiary Inspector Fred Michaelis and beekeepers and CSBA representatives Lyle Johnston and Leroy Brant.

The afternoon session was an off-site, hands-on, live bees and active hives, field-type demonstration. Participants suited up in their customary apiary inspection space suits and, then, after a general introductory session, broke out into smaller groups for individual training instruction. Beekeepers and experienced County Apiary Inspection staff led the participants through the steps of colony strength inspection procedures with a focus on limiting the intrusion to the bee colony.

Certificates will be provided to those who attended the training. Future training efforts will focus on developing a training video with plans to provide regional training next fall. Special thanks to all the presenters and to those assisting in coordinating the training, especially Merced County Agricultural Commissioner Dave Robinson, Fred Michaelis, Larry Lima, LeRoy Brant, Lyle Johnston, Jackie Park Burris and Steve Godlin.

## CACASA Leaders Setting the Course for the Future



Members of the CACASA Long-Range Planning Committee will meet in early March to continue deliberations on the future direction of the organization that serves California's 55 Agricultural Commissioners and Sealers in all 58 counties.

"Establishing the proper vision for the Association that is made up of individual county leaders in agriculture is a difficult task, especially when considering the diversity of California agriculture and the changing world around us," said Bob Atkins, San Diego County Agricultural Commissioner and Sealer and Chairman of the Long-Range Planning Committee.

The Committee has held two previous sessions and has completed extensive work on identifying CACASA's diverse stakeholders, meeting the emerging needs of each and managing conflicting expectations.

Committee members are also being challenged to develop a core purpose for the organization. Concepts for the core purpose center on how CACASA members use their unique local knowledge to address public, consumer and industry needs for a safe, strong food and agriculture system. From the core purpose Committee members are establishing a vision for the organization up to 15 years in the future.

Upon completion of this session, the Committee will present a final report to CACASA members at the upcoming Spring Conference scheduled for May 3-7 in Dublin, California.

- April 21: Northern Regional Meeting

- April 22: Sacramento Valley Regional Meeting, Grass Valley

- April 29: San Joaquin Valley Regional Meeting, Stanislaus

- May 3-6: Annual (Spring) Conference, Radisson Hotel, Dublin

- May 18-20: Western Plant Board Annual Meeting, Tacoma, WA

- July 25-29: NPB 84th Annual Meeting, Marriott, Indianapolis, IN

- Nov 30 - Dec 2: National CAPS Meeting, Austin, TX

- Dec 6-9: Winter Conference, Sacramento

## State Legislative Report

by Matt Siverling



The second year of the two-year Legislative Session is in full swing. All legislation that failed to clear the House of Origin last year had an opportunity to become active during the first month of the 2010 Session in January. This one-month window of opportunity spurred a flurry of Legislative activity as Members attempted to move their stalled bills.

In addition to the bills that were held last year, the Legislature has also begun introducing new measures for consideration in the current year. These new bills must be made available "in print" for 30 days prior to Committee hearings, so there has been a lull in the action as Committees, lobbyists and interest groups digest what is being proposed in the 2010 Session. The deadline for bill introduction is February 19, 2010. After this date, all potential bills will be in print.

CACASA voted to sponsor three proposals this year. The Association will shepherd a proposal to address the sunset on the Device Registration Fee, a sunset on the Structural Fumigation Fee, and an issue related to the treatment of non-bovine stray livestock. As Authors agree to carry the proposals, these issues will be put before the Legislature for hearings.

## Featured Article



### Mexican Program to Prepare for the Dissemination of HLB

by Javier Trujillo, SENASICA-DGSV

California citrus industry is well aware of the impacts that HLB, has had in China and Florida, among other important citrus growing regions of the world. The disease has been detected recently in Mexico, and its vector, ACP, has been present in

### CACASA Legislative Leaders Prepare to Meet with Federal Lawmakers



CACASA President Scott Hudson will lead a group of seven county Agricultural Commissioners and Sealers to Washington, DC in mid-March to talk with federal lawmakers and regulators about cooperative programs. Included in the group are members of CACASA's Legislative Committee (incoming CACASA President) Bob Atkins, (San Diego) Legislative Committee Vice Chairman David Whitmer (Napa), Mary Pfeiffer (Shasta), Kurt Floren (Los Angeles), Louie Mendoza (Yuba) and Eric Lauritzen (Monterey).

Major issues that will likely be discussed include:

#### Implementation of Section 10201 of the 2008 Farm Bill

USDA-APHIS recently announced \$13.1 million available for the state of California from a total of \$45 million in FY 2010 Farm Bill funding authorized by Section 10201.

Mexican territory since 2002.

The purpose of this note, is to share the views and actions taken by SENASICA-DGSV, which is the Mexican Plant Protection Organization, in regards to this big threat.

In Mexico, Citrus crops, are established in approximately 1.2 million acres. No other fruit crop has a larger surface, and the value of the annual harvest has direct correlation with the income of more than 70 000 families. Consequently, Mexico has established a national program to prevent economic impacts that have been experienced in several countries. The lessons on the right action to be taken have been coming from top world experts, and from the experiences of Brazil. The nature of the Mexican program, as well as the continuous report of its results may be reviewed by anyone interested, in the following site:

[www.senasica.gob.mx](http://www.senasica.gob.mx).

The program is based in a nationwide regulation, that contains the protocols for detection and for corrective actions. HLB is in the top priorities of SENASICA-DGSV, and it has been for the last three years. The budget allocated for the actions that are being taken is the largest, after Medfly.

The information posted shows that the disease was detected for the first time during the summer of 2009, in the Yucatan Peninsula, only in backyard situations, more than one hundred kilometers apart from the nearest commercial orchard. A second finding was made in December of 2009, in the Pacific coast, near Puerto Vallarta. Little is known about the origin of the infestation for any of the two findings.

Recognizing that the bacteria that causes the HLB citrus disease is a common threat for several citrus growing areas of the USA, Central American and several countries in the

While no decisions have been finalized, 11 projects have been identified and the spending plan allocates funds as follows:

CA Expanded Pest Detection: \$5.5 million

European Grapevine Moth: \$300,000

Plum Pox Survey: \$300,000

CA Dog Teams: \$2.8 million

CA Lab infrastructure: \$200,000

National Ornamental Research (Dominican Univ): \$450,000

P Ramorum Best Management Practices: \$40,000

Nursery Virus Certification Pilot: \$35,000

Fruit flies Task Force, P Ramorum: \$2.5 million

The 2008 Farm Bill specifies that \$50 million will be available in FY 2011. CACASA supports the intent of the statute that funds are directed to early detection and surveillance activities, enhancements to pest detection programs and rapid response programs.

#### CA Share of Federal Tax Dollars

Because of newly introduced pests of national significance, CACASA continues to advocate for federal cost-share funding of pest detection trapping in under-served rural residential areas throughout California. Federal appropriations have allowed California Agricultural Commissioners to deploy and monitor an additional 5,002 exotic pest traps in a 612 square mile area. These additional traps resulted in the detection of 82 invasive pests including Peach Fruit Fly, Oriental Fruit Fly, Melon Fruit Fly, Mexican Fruit Fly and Guava Fruit Fly. If any of these pests had gone undetected and become established, large-scale eradication and control efforts would have been economically significant for county, state and federal governments.

In California, eighteen national forests cover 20 percent of the land, or 20 million acres, across 39 of our 58 counties. CACASA is advocating that federal funding allow six of the eighteen national forests in California, specifically Cleveland, El Dorado, Inyo, Klamath, Tahoe and San Bernardino to complete National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) work for Weed Management/Invasive species control. While most Region Five Forests are very much engaged in cooperative efforts to control invasive species, these six Forests were selected because they are best positioned to timely complete NEPA work and implementation of projects may begin sooner. Three of these Forests are located in some of the most economically depressed regions in California.

According to the California Invasive Plant Council, each year, \$82,000,000 is spent to control noxious weeds that infest millions of acres in California. Left unmanaged weeds on USFS lands create a reserve of noxious weeds that proliferate to private land thus increasing the costs to state and local weed management programs. Owners of livestock are impacted as they cannot graze ruminant animals, and frequent users of public land are disappointed with declining forest productivity and loss of wildlife habitat.

CACASA agrees that wildlife is a valuable natural resource that is viewed and enjoyed by Americans across the nation. Unfortunately increased urbanization and suburbanization has lead to a reduction and a fragmentation of wildlife habitat. This is occurring as wildlife

Caribbean region, SENASICA-DGSV has been participating in an effort that tries to gather the coordinated participation of all interested parties, both from the National Plant Protection Organizations and the representatives of each of the citrus industries under threat. The effort started between the American and Mexican representative, and at the present time, Belize has decided to join the regional effort.

The challenge is big, and the room for mistake is very little. Fortunately, commitment is visible in each of the parties involved at this point. Outreach efforts need to be conducted in order to attract effectively the cooperation of every NPPO and citrus industries of every country to ensure that the regional threats do not hamper the efforts that each country is conducting individually. 2010 represents a starting point for actions that will be carried out during the years to come.

SENASICA-DGSV is committed to protect effectively the citrus industry of Mexico, and to cooperate in the protection of the citrus industry of the region.

## Quick Links

<http://www.cacasa.org>

<http://www.cdfa.ca.gov>

<http://www.cdpr.ca.gov>

<http://www.usda.gov>

<http://www.aphis.usda.gov>

<http://www.epa.gov>

populations continue to expand leading to an increasing number of conflicts between people and wildlife. In order to manage these conflicts many California counties rely on the cooperative, cost-share program USDA Wildlife Services provides for professional wildlife management services. Since 2002 the cost to cooperating California counties for each WS specialist has risen 65%, not to mention other escalating costs. The current cost share ratio is 61 percent county, 39 percent federal. This situation is untenable as counties are finding it increasingly difficult, if not impossible to continue absorbing all cost increases. Local agency employees are being furloughed or laid off and counties must now consider reducing or eliminating this program while the amount of calls from citizens increase. CACASA is seeking additional federal funding to support the program in California to bring the local-federal cost share to a 50:50 cost share.

Other issues include the successes of California canine inspection teams, changing strategy for control of Light Brown Apple Moth, plans for the newly introduced European Grapevine Moth, control efforts for Asian Citrus Psyllid and agriculture inspections by Department of Homeland Security's Custom and Border Patrol.

## Department of Pesticide Regulation



DPR's Executive Team. From left, JoAnne Payan, assistant director for Administrative Services; Chris Reardon, chief deputy director; MaryAnn Warmerdam, director; Marylou Verder-Carlos, assistant director for Pesticide Programs and Science Adviser; and Chuck Andrews, associate director for Pesticide Programs. Not shown is Mitch Gorsen, deputy director of Legislation and Policy.

## From Director Warmerdam

DPR is pleased to announce that volatile organic compound (VOC) pesticide emissions that contribute to smog in California dropped significantly in 2008, the first year restrictions on agricultural fumigant applications specifically targeting air quality were in effect.

DPR's Draft Annual Report on Volatile Organic Chemical Emissions from Pesticides for 1990-2008 concluded there were substantial reductions in three of five areas in California that do not meet federal air quality standards. VOCs combine with nitrogen oxides in sunlight to form ozone, a major air pollutant.

The report found that VOC pesticide emissions declined in 2008 from 1990 levels by:

30 percent in the San Joaquin Valley, comprised of all of Fresno, Kings, Madera, Merced, San Joaquin, Stanislaus and Tulare counties and part of Kern.

54 percent in Ventura County.

## Management Moment:

Today, one does not manage people in the workforce. The task is to lead people.

The goal is to make productive the specific strengths and knowledge of each individual.

Today's workforce is made up of "knowledge workers." They are not subordinates, they are associates. The fact that they know more about their job than anyone in the organization make them a knowledge worker.

Knowledge workers need to be challenged. They need to understand the mission of the organization and to believe in it. They need continuous training and they need to see results.

**Dr. Peter Drucker -  
Management Challenges  
for the 21st Century**

75 percent in the Southeast Desert, comprised of parts of Los Angeles, Riverside and San Bernardino counties.

The regulations are based on 1990 emission levels because that is the year when the federal Clean Air Act first required states to track and reduce air pollution.

While impressive, these reductions are a snapshot and do not yet establish a trend. Weather and pest infestations change from year to year.

We really appreciate the assistance of the County Agricultural Commissioners in developing and implementing these regulations. We could not have done this without you.

Public comments on the draft report will be accepted until March 19, 2010. The report and information on how to submit comments are posted at: [www.cdpr.ca.gov](http://www.cdpr.ca.gov).

### Surface Water Workshops

Just a reminder that we have scheduled four public workshops beginning Feb. 11 to respond to questions and accept comments on DPR's surface water regulatory concepts. The link below provides an agenda to the February workshop, a copy of the staff presentation at the workshop, text of the concepts, a graphical representation of the concepts, a memo identifying the pesticides of concern, and comments DPR has received to date and our responses to those comments.

Link to documents:

<http://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/emon/surfwtr/regulatory.htm>.

## IT PPUR Update:

### TAG, You're IT: Recruitment Completed

by John Gless, CACASA PPUR Project Manager

One week ago the project management team from Environ, Alan MacGregor and John Haasbeek, and I completed a project kickoff tour during which we consulted individually with representatives from 17 counties, DPR's IT staff, and about 20 attendees at the Coast Area PUE Deputy Group's (Jan. 28) meeting. The considerable amount of input (and all the materials developed over the past year) has given Environ a solid foundation on which to begin designing the new statewide PPUR system. We greatly appreciate the time devoted by all who were able to participate in these events.

Creating a new system from scratch in just one year is obviously a big job. I'm very confident that Environ can pull it off. It will be important for Counties/CACASA to provide the consensus input and guidance that is necessary to develop software efficiently and end up with a stellar product. More than anything else, this requires effective communication among user-stakeholders. Our communication strategy will rely on these methods:



Project Web Portal. Environ is working on this right now, and it will be launched later this month. The website will feature a CMS (Content Management System) with tools to post project documentation, news updates, FAQs, event calendars, etc.; as well as communications tools to support outbound messaging en-masse via email, to collect inbound messages for the project team, and to conduct interactive dialogs on specific topics. Other internet tools including virtual meetings will be used throughout this project as well.

Regional PUE and Computer User Groups. We want to take full advantage of the established groups within each of the five regions to present project information as needed at regularly scheduled meetings and encourage groups to use of their own contact lists to share information and conduct discussions among member counties between meetings. As with any enterprise software application, consensus input to project consultants from area groups representing multiple users is going to carry greater weight than isolated input from a single individual or county.

#### Technical Advisory Group (TAG).

With the draft System Design Specifications (SDS) due in about one month from now, it is important that CACASA have the broadest, most inclusive input possible. We are now recruiting for TAG members. We believe a well organized TAG will ensure that stakeholder representatives are properly engaged and provide another avenue through which the broader user community can share ideas and information.

Some specifics about the TAG are provided below:

#### TAG - Functions

As its name suggests, this group will assist the project team by providing advice and setting direction on technical issues, including the look and feel of user interfaces, how individual features will function, and strategies for system deployment. The group may also become involved with certain policy issues, such as prioritizing functional needs and the alignment between system usage and regulatory requirements. On policy matters the TAG will serve as advisors to the Ag Commissioners on the CACASA Oversight Committee as well as to the project team.

#### TAG - Responsibilities

TAG members will be responsible for staying abreast of project developments (news and events) and deliverables (products) and will devote themselves to the success of the project. Members will also communicate and coordinate with the other stakeholders they represent to ensure that broad-based input is received and considered throughout the project. Note that deliverables can be reviewed and commented on by anyone, including TAG members, but TAG members need not commit to submitting their individual comments on every deliverable. Rather, the TAG is committed to reviewing and providing consensus approval of the "official" comments issued by the CACASA Project Manager. Official comments will be a synthesis of all stakeholder comments received, and the TAG is charged with making sure these comments are thorough, accurate, and consistent. In case of conflicting comments, the TAG will recommend the appropriate resolution.

TAG members will also be consulted on process matters such as assessing and improving communication and outreach methods, identifying information sources, adjustments to the project schedule, and any other issues that bear on project success.

#### TAG - Commitment

Most of the time, TAG members can anticipate spending no more than four hours per week (often even less) just keeping tabs on the project. At significant junctures when deliverables are issued for review the time commitment will temporarily increase to perhaps 8-10 hours per week. One of those times is coming in about a month, when the initial System Design Specification (SDS) is released. The schedule for this and other milestones are summarized in a table appended to the end of this email. The busiest periods this year for the TAG (and all stakeholders) include:

- Last half of March, early April 2010 - SDS review.
- Last half of June - System Acceptance Test Plan review.
- First half of October - Maintenance Plan review, preparations for field testing.
- First half of November - Implementation/Transition Plan review.
- Late November, early December 2010 - Preparations for first county deployments.

Most of the TAG interactions will be through email - whether from me providing updates or outlining issues the TAG must address, or discussions among TAG members. When timeliness or weightiness of issues dictates, I will arrange telephone or web conferences to get real-time discussion and input - but no regular schedule for such conferences is anticipated unless it's needed to keep the TAG properly engaged or the volume of weighty issues rises beyond current expectations.

#### TAG - Composition

After the TAG recruitment effort was launched on February 8th, volunteers came out in force with representatives from 20 counties spread proportionately among the user base in all five regional groups. This is a seasoned group with a good cross-section of biologists/inspectors, IT specialists, and supervisors. The group is also large enough to provide the desired breadth of representation and distribution of the work load.

All of these attributes bode well for the project as we look ahead to the critical role the TAG will play in guidance toward a successful outcome.

### **In Remembrance**

CACASA wishes to remember and honor Agricultural Commissioners and Sealers for their service.



February 7, 2010

Graydon Hall, Santa Barbara County (1972-1984).

February 13, 2010

Michael Greene, Alameda County (1978-1996).

## Retirement Corner

CACASA bids farewell and best wishes to County Agricultural Commissioners and Sealers who have announced their retirement. Thank you for your service:



Gail Raabe, March 1, 2010  
Stephen Birdsall, July 2010

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