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- [EPA Working to Rescind Waters of U.S. Rule, Then Replace It](#)  
An EPA official says EPA will first work to rescind the Waters of the U.S. rule and then gather information for a replacement for that rule. (Gary Crawford, President Donald Trump and Tate Bennett)

[https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/egov/Press\\_Releases/Press\\_Release.asp?PRnum=17-029](https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/egov/Press_Releases/Press_Release.asp?PRnum=17-029)

## CDFA ANNOUNCES PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT PERIOD FOR THE DRAFT PROGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (PEIR) FOR CANNABIS CULTIVATION



**SACRAMENTO, June 15, 2017 – The California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) has prepared a Draft Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) outlining potential environmental effects associated with the adoption and implementation of statewide cannabis cultivation regulations. CDFA is developing regulations for statewide medical and adult-use (non-medical) cannabis cultivation licensing, as well as a track-and-trace system. This system will record the movement of cannabis and cannabis products through the supply chain, from cultivation to sale.**

The Draft PEIR, released in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), triggers a 45-day public review and comment period to allow agencies and interested parties the opportunity to provide input on the environmental analyses, mitigation measures, and alternatives associated with statewide cannabis cultivation. The Legal Notice for the Draft PEIR is available at [calcannabis.cdfa.ca.gov](http://calcannabis.cdfa.ca.gov)

**CDFA has scheduled four public workshops in July to provide the public and regulatory agencies an opportunity to ask questions and**

**submit comments on the draft PEIR. CDFa will serve as the lead agency pursuant to CEQA and will consider public comments regarding the scope and content of the information included in the PEIR.**

All of the following Draft PEIR workshops will be held from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

**Tuesday, July 11 – Weaverville**

Weaverville Veterans Memorial Hall  
101 Memorial Lane  
Weaverville, CA 96093

**Thursday, July 13 – Quincy**

Plumas County Fairgrounds  
204 Fairground Road  
Quincy, CA 95971

**Tuesday, July 18 – Monterey**

Monterey Marriott  
350 Calle Principal  
Monterey, CA 93940

**Thursday, July 20 – San Diego**

Hilton Mission Valley  
901 Camino del Rio South  
San Diego, CA 92108

**The formal 45-day public comment period for the CalCannabis Cultivation Licensing Draft PEIR begins on June 15, 2017, and ends on July 31, 2017. Written comments may be sent to:**

California Department of Food and Agriculture  
Attn: Amber Morris  
CalCannabis Cultivation Licensing  
Program Environmental Impact Report  
1220 N Street, Suite 400  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Comments may also be emailed to: [calcannabis.peir@cdfa.ca.gov](mailto:calcannabis.peir@cdfa.ca.gov)

## **CCA Honored on Assembly Floor for 100 Years**

Assemblymember Frank Bigelow (R-O'Neals), along with Assemblymember Eduardo Garcia (D-Coachella), honored the California Cattlemen's Association Monday, in recognition of 100 years of contributions to the California beef industry. The pair presented a resolution to the association on the Assembly floor, accepted on behalf of the organization by John Lacey, the association's 32nd president and Centennial Cattleman honoree.

Assemblymember Bigelow addressed the Assembly floor first, by sharing his personal ranching history. His family has been ranching in California since the mid 1800s, and he stressed the importance of the positive work ranchers do in California and the helpful work CCA does on behalf of those ranchers. "The California Cattlemen's Association has educated, advocated, and fought for a lifestyle and industry that defines my heritage. The Bigelow family has contributed to California's beef production for four generations, and I plan on continuing that legacy for my children and grandchildren," said Assemblyman Bigelow. "I am honored to recognize the California Cattlemen's Association for 100 years of hard work and dedication for ranchers throughout our great state."

The California Cattlemen's Association has been representing California ranchers and beef producers since 1917 and has proudly done so to help California land stewards continue producing a protein that represents California's 4th top agricultural commodity in the state.

"There is no question of the importance and value that the California Cattlemen's Association and its work on the ground has contributed to the people of Imperial County," said Assemblymember Eduardo Garcia. "I am proud to join my colleague in recognition of the 100 year anniversary of the California Cattlemen's Association."

Lacey was recognized by CCA in December at their 100th annual convention with the Centennial Cattleman award, honoring his dedication and commitment to the California and U.S. beef community over a lifetime of leadership and achievements.

"It is a great honor to accept this resolution as a cattle rancher and as a past president of CCA," said Lacey. "The recognition is exciting for CCA and helps launch the association into its next 100 years."

## **See you in Coalinga for the CCA & CCW Midyear Meeting Next Week**

Join the California Cattlemen's Association and the California CattleWomen, Inc. in Coalinga at the Harris Ranch Inn & Restaurant June 21-23 for the CCA & CCW Midyear Meeting!

You can view the complete schedule and register online [here.](#)

NEW: Attend the Tools for Successful Ranching workshop held before the policy meetings begin, Wednesday, June 21 at 1 p.m., as part of the Surviving Drought Risk Management Workshop series hosted by the California Cattlemen's Association which is free and open to all ranchers.

Featured Midyear speakers include Damien Schiff, Senior Attorney at Pacific Legal Foundation; Ken Tate, Russell L. Rustici Endowed Chair in Rangeland Watershed Science, UC Davis; and Annette Jones, DVM, State Veterinarian and Director of Animal Health and Food Safety Services.

Don't miss the informational forum Thursday morning, which includes a CattleFax update and information about the California Beef Commission and implementing California's new antibiotic law as well as an update about the Pacific Legal Foundation litigation.

We hope you'll join us in Coalinga to maximize your membership by helping shape CCA policy, discussing current cattle industry issues and hear from industry leaders, agency staff, affiliate organizations and more!

### **CCA will urge Trump Administration to Review National Monuments within California**

On April 26, President Trump signed an Executive Order calling for review of National Monument designations made under the Antiquities Act since 1996 by presidents Bill Clinton, George W. Bush and Barack Obama.

In furtherance of the Executive Order, the Department of the Interior has issued a request for public comment seeking information about which National Monument designations should be reviewed and reconsidered. The deadline for public comment is July 10, and CCA will be submitting substantial comments detailing the negative impacts that National Monument designations under the Antiquities Act have had upon grazing.

While the Antiquities Act was originally intended to protect "historic landmarks, historic and prehistoric structures, [and] other objects of historic or scientific interest," recent presidents have instead used the Act to bypass Congress and local communities to place heavy restrictions on massive areas of land. President Obama used the Antiquities Act more than any previous president-locking up 256 million acres of land and water in 30 separate designations.

CCA has long opposed such designations, because they often form a basis for removal or curtailment of livestock grazing.

If your grazing operation has been impacted by the designation of National Monuments under the Antiquities Act, CCA encourages you to call Kirk Wilbur in the CCA office at (916) 444-0845 to discuss.

## **Stockmanship and Stewardship Program**

The Stockmanship and Stewardship program will be coming to UC Davis June 23-24.

The event will cover live cattle handling demonstrations featuring Curt Pate and Ron Gill, hands-on training and offer new information in the cattle industry. Attendees will have the opportunity to earn their Beef Quality Assurance certification and lead right into the UC Davis Production Horse Sale on Saturday June 24.

Registration for the event is \$50 and includes meals. To register, please visit [here.](#)

If you are unable to make this date work, another program will be offered Sept. 20-Oct. 1 in San Luis Obispo this fall.