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**CCA-sponsored AB 589 by Assemblymember Frank Bigelow (R-O'Neals) was enrolled for the Governor's signature yesterday (9-14-2017) after passing both houses of the legislature. If signed by Governor Brown, AB 589 will provide significant cost savings for ranchers who divert more than 100 acre-feet of water per year. Current State Water Resources Control Board regulations require those diverters to hire a licensed engineer to install a water-measurement device or implement an alternative measurement method, often at exorbitant costs.**

**AB 589 will allow diverters to instead install their own devices or implement their own measurement method upon completion of a course offered and taught by the University of California Cooperative Extension.** The Governor will have until October 15, 2017 to sign or veto legislation, and CCA is strongly urging the Governor to promptly sign the bill into law. If the Governor signs the bill, it will be enacted January 1, 2018.

## **YOUNG PRODUCER'S PERSPECTIVE ON THE DAIRY BUSINESS**

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**Audio with Andy Birch, Maple Grove Farm, Derby, Vermont**

Dairy farmers face their share of challenges, including a volatile market and unpredictable input costs — however, there are young people looking for ways to return to the business.

The nation's milk case depends on it...tape

Cut #1 :14 OC:... "steam ahead."

So says Andy Birch, a 30-year-old dairyman and owner of Maple Grove Farm in Derby, Vermont. He offers this advice for his fellow young, dairy producers...tape

Cut #2 :17 OC:... "other people."

**Join CCA for the Transportation and Electronic Logging Device Workshop next Wednesday, Sept. 20 at the Nugget Casino Resort in Sparks, Nev. from 9 a.m. - noon.**

Transporting livestock in the West is a critical component of the cattle business. Whether you are in need of finding new forage opportunities due to drought or you are seeking to connect with buyers traditionally in the Midwest, transportation regulations and freight costs have a direct impact on your bottom line. This workshop is intended to educate ranchers and livestock haulers on regulations impacting the intrastate and interstate movement of livestock with specific focus on the use of Electronic Logging Devices to comply with federal Hours of Service restrictions which are currently scheduled to be mandated beginning December 7, 2017.

Speakers include:

***Regulations Governing the Hours of Service (Drive & On Duty Time) Allowed for Hauling Livestock***

Jerry Calderon, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation

***Electronic Logging Device Regulation & Device Demonstration***

Paul Clark, EROAD

***Trends in Freight Costs for Western Livestock Hauling***

Dr. Tina Saitone, University of California, Davis

***Long Term Weather Forecast & Drought Update***

Western Regional Climate Center

**This event is free and open to all ranchers. This workshop is a part of the Surviving Drought Risk Management Series hosted by the California Cattlemen's Association.**