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Part of a conversation with Cattle Fax analyst Mike Murphy on marketing cattle and some of the current issues producers face

- [Key Numbers from Friday's Cattle on Feed Report](#)
Shayle Shagam, USDA livestock analyst, with the key numbers from Friday's USDA Cattle on Feed report.

CCA Successfully Lobbies Against Increased Stock Pond Registration Fees

On Tuesday, CCA succeeded in defeating a proposal by the State Water Resources Control Board which would have increased fees for small domestic use registrations and livestock stock pond registrations (which are both capped at 10 acre-feet per year) by 400% and would have increased fees for small irrigation use registrations (which are capped at 20 acre-feet per year) by 650%.

Under the current fee structure, registration holders submit an initial \$250 fee and a renewal fee of \$100 every five years. Under the proposed fee increase, the initial fee for small domestic use and livestock stock pond registrations would have doubled to \$500 with an annual fee of \$100. For small irrigation use registrations, the initial fee would have been raised to \$750, with an annual fee of \$150.

CCA was particularly concerned with the impacts that a fee increase would have upon diverters with numerous stock ponds registered on their ranch or ranches, and the cumulative annual fees could prove overwhelming. Additionally, for especially small ponds, CCA was concerned that the annual fee could exceed the value of water impounded in the stock ponds.

Based on CCA's written comments and concerns raised at Tuesday's Board meeting, the Water Board rejected the proposed fee increase for the three classes of registrations, and directed Water Board staff to work with CCA and other agricultural stakeholders to develop a more reasonable fee proposal for registrations, which the Board will likely consider in 2018.

Water Board to Hold Public Outreach Meetings for NPS Permits on Federal Lands

The Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board (Lahontan Water Board) and Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) are pursuing development of Nonpoint Source (NPS) permits "to ensure regulatory compliance and water quality protection" on US Forest Service and BLM managed lands within the Central Valley and Lahontan Water Board regions.

As a first step in this process, the two regional boards will hold the following public outreach meetings:

- Oct. 24 from 9:30 am-12:30 pm at the Susanville City Hall, 66 N. Lassen St. in Susanville
- Nov. 2 from 9:30 am-12:30 pm at the Shasta-Trinity National Forest Headquarters, 3644 Avtech Parkway in Redding
- Nov. 8 from 9:30 am-12:30 pm at the City of Bishop Council Chambers, 377 W. Line St. in Bishop
- Nov. 28 from 1:00-4:00 p at the Central Valley Water Board, 11020 Sun Ctr. Dr. in Rancho Cordova
- Nov. 30 from 9:30 am-12:30 pm at the Clovis Veterans Memorial Hall, 808 4th St. in Clovis
- Dec. 5 from 9:30 am-12:30 pm at the Mojave Water Agency, 13846 Conference Center Dr. in Apple Valley

CCA encourages members who would be impacted by the proposed NPS permits to attend the meetings to learn more information and air their concerns.

CCA has opposed similar efforts by the regional water boards in the past because they are duplicative of existing regulatory schemes and needlessly increase the regulatory burdens upon federal lands permittees. Likewise, CCA will continue to oppose the present effort.

For more information, [visit this website](#) or contact the CCA office.

Details of Secretary Zinke's National Monument Recommendations Emerge

On August 24, Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke submitted a memo to President Trump reviewing the status of national monuments designated under the Antiquities Act since 1996. Though Secretary Zinke signaled at that time that he had recommended shrinking the boundaries of a handful of national monuments, details of the memo were not released at that time.

A recent leak of the full memo has brought Secretary Zinke's recommendation to light, however. According to the leaked memo, Secretary Zinke has recommended that President Trump use his authority under the Antiquities Act to shrink the

boundaries of four national monuments-the Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante national monument in Utah, the Gold Butte National Monument in Nevada and the Cascades-Siskiyou National Monument in southern Oregon and Northern California. While Secretary Zinke has recommended revisions to the boundaries of these national monuments, the memo does not specify the recommended revised boundaries.

Additionally, the memo outlines recommended management changes for a half-dozen other national monuments and marine national monuments to prioritize uses such a fishing, timber harvesting and grazing.

Unfortunately, with the exception of Cascades-Siskiyou National Monument (which includes 5,000 acres of land in northern California), Secretary Zinke's memo recommends no reforms to national monuments within California. Nevertheless, CCA is supportive of the proposed reforms for the 10 national monuments included within Zinke's memo, and will continue to lobby for reforms to national monuments within California.

Last Chance: Support Proposal to Rescind 2015 WOTUS Rule

On July 27, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) formally released a proposed rule to rescind the 2015 Waters of the United States (WOTUS) Rule, which threatened to greatly extend the agencies' regulatory jurisdiction and impose burdensome regulatory requirements upon ranchers and other landowners.

CCA strongly supports the proposal to rescind the 2015 Rule, and will file formal comments to that effect with the EPA prior to deadline, which has been extended to September 27. Ranchers are encouraged to file comments supporting the 2015 Rule's withdrawal by clicking the "Comment Now!" button [here](#). The National Cattlemen's Beef Association has provided sample comments [here](#).

For more information, contact Kirk Wilbur in the CCA office.

BQA Training at the Sierra Foothill Research and Extension Center | Sept. 23

The Tahoe County Cattlemen's Association, Sierra Foothill Research and Extension Center and the Placer-Nevada-Sutter-Yuba UC Cooperative Extension Services will be hosting a Beef Quality Assurance workshop on Sept. 23 from 8 a.m. -2 p.m. The program will take place at the Sierra Foothill Research and Extension Center and cover a wide variety of topics including BQA, transportation, water quality self assessment and hands-on chute side demonstration.

Those interested in attending can register [here](#).

