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The House Agriculture Committee is drafting the next farm bill and could bring the bill for consideration by the full House of Representatives yet this year. House Agriculture Committee Chairman Mike Conaway commented last week on the timeframe of getting the 2018 Farm Bill through the House and Senate.

Conaway says the Committee and staff are putting "pencil to paper now" on drafting the next farm bill, including the nutrition title...tape

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He says the Senate is considering a similar timeframe...tape

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The House Agriculture Committee held a farm bill listening session in New York Monday. The event was one of many across the U.S. to gain input from farmers and ranchers on the next farm bill.

Conaway also visited Canada over the weekend to talk agriculture in the North American Free Trade Agreement, and to urge Canada to take the negotiations seriously, while working quickly to finish the effort.

CCA Sponsored Legislation Signed by Governor

On October 4, 2017, Governor Edmund "Jerry" Brown signed AB 589 authored by Assemblymember Frank Bigelow (R-O'Neals) and sponsored by CCA. AB 589 establishes a course taught by the University of California Cooperative Extension that will allow course participants to self-certify a measuring device and avoid costs associated with consulting a professional engineer or approved contractor as required by regulations issued by the State Water Resources Control Board pursuant to SB 88 (Committee on Budget, 2015).

CCA applauds the Governor's decision to sign this important bill into law and would like to thank Assemblymember Bigelow for carrying the legislation on CCA's behalf. CCA would like to also thank the Chair of the Senate Natural Resources & Water Committee Robert Hertzberg (D-Van Nuys) and the Chair of the Assembly Water, Parks & Wildlife Committee Eduardo Garcia (D-Coachella) for their help in moving this bill through the legislative process.

CCA Successfully Lobbies Against Increased Stock Pond Registration Fees

Last week, 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.

CattleFax Weekly Update October 6, 2017

Fed cattle trade is yet to be established in the North and South as of press time, but the underlying market tone is steady to higher this week. Boxed beef was mixed this week, but mostly steady. The rib complex is demanding more attention, while larger production levels are noted. Feeder cattle traded from \$2 lower to \$2 higher this week in the Southern Plains, and \$2 to \$6 lower in the Southeast on light volume. Other areas saw feeder cattle trade steady to \$3 higher. Calves traded mixed this week from \$2 lower to \$4 higher. Market cows were mixed by region, trading \$2 lower to \$2 higher. Corn traded 4 cents lower on the week and harvest has gotten off to a slow start with precipitation hampering harvest activities.