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NFU, AFBF Address Opioid Epidemic at NFU Annual Meeting

Audio with NFU President Roger Johnson

The American Farm Bureau Federation and National Farmers Union came together again to discuss the nation's opioid epidemic during the National Farmers Union annual convention in Kansas City, Missouri over the weekend.

The two farm organizations, along with the Department of Agriculture, announced a survey that shows 74 percent of farmers and farm workers say they have been directly impacted by opioid abuse. The two groups also created Farm Town Strong, an effort to address and combat opioid addiction in rural America.

AFBF President Zippy Duvall joined NFU President Roger Johnson and USDA's Ann Hazlett in Kansas City to host a town hall forum.

Johnson of NFU says the work being done this year to address the epidemic is the first step...tape

Cut #1 :38 OC:... "the solution."

The website is www.FarmTownStrong.org.

CDFW Offers RFPs for Cattle Grazing to Control Vegetation in Humboldt, Del Norte Counties

Last week, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) announced that it is offering three Request for Proposals (RFPs) to issue Permits for Excess Vegetation Control (Grazing) at the following areas located in Humboldt and Del Norte Counties:

- RFP P2018101: Approximately 210 acres known as the Ocean Ranch Unit and Table Bluff Ecological Reserve on the Eel River Wildlife Area in Humboldt County (Event ID 8613)
- RFP P2018102: Approximately 297 acres within the Lake Earl Wildlife area in Del Norte County (Event ID 8614)
- RFP P2018103: Approximately 70 acres located on the Salt River Unit of the Eel River Wildlife Area in Humboldt County (Event ID 8617)

The RFP packages can be accessed on the California State Contracts Register's Cal eProcedure website [here](#) and can be found by searching for the Event IDs listed above in the "Event ID" field under "Search Events."

Proposal packages are also available via e-mail or hard copy. To request a proposal package, or for any questions regarding the RFP process, contact Sherry Leffler by phone at (530) 225-2853 or by email at sherry.leffler@wildlife.ca.gov.

LEGISLATIVE BULLETIN

[here](#).

From Headquarters

Department of the Interior Recommends \$33.3 Million in Water Infrastructure Spending

On February 23, in a report to the House and Senate Appropriations Committees, the U.S. Department of the Interior recommended providing \$33.3 million for water infrastructure projects, primarily in California, pursuant to the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation (WIIN)

Act. Of the seven projects specified in the proposal, four are California projects. These include the Shasta Dam and Reservoir Enlargement Project, Sites Reservoir Storage Project, Upper San Joaquin River Basin Storage Investigation and the Friant-Kern Canal Subsidence Challenges Project. This funding would allow the progress of these long overdue California water projects.

The WIIN Act, signed into law in 2016, prioritized surface water storage and delivery infrastructure. The Act provides the Secretary of the Interior, Ryan Zinke, the authority to participate in Federally-owned and State-led water storage projects.

This recommendation represents good news and the possibility of improved water infrastructure to often parched California.

A copy of the report can be found [here](#).

Bids must be received on or before April 6, 2018 at 3:00pm.

UC Rangelands Drought Hub a Resource for California Ranchers

The UC Rangelands Rangeland Drought Hub now makes it even easier to report drought conditions and impacts to the drought monitor. Through the interactive, online portal all of the information you need to report and manage drought is just a click away.

The Drought Hub also has information on federal and state assistance programs, feed and nutrition solutions for producers experiencing drought, current moisture and snow pack conditions as well as the latest in drought

research.

Click [here](#) to visit the Drought Hub.

Click [here](#) to visit the Drought Monitor directly.

CCA's Steak and Eggs Legislative Breakfast Scheduled for March 14

Save the date and come celebrate the 40th Annual CCA Steak and Eggs Legislative Breakfast. Once again held at the historic Sutter Club and followed by legislative visits at the California State Capitol, you won't want to miss this great opportunity to meet your representatives and advocate on behalf of cattle ranching in the Golden State.

To RSVP for the Steak and Eggs Legislative Breakfast and legislative visits, please contact Katie Roberty by calling the CCA office, or by email at katier@calcattlemen.org.

Registration Now Open for 2018 CA/AZ Cattle Feeders Meeting

Save the date for the annual CA/AZ Cattle Feeders Meeting at the Marriott Marquis, San Diego, May 23-25. Registration includes two breakfasts, lunch, refreshments throughout the event and an exclusive dinner aboard the USS Midway aircraft carrier.

Early Bird Registration is just \$275. Click [here](#) to register now before prices go up April 1.

Industry News

Feral Cattle a Nuisance in a California National Monument *[Associated](#)*

Press "Feral cattle in one of California's newest national monuments have become a nuisance to hikers and local vegetation" To continue reading, click [here](#).

Public Notice for Land Use Agreements

Humboldt County and Del Norte County

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