



# The Cotton Chronicle

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## Industry Calendar

Nov 17  
Joint Steering &  
Exec Comm.  
Meeting—  
Fresno

Nov 30  
Grower Board  
Meeting—  
Fresno

Dec 7  
Ginner Board  
Meeting—  
Fresno

(Visit web calendar  
for details)

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## Assemblyman Gallagher Joins CCGGA on an Agricultural Tour

The California Cotton Ginners and Growers Associations hosted **Assemblyman James Gallagher** on a tour of Central Valley agricultural operations. The Assemblyman represents the 3<sup>rd</sup> Assembly District covering areas of northern California including

Butte, Tehama, Yuba, Sutter Glenn and Colusa counties. Gallagher is the Vice Chair of the Agriculture committee and sits on the Appropriations, Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials and the Judiciary committees. Gallagher is the 6<sup>th</sup> generation of an Irish farming family, he now farms rice and walnuts in Yuba County. The Association, represented by **President/CEO Roger Isom, Director of Technical Service Chris McGlothlin and Director of Regulatory Affairs Jodi Raley**, took the Assemblyman to various agricultural operations within the Central Valley including a visit to **Westside Farmers Co-Op Gin** and a nearby cotton field. Other stops included Sozinho Dairy, a Fresno citrus orchard, Fowler

Packing Co. and Central California Almond Growers. The Association and the industry representa-

tives discussed issues including federal water allocation, the need for major above-ground storage project construction and labor issues throughout the day long tour. This tour was done in part of the Association's effort to educate legislators of the issues specific to



L: Chris McGlothlin, Assemblyman James Gallagher, Roger Isom, and Ginner Association Director Louie Colombini: Talking about issues impacting CA Cotton Gins

California cotton production.

## UC IPM and Regulatory Update for West Side Cotton and Almond Production

University of California's Integrated Pest Management program hosted an IPM and Regulatory Update specific to West Side cotton and almond production at the West Side Field Station. Sponsored by California Cotton Ginners and Growers Association, discussion included Chlorpyrifos project overview, the work of the crop teams, demonstration of new online IPM Decision Support Tools and a cotton pest update. The work of the crop teams and the emergence of the new online Decision Support Tools have cultivated new information

that can be accessed easier by growers and PCA's to determine best management tools whether it is biological or chemical controls or a combination of the two. The latter half of the meeting was a regulatory update from California Department of Pesticide Regulation, Natural Resources Conservation Service and the Fresno County Agricultural Commissioner's Office. Fresno County has not set "permitted conditions" for Chlorpyrifos *Lorsban* (listed as a restricted use material July 1, 2015) and is advising growers and applicators to follow label instructions. CDPR is awaiting the completion of the Human Health Risk Assessment (pending December 2015) to draft proposed draft permitted conditions for the product.

### **Assemblyman Quirk Visits the Valley**

The Association hosted **Assemblyman Bill Quirk** on a tour of the farm of almond, cotton and tomato grower **Cannon Michael of Bowles Farming**. Issues discussed included water, air quality, and energy. Assemblyman Quirk represents the 20<sup>th</sup> Assembly District which covers the communities of Hayward, Ashland, Castro Valley, Cherryland, Fairview, Fremont, Pleasanton, San Lorenzo, Sunsol and Union City. Assemblyman Quirk is the Chairman of the Public Safety Committee,



*Assemblyman Bill Quirk discussing water efficiency with Merced County grower Cannon Michael*

and also sits on the Agriculture, Appropriations, Revenue and Taxation Committees, as well as the Utilities and Commerce Committee. Accompanying the Assemblyman from the Association was **President/CEO Roger Isom** and **Director of Technical Services Christopher McGlothlin**. This is part

of the ongoing effort of the Association to reach out to urban legislators to educate and inform them on the critical issues facing the cotton industry.

### **It's Election Time for Fresno and Merced Counties**

As a final reminder, election time is here for Fresno and Merced County Cotton Growers! Seven (7) of the eighteen elected Board of Directors of the California Cotton Growers Association are to be nominated and elected by the cotton grower members of their respective counties this year. The Directors whose terms expire this year are:

#### **Fresno County**

**Andrew Clark**  
**Vince Marshall**  
**Gary Martin**  
**Mark McKean**  
**Bob Wilson**

#### **Merced County**

**Robert McDonald**  
**Cannon Michael**

To be nominated, a petitioner must be a current dues paying member of the California Cotton Growers Association, and must have the signatures of ten (10) current dues paying members of this Association. **Also, the petitioner must be a cotton grower in the county in which he or she is attempting to qualify as a candidate in this election.** The petition must be returned to California Cotton Growers Association office, at 1785 N. Fine Ave., Fresno, CA 93727, on or postmarked by **Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015** for the nominee's name to appear on the Ballot. If enough nominations are received to have a ballot election, ballots listing the candidates will be mailed to you for your vote on December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015.

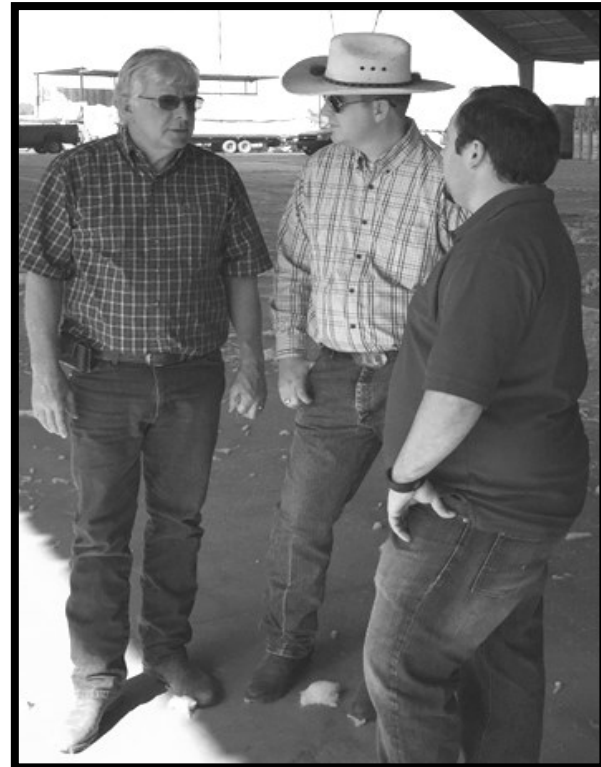
### **Sixth Circuit Issues Stay on Federal Water Regulation**

A federal appeals court issued a nationwide stay blocking the new Environmental Protection Agency regulation that seeks to expand the amount of water and wetlands under federal protection, known as "Water of the United States" or WOTUS. The Cincinnati-based U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, in a split ruling, said it was prudent to block the regulation while litigation continued over whether the Obama administration's effort was legal. "A stay temporarily silences the whirlwind of confusion that springs from uncertainty about the requirements of the new rule and whether they will survive legal testing," the court said. Previously, a federal judge in August blocked the rule in 13 states that had challenged it in a federal court in North Dakota, saying those states were likely to succeed in their lawsuit against the regulation. In coordination with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the EPA in May issued the rule, which is estimated to put about 3% more waterways throughout the U.S. under new federal jurisdiction, which would require a federal permit to pollute those waters and

could restrict access altogether. Major waterways, like most rivers and lakes, are already under protection of the Clean Water Act and aren't affected by the rule. The EPA has said the rule is necessary to clarify which waters should fall under the protection of the federal Clean Water Act of 1972 after two Supreme Court rulings, in 2001 and 2006, called into question whether and to what extent 60% of U.S. waterways, especially streams and wetlands, should fall under federal jurisdiction.

### **Assemblyman Mathis Tour Valley Agriculture**

The Association co-hosted a tour this past week for **Assemblyman Devon Mathis** of the 26<sup>th</sup> Assembly District. The Assemblyman represents Inyo County and large parts of Tu-



*Assemblyman Mathis talking w/ Tour Participants*

lare and Kern Counties, including the cities of Bakersfield, Delano, Dinuba, Hanford, Lindsay, Tulare, Porterville and Visalia. On this trip, the Assemblyman visited a dairy, milk processor, a cotton gin and also met with a cotton and pistachio grower southwest of Tulare. Water and regulatory impacts were among the topics covered. **Assemblyman Mathis** is the Vice chairman of the Veterans Affairs Committee and also sits on the Agriculture, Aging and Long Term Care, and Water, Parks and Wildlife Committees. Accompanying the Assemblyman on the tour was the Association's **President/CEO Roger Isom**.

### **Fresno State's Jordan College of Agricultural Sciences and Technology Offers Services to Employers**

Fresno, CA - Fresno State's Jordan College of Agricultural Sciences and Technology is now offering resources to employers who are seeking to develop internship programs or wish to enhance existing programs. Internships are a highly cost-effective way for employers to recruit and retain new talent for their organizations. Mary Willis, the Coordinator

of Internships and Professional Experiences for the Jordan College, has launched a new web-based internship and job posting system, **Jordan Connect**, that is free to employers at <http://www.fresnostate.edu/jcast/student-success/employers>. The online service allows employers to post opportunities and to search for qualified applicants registered in the system. Employers will also be alerted to and invited to attend the various on-campus recruiting events throughout the year, and can access additional on-line resources for internship program development. For employers looking to develop a new or enhance an existing internship program, Mary is available to provide consultation in relation to each employer's unique staffing needs. To learn more about the services offered to employers by Fresno State's Jordan College of Agricultural Sciences and Technology, please visit <http://www.fresnostate.edu/jcast/student-success/employers>, or by contacting Willis at [mwillis@csufresno.edu](mailto:mwillis@csufresno.edu) or 559.278.4207.

### **About the Fresno State's Jordan College of Agricultural Sciences and Technology**

The Jordan College of Agricultural Sciences and Technology offers high quality undergraduate, graduate and continuing education programs in the major areas of agricultural business; animal sciences and agricultural education; child, family and consumer sciences; food science and nutrition; industrial technology; and viticulture and enology. Faculty and students conduct applied research and public service in selected areas of agriculture, food sciences, industrial technology, and family sciences. Programs combine a science, technology and management focus with experiential learning. The College seeks to enhance the ability of students to be successful in their chosen careers and to make positive contributions to the quality of life in their communities. The Jordan College maintains an enrollment of approximately 2,400 undergraduate and 100 graduate students from diverse backgrounds up and down the state of California, as well as from nations across the globe. On campus and throughout the community, our students engage in learning science, technology and management not just in the classroom, but by experience – on our 1,011-acre on-campus University Ag Laboratory.

### **Reminder: It's Elections for the Ginners Association**

Just a reminder that, it's Director Elections time again! For the Ginners Association, there are 5 sitting directors' terms expiring this year. Current directors whose regular 3-year terms are expiring this year are: **Mike Davis, Wayne Gilbert, Kirk Gilkey, Ron Nimmo, and one open seat**. Nomination Forms together with a Candidates Statement Form have been mailed to all of our gin members. **Remember a Candidate's Statement Form must be completed for each nomination**. Make sure all the forms are filed before **Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015**.



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**CCGGA Staff Visit with Urban Legislators**

CCGGA staff including **President/CEO Roger Isom** and **Director of Regulatory Affairs Jodi Raley**, visited with **Assemblywoman Jacqui Irwin** and **Assemblyman Adrin Nazarian** in

Los Angeles along with other leaders of California agricultural commodity groups. On the first day of the two day tour, guests visited agricultural operations within Assemblywoman Irwin's district including a strawberry ranch, a lemon handling/processing facility, a fresh cut flower operation and saw a demonstration of a helicopter aerial application. This portion of the tour served as a great educational opportunity for representatives of other commodities but additionally educated Assemblyman Nazarian on the bounty of agriculture outside of his district and

the issues the industry faces. On the second day, Assemblyman Nazarian showed APC members what industries make his district thrive and the initiatives he's working on as the district's representative. Fueled largely by the entertainment industry, tour guests met with executives of Universal Studios, LA Department of Water and Power, Salami Studios and the Bureau of Sanitation's water reclamation facility and Japanese Garden feature. The trip served as an opportunity for urban legislators to learn of the agriculture industry's struggles and for the agriculture industry to better understand the pressures of representing an urban district.



*Assemblyman Adrin Nazarian w/ Tour Participants*