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Joint Informational Hearing with Senate Agriculture Committee
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The State of Agricultural Production in California

Tuesday, August 4, 2026
9:30am - 1021 O Street, Room 2100
AGENDA

Opening Remarks

- Chair Caballero, Senate Committee on Agriculture
- Chair Soria, Assembly Committee on Agriculture
- Members of both committees

Panel One: Overview of Economic Conditions, and Markets Facing Ag Production:

- Christine Birdsong, Under Secretary, CDFA
- Thomas Gibson, Director, DWR

Panel Two: Water, Climate, and Resource Sustainability

- Caitlin Peterson, Associate Center Director and Research Fellow, Public Policy Institute of California (PPIC)
- Josue Medellin-Azuara, Professor, School of Engineering, UC Merced
- Michael Boccadoro, Executive Director, Agricultural Energy Consumers Association

Panel Three: Workforce, Innovation, and the Future of Food Production

- Roger Isom, President/CEO, California Cotton Ginners & Growers Association and the Western Tree Nut Association
- Alexi Rodriguez, President/CEO, Almond Alliance
- Diana Melero Silva, Director of Communications, CA Farmworker Foundation

Public Comment

Closing Remarks