

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

# Farm, Ranch, and Rural Communities Federal Advisory Committee

August 25-27, 2009

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## AGENDA

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Tuesday, August 25, 2009

- 8:00 am      **REGISTRATION (Hotel)**
- 8:30          **Call to Order and Introductions**
- **Jim Moseley**, Chair, FRRCC
- 8:45          **Opening Remarks**
- **Larry Elworth**, Agricultural Counselor to the Administrator, EPA
  - **Mark Joyce**, Associate Director, Office of Cooperative Environmental Management, EPA
  - **Kathy Taylor**, Associate Director for Agriculture, EPA Region Nine
- 9:00          **Presentation: Renewable Fuels and Agriculture**
- **Paul Argyropoulos**, Senior Policy Advisor, Office of Transportation and Air Quality, EPA
- 10:00        **MORNING BREAK**
- 10:15        **Presentation: Climate Change and Agriculture**
- **Introduction to Offsets and Cap-and-Trade: Reid Harvey**, Chief, Climate Economics Branch, Office of Atmospheric Programs, EPA
  - **How Do We Fit in the Team Photo – and Other Unanswered Questions for Perennial Crops: Jean-Mari Peltier**, President, National Grape and Wine Initiative

- 11:45        **BREAK FOR LUNCH**
- 1:00 pm      **Panel Discussion: Developing a Strategic View for California Agriculture**
- **Rich Rominger**, Former Deputy Secretary of Agriculture, US Department of Agriculture
  - **Ralph Grossi**, Senior Advisor, American Farmland Trust
  - **Karen Ross**, President, California Association of Winegrape Growers
- 2:00        **Panel Discussion: California Water Issues**
- **Mike Chrisman**, Secretary, California Natural Resources Agency
  - **Jason Peltier**, Chief Deputy General Manager, Westlands Water District, California
  - **Richard Roos-Collins**, Director of Legal Services, Natural Heritage Institute
- 3:00        **AFTERNOON BREAK**
- 3:15        **Review and Discussion of Committee Work Products**
- 5:00        **Public Comment Session**
- 5:30        **ADJOURN**

**Wednesday, August 26, 2009**

Committee members will engage in fact-gathering activities on Wednesday, August 26.

**Thursday, August 27, 2009**

- 7:30 am      **REGISTRATION (Hotel)**
- 8:00        **Call to Order**
- 8:05        **Discussion of Current NPDES Permitting Issues**
- **Allison Wiedeman**, Rural Branch Chief, Water Permits Division, Office of Water, EPA
- 10:00       **MORNING BREAK**

- 10:15 Breakout session: Evaluative Discussion of the FRRCC and Ideas on Next Steps
- 11:00 Plenary session: Evaluative Discussion of the FRRCC and Ideas on Next Steps
- 12:30 pm Public Comment Session
- 1:00 ADJOURN