



# The Cotton Chronicle

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## Industry Calendar

NCC Annual Meeting  
February 9—11  
Fort Worth, TX

CCGGA Annual Meeting  
February 21—23  
Monterey, CA

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for details

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## Association PAC Hosts Fundraiser for Assemblyman Heath Flora

Last month, the California Cotton Ginners and Growers Association joined the Western Agricultural Processors Association (WAPA), California Citrus Mutual, the California Fresh Fruit Association, the American Pistachio Growers, California Dairies Inc., and the Western Plant Health Association (WPHA) in hosting Assemblyman Heath Flora. Assemblyman Flora repre-



sents the 12th Assembly District, which covers Lodi, Modesto, Riverbank, Oakdale and Turlock. Assemblyman Flora comes from a farming family and tree nut harvesting equipment business, so he has a unique understanding of the agricultural industry. It is folks like Assemblyman Flora that we must support and rally behind!

## Elections are Underway – Please Vote!

Your 2017 official ballot for the election of 2 directors to your Association's Board of Directors is in the mail. These are grower positions for Kings County. The grower position for Southern California was also up for nomination, but current Board Member **Tim Cox** was the only nominee, so he was re-elected to the Board. For Kings County, there are two (2) open positions,

and there are three (3) duly nominated and certified candidates that have filed the required Candidates Statement Form indicating their willingness and desire to serve if elected. The two receiving the most votes as certified by your Elections Com-

mittee will be elected to the two (2) – 3 year term directorships up for election. In the case of ties, a run-off election will be held at the 2018 Annual Meeting to take place in Monterey, California on February 23rd, 2018. Should a run-off be necessary, a proxy process will be available and all members will be notified accordingly. Deadline for return of your official original ballot to the Association's office will be **Friday, January 19th, 2018**. On the Ginner side of the board, there were four open positions, and there were only four candidates, so no election was necessary. Re-elected to the Board of Directors was **Tom Gaffney**, J.G. Boswell Company; **Greg Gillard**, Olam Cotton; **Tom Pires**, West Island Cotton Growers; and **Mason Otten**, Semi Tropic Cooperative Gin.



## IC-DISC Restored in Federal Tax Legislation

The federal tax legislation has now passed, but not without some very anxious moments. In the midst of negotiations, the Senate capped a frenetic few days with the adoption of a "wraparound" amendment to H.R. 1, the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. These amendments were drawn to the manager's amendment which incorporated a range of individual members' amendments that had been prepared for the

bill, along with new language negotiated throughout the day. Many of these amendments are technical, clarifying or making minor revisions to non-notable provisions. However, there were some important revisions that were made as a result of intense negotiations. Included in those amendments was restoring the IC-DISC tax incentive. The California Cotton Ginners and Growers Association (CCGGA) was heavily involved in this effort working closely with a tax coalition focused on IC-DISC, and was on the phone daily last week with Washington, DC and New York, NY. We also want to recognize our members and Associate members who took the time to write letters and make calls to legislators throughout last week. It was the specific examples of the impact of potentially losing IC-DISC that changed the tide for us.

### **The Cotton Industry Mourns the Passing of Dick Adams**

It is with great sadness that the Association announces the passing of long time Raisin City Coop Gin Manager **Richard (Dick) Adams** on Monday, December 11, 2017, after a short illness. Richard, born on September 4, 1932, grew up in Porterville, CA. He proudly served in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict as a tank commander. He was the recipient of two Purple Hearts and the Bronze Star of Valor. He was also past president of the Korean War Veterans Association and a vital hand in the memorial in Washington, D.C. As a Congressional Delegate, he was instrumental in bringing home M.I.A. remains from North Korea. In 1953, Richard met and married Mary Ann Gordon, and was married 64 years. He retired from Raisin City Co Op Gin after 40 years of service as the Cotton Gin manager.

The following are a few of Richard's accomplishments;

- **Richard served as a Director of the 25th Infantry Division**
- **VFW Commander Caruthers Post #6745**
- **Director of the Korean War Veterans Association, Inc. from 1994 to 2000**
- **Board Member Caruthers Veterans Memorial Committee**
- **Past-President Caruthers Chamber of Commerce**
- **Past-President Caruthers Community Service District**
- **Past-President Caruthers High School Boosters Club**
- **Director Caruthers Lions Club**
- **Director Ranchers Cotton Oil Co.**
- **Director California Agriculture Museum**
- **Delegate to National Cotton Council of America**

### • **Past-President California Grower Owned Cotton Gin Association**

Our thoughts and prayers go out to those left to cherish his memories including his wife, Mary Ann; sons, Thomas and wife Nan, and Richard; granddaughters, Kristen Newberry and husband Rusty, and Kari Adams; and 13 great-grandchildren. **In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to Caruthers Chamber of Commerce Veterans Memorial Committee, P.O. Box 369, Caruthers, CA 93609; or Central Valley Honor Flight, 5260 N. Palm Ave. Ste. 122, Fresno, CA 93704.**

### **Make Plans Now to Attend the 2018 NCC Annual Meeting**

The 2018 Annual Meeting of the National Cotton Council will be held at the Omni Fort Worth Hotel in Fort Worth, TX. There are several important considerations for you to



note. The first Council events will begin at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, February 9. The convention's final event, the General Session, begins at 10:00 a.m. and concludes by 12:00 noon on Sunday, February 11. Policy development at the 2018 Annual Meeting will begin with the meetings of the six program committees on Saturday morning, February 10, followed by Board review of the program committee recommendations that afternoon and consideration of those recommendations by all delegates as the first business item during the General Session on Sunday morning. Also included in the General Session will be a 2017 activities report from Council Chairman Ronald C. Lee. Policy recommendations are distributed to Council delegates prior to the Annual Meeting. All changes made in Fort Worth by the program committees and Board will be distributed for review during the interest caucus

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PIMA	PHY 841 RF	Medium to full statured Pima variety for medium soil types. Excellent yield potential and high fiber quality. Tolerant to Fusarium Race 4.		NA	Mid	Semi-smooth	G	4.5	1.48/48	45.9	7.8	Med-tall
	PHY 881 RF	Medium to full statured Pima variety suited for medium to heavy clay soil types. Provides Excellent yield potential. Tolerant to Fusarium Race 4.		NA	Early-mid	Semi-smooth	VG	4.5	1.49/48	46.2	7.6	Med-tall
	— NEW —	Full-season, full-statured Pima variety that provides improved yield potential on marginal or tough soil types. Tolerant to Fusarium Race 4.		NA	Early	Semi-smooth	VG	4.8	1.49/48	46.5	NA	Med-tall
ACALA	PHY 764 WRF	Broadly adapted Acala variety with exceptional yield potential and staple length.	 		Mid	Semi-smooth	G	4.2	1.21/38	36.5	8.0	Med

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meetings on Saturday afternoon. This opportunity to review the program committee recommendations in depth will enable the delegate body to consider the resolutions during Sunday's General Session without a lengthy review process. This approach is not meant to circumvent any debate or discussion. Delegates will have the opportunity to initiate discussion on the recommendations during Sunday's session. Every Council delegate has been asked to serve on one of the six program committees. Because these committees meet on Saturday morning, delegates and program committee advisors should arrive in Fort Worth on Friday. The resolution process and conduct of other official business of the Council are intended to promote maximum attendance at Sunday morning's General Session. Accordingly, all delegates should arrange departures late enough on Sunday afternoon to permit attendance and participation during the entire Sunday morning program. Special activities include the "Welcome to Fort Worth" reception for all attendees on Friday night, the Saturday Luncheon and the Prayer Breakfast on Sunday morning. Business attire is appropriate for all meeting events. For details and to make reservations, please visit [www.cotton.org](http://www.cotton.org).

#### **Association Testifies to CA Water Commission**

The **California Water Commission** convened in Sacramento to listen to the technical presentations of applicants for the Water Storage Investment Program (WSIP). **Director of Regulatory Affairs Jodi Raley** attended the meeting to show support for both Sites Reservoir and the Temperance Flat Reservoir Project. Raley had the oppor-



tunity to provide comments of support for the Temperance Flat Reservoir. Raley stated that after the devas-

tating effects the drought had on valley agriculture and jobs that the Temperance Flat project was necessary for the long term survival of the industry in the state. Additionally, Raley cited that water will become an increasingly precious resource as farmers begin to feel the pressure of achieving the goals of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act. The Association supports and has provided letters of support for both Sites Reservoir and Temperance Flat Reservoir and will continue to take advantage of opportunities to engage on the matter to ensure the dams get built!

#### **Truck and Bus Reporting Set to Start Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>**

California Air Resources Board (CARB) is set to open their Truck and Bus Reporting System on January 1<sup>st</sup>. ARB tracks mileage accrued on vehicles from year to year, and allows certain mileage limits per year, based on the compliance option selected by operation in previous years. Many of you have registered your Module Haulers under the Ag Mileage Extension, which allows agricultural vehicles to travel up to 15,000 miles per year until 2019. Post -2019, that mileage threshold will then be dropped to only allowing 10,000 miles to be traveled by a single vehicle per year. The Ag Mileage Extension option is the only compliance mechanism that allows for that many miles to be put on a vehicle, outside of retrofitting your equipment with a PM filter, or by purchasing a 2010 or newer vehicle. There are several changes to this year's compliance requirements with the TRUCRS system. Thanks to Senate Bill 1 which passed this past year, the most significant change requires that truck fleets be compliant with the Truck and Bus Reporting System in order to receive valid DMV registrations for your vehicles. Other newly requirements for reporting in 2018 include 100% PM Filters for all vehicles registered under the Low Mileage Work Truck Exemption, Small fleets must have 3 vehicles equipped with retrofitted PM Filters, and lastly all vehicles registered under the PM Filter Phase-In Option must have PM Filters equipped in all equipment.

If you have any questions, need help updating your fleet, or have run into a compliance issue, please feel free to contact **Chris McGlothlin** with the Association at [chris@ccgga.org](mailto:chris@ccgga.org) or by phone at (559) 252-0684.

#### **Association Testifies at SWB Board Hearing on East San Joaquin Revised Draft**

Last month, the Association's Director of Technical Services, **Chris McGlothlin**, testified in front of the State Wa-

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ond draft, which was released in October, kept some of the previous provisions in while conceding others. The current draft includes provisions to maintain the 3<sup>rd</sup> party coalitions' role in collecting and submitting data to the Regional Board, requiring all growers to obtain a CCA certification for the plans submitted to coalitions no matter what vulnerability their area is designated as, increased surface water monitoring for all coalitions and domestic well sampling to be conducted by growers that supply homes with water. The Association pointed out in its comments that the cost associated with compliance in these programs

ter Resources Control Board (SWB) in opposition to the proposed changes included in the Revised Draft for the East San Joaquin Water Quality Coalition General Order. The Revised Draft is the result of a workshop held in 2016 after the East San Joaquin Water Quality Coalition's General Order was petitioned. The first round of staff-made changes included the elimination of 3<sup>rd</sup> party Coalitions as a means to submit information to, increased water sampling and testing as well as a reduction in privacy for growers with that data submitted directly to the Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board). The sec-

has increased well over 100% in the past 5 years, and that these new requirements will undoubtedly increase costs further. Adding the cost of CCA certification for growers' plans, and the lacking number of CCA's currently available, will make compliance with the certification requirements difficult and the cost for available CCA's to increase. On top of that, there are other regulatory programs set to begin in the next year that focus primarily on well sampling, so the Association sees this inclusion as duplicative and unnecessary. The Board will consider the draft early in 2018 so stay tuned.