

# **California Cotton Ginners & Growers Association**

## **2021 Annual Meeting**

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# ILRP

- Proposed Program Fee Proposal
  - ILRP has a proposed increase of 7.8%
  - All programs under SWB oversight set to increase
- Salt Control Program Approved by EPA
  - Will be incorporated into ILRP
  - Growers with Individual WDR's will be affected the most; coalition participants have already been meeting requirement



# Advanced Clean Truck Regulation

- Manufacturer Requirement to deploy ZEV's
- Focusing on businesses with \$50 million in sales
  - Also applicable to fleet owners with 50+ vehicles
- CARB is requiring Large Entities subject to the rule to report their fleet through CARB's Database
  - One time reporting requirement for a company's fleet



# Heavy Duty Vehicle Inspection Maintenance Program (HDVIMP)

- Looking at regular maintenance checks on newer equipment
  - Telematic Reporting – Diagnostics sent straight to CARB
  - Quick Stop Testing
- Fleet reporting requirement
  - Fee required to maintain compliance
- CARB envisions your operations turning away non-compliant trucking companies who are still operating
  - Association testified in opposition to this addition in the regulation





# Ag Tractors

- Requirements of SIP
  - 12,500 tractors replaced by 2024
  - GGRF funds will help push date out, other incentive pools
  - Mandatory rule in 2025 if reductions are not met
- As of 2019, Ag had met half of the emission reductions required
  - Need continued funding



# Incentive Funding Update

- Governor's proposed 2021 budget allocates \$170 million over 2 years
  - Huge increase from previous years
  - Ag has been encouraged to ask for more funding
  - Air District currently has a waitlist for all incentive project categories, but you should still submit your project application



# Incentive Funds

- Cap & Trade Deal
  - Tractors & Harvesters
    - 60% incentives
  - ATVs
    - 75% incentives
  - Trucks
    - 65% incentives
    - Can purchase used truck (<650k mi.)





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# FSMA – Animal Feed Rule

- Preventive controls rule
  - Exempt from cGMPs
  - Risk assessment & supply chain program??
    - Only 13% of cotton gins fall into rule
  - Worked w/ Federal Legislators
  - FDA will address it and gins will not be covered! – **BUT WHEN???**



# Night Time Activities

- Main requirements:
  - 10 ft. candles w/in 25 ft.
  - Reflective clothing
  - Traffic pattern daily!
- CalOSHA Hearing in April
  - CCGGA one of only 4 groups to testify in opposition



# Water

- Water Blueprint
  - Integrated projects and administrative actions
  - Overcoming 2-3 MAF overdraft per year
  - Association is supportive, engaged and sits on Policy Committee to advance objective
  - Technical Review Phase



# Indoor Heat Illness

- Legislation requires Cal/OSHA to draft heat illness and injury prevention standards for indoor worksites
- Several meetings have been held
- Final draft out, still bad
  - Would include gins & farm shops!
  - Association continues to oppose





# Workplace Violence Standard

- Proposed Workplace Violence standard for General Industry
  - Plan
  - Procedures
  - Training
  - Reporting
  - Investigating
- CCGGA continues to monitor



# COVID-19 Efforts

- Vaccine Events
- Numerous webinars
- Information portal
- Training
- COVID -19 Toolkit
- COVID -19 Plan
- Videos – **on the website!**
  - *Masks, Distancing, handwashing*



# Sticky Cotton Summit

- First Virtual Summit
  - Presentation by UCCE research specialist, USDA ARS, Chemical manufactures
  - Best Practices
  - Prevention
- Research w/ USDA ARS
- Aphid/Whitefly monitoring ongoing



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# Pesticide Activities

- Neonics – 2 sets of comments
  - Seed treatments
    - Now fighting legislation to ban treated seed!
  - Mitigation measures
- Transform (sulfoxaflor)
  - Pushing for full registration
- AgriLogic (Aldicarb)
  - Registration under review at CDPR
  - Need five (5) studies





# Bumblebee Issue

- Activist petition under CESA
- Pesticides mentioned several times as a factor/threat
- CA Department of Fish & Wildlife to move forward w/ evaluation
- Ag groups have filed petition for writ of mandate, including CCGGA & WAPA
  - UPDATE! Court agrees with us – Petition Granted!
- Attorney General appeals case!



# Export Issue

- Lack of containers & chassis
- Ocean cargo carriers delaying/cancelling contracts
- Major Covid impacts on longshoremen
- CCGGA efforts
  - FMC & Department of Commerce
  - Congress, Senate & District Export Councils



# General Rate Cases

- PG&E –
  - Phase 1 settled = 15% increase by 2023
  - Phase 2 (proposed) = 7% for ag only by 2022 and 13% by 2025 (additional)
- SCE – revised proposal = \$2.27 billion or 36% by end of 2023

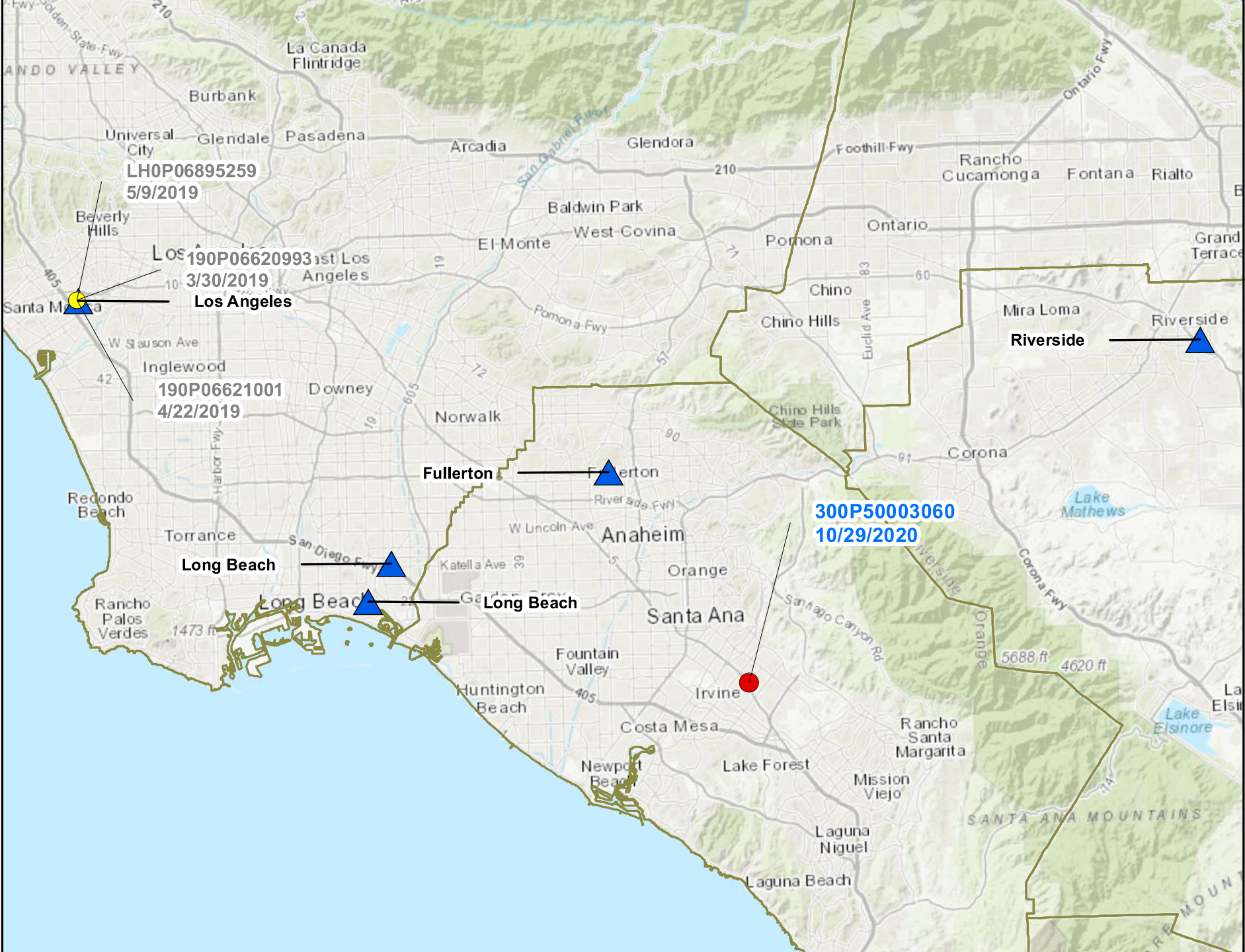


# Cotton Seed Bug

- Single find in LA County in 2019
- 5 finds in 2020 in LA, Orange and Riverside Counties
- Severe damage to seed and lint
- Not found in US, but prevalent in Pakistan
- No known pheromone or trap







LH0P06895259  
5/9/2019

190P06620993  
3/30/2019  
Los Angeles

190P06621001  
4/22/2019

Long Beach

Long Beach

300P50003060  
10/29/2020

Riverside



# Property and Stock Insurance

- Premium are rising, if you can get them!
- Consequence of huge insurance industry losses from wildfires
- Working w/ State Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara
  - Possible solutions (FAIR Program)???



# Cotton Socks

- "Stand Down" Event for Homeless Veterans
- Supports Senate Pro Tem Toni Atkins
- California Grown & American Made!
- 1,500 pairs delivered in 2020







# Association

- Financially solid
- Acreage decreases have hurt
- CCA support
- WAPA contributions on the rise
- Great young staff!





# Information

- [www.ccgga.org](http://www.ccgga.org)
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