

June 10, 2025  
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**FOOD & AG  
ISSUES SUMMIT  
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Sheraton Grand Sacramento  
Sacramento, California  
All times listed below are in Pacific

## **Navigating new waves of challenges and opportunities**

With California losing millions of acres of valuable farmland, continued water and labor challenges, and the Trump administration navigating new tariffs, food and agricultural issues seem ripe for disruption in ways that we've not seen in recent decades. How will California lawmakers, regulators and innovators deal with these challenges and opportunities? Our Food & Ag Issues Summit on June 10 in Sacramento will bring together leading voices on these topics.

- 8 a.m. Welcome:** Agri-Pulse Founder and Publisher Sara Wyant
- 8:10 a.m. What the “Big Shrink” means for the future of tree nuts and horticulture in California**  
*Moderator: TBA*
- Matt Wolfe, Terrain
  - David Magaña, Rabobank
- 9 a.m. Understanding the increasing costs of California’s regulatory landscape**  
Lynn Hamilton, Cal Poly
- 9:20 a.m. Unlocking the roadmap for the ag economy of California**  
*Moderator: Sara Wyant*
- Rob Trice, Better Food Ventures
  - Walt Duflock, Western Growers
  - Mike Way, Prime Time
- 10:10 a.m. Break**
- 10:40 a.m. Triple wins: How rice fields feed consumers, wildlife and the economy**  
*Moderator: TBA*
- Adam Putnam, CEO, Ducks Unlimited
  - Tim Johnson, California Rice Commission
  - Curtis Knight, California Trout
  - Wade Crowfoot, California Secretary for Natural Resources (invited)
- 11:30 a.m. CDFA Secretary Karen Ross (invited)**

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**11:45 a.m. Lunch**

**12:30 p.m. Keynote:** USDA Sec. Brooke Rollins (invited)

**1:15 p.m. A new era for California pesticide regulation**

*Moderator: TBA*

- Karen Morrison, DPR (invited)
- Lindsey Carter, CACASA

**2 p.m. View from the California Capitol**

*Moderator: TBA*

- Sen. Melissa Hurtado
- Sen. Monique Limón (invited)
- Assemblymember Dr. Jasmeet Bains (invited)
- Sen. Christopher Cabaldon (invited)

**2:45 p.m. Break**

**3:15 p.m. New solutions to address water scarcity**

**3:45 p.m. Perspectives from the C-Suite: Navigating Through Uncertain Times**

*Moderator: TBA*

- Shannon Douglas, California Farm Bureau
- Dave Puglia, Western Growers
- Roger Isom, Western Tree Nut Association
- Alexi Rodriguez, Almond Alliance
- Natalie Collins, California Association of Winegrape Growers

**4:45 p.m. Great Tomato Challenge Winner**

**5 p.m. Agri-Pulse Customer Appreciation Reception**

**7 p.m. Reception ends**