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Workshops provide information on reporting flood damage

By Lisa McEwen

In advance of record snowmelt expected to flow into the Tulare Lake basin, Kings County Farm Bureau partnered with Excelsior/Kings River Resource Conservation District to co-host two disaster relief workshops in May.

The goal of the meetings, held May 10 at West Hills College and May 17 at the Kings Fairgrounds, was

to provide updated information on conditions, help property owners navigate the multitude of assistance programs available, and encourage continued reporting of damage and losses.

“These were put together because growers and land owners have been reaching out, wondering what resources are available to assist with flood damage,” said Dusty Ference, KCFB executive director. “We hoped that bringing several resources together to present at the same time might clear up some confusion and point growers to the right



Speakers from the May 17th Workshop held at the Kings Fairgrounds: Dusty Ference, Senior Deputy Fausnett, Kristee Lee, Theresa Barajas, Debbie Raven, Serena Ramos, Taylor Hamlet, Rebecca Garcia, Blair Bain.
Photo by Breanna Larman

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Chad Souza is newest board member

By Lisa McEwen

Kings County native Chad Souza is looking forward to deepening his agriculture advocacy as the newest member of the Kings County Farm Bureau board of directors.

It's a natural step for Souza, who grew up on a local farm, holds degrees in food science and works with farmers and ranchers every day as a loan officer at AgWest Farm Credit in Hanford.

“My generation is at the age that they're established in their careers and have benefitted from what the previous generations have built and preserved,” he said. “We have lived long enough to understand and appreciate what's been handed down to us. So it's time for us to shift our focus from being a recipient to doing our part to preserve and afford success to the generation after us.”

Being involved with Farm Bureau is the best way to advocate for farmers and ranchers, he said, as the organization understands the constant barrage of challenges the industry faces.

Souza said he would like to serve on KCFB's finance, policy and issues and scholarship committees.

This service will blend easily with his other volunteer roles. Many in the community may recognize Souza (and his voice) because of his occasional role as an auctioneer for local nonprofits such as CASA of Kings County, Hanford Rotary, and Hanford FFA.

Because of his familiarity with and enjoyment of auctions, Souza also serves as chairman of the Kings Fair Junior Livestock Auction Committee. (The Kings Fair runs June 15-18).

Coordinating the auction is one way to pay it forward.

“4-H and FFA were incredibly important in my development as a youngster,” he said. “The fair is the culminating

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Chad Souza



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Representing agriculture with Senate Leadership

By Dusty Ference, Executive Director



Dusty Ference

Last month, I received an invitation from State Senator Melissa Hurtado to speak with a group of Senate leaders about flooding in Kings County. Speakers for the meeting included: ag industry groups, county and city leadership, farmworker organizations, and community benefit non-profits from Kings and Tulare Counties. Our audience included Senate Majority Leader Mike McGuire, Assistant Leader Susan Eggman, and Senators; Maria Elena Durazo, Melissa Hurtado, Susan Rubio, and Congressman Jim Costa.

Called on the heels of Governor

Newsom's May revision to the State budget, this meeting focused on the impacts the flood has had and will have on the community and the local economy. Having Senate leadership spend time in the County to learn how impactful this flood will be on the entire region is essential, and having the community so well represented at the meeting is telling. Sharing the implications to the area, including lost tax revenue, job loss, and struggles of those displaced, left a mark on the Senators. They experienced first-hand how vital agriculture is to the region, how our industry provides jobs and is the County's economic backbone.

Participating speakers did their part; they connected with state leadership. Sharing first-account stories of affected families and businesses, all with the same goal in mind, bringing additional resources into Kings and Tulare Counties to help the region recover as much and as fast as possible from the blessing of too much water too fast. 🌱



Dusty Ference, Senate Majority Leader Mike McGuire, Assistant Leader Susan Eggman and Tulare County Farm Bureau Executive Director Tricia Blattler at Senator Melissa Hurtado's conversation event about Kings County flooding last month.

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event for those groups and the auction is an opportunity for the kids to make money for future projects or start a college fund. The money I earned through that sale was a tremendous help in paying for my education so I am very motivated to do what I can to make sure we have the best sale possible."

Souza earned a bachelor's in food science from Fresno State, and with the encouragement of a professor there, pursued a master's at University of Illinois. He returned to the Valley and spent several years working on the operations side of food manufacturing, where he learned all aspects of the business, including human resources and leadership. Souza said he enjoys working with numbers, and his interest in ag finance was piqued by colleagues he admired.

"I was longing to reconnect more directly with farming and people I grew up around and Farm Credit West gave me that opportunity," he said. "Growing up on a farm or in a farming community, you learn to speak the language and relate to the lifestyle. I get to do that every day with colleagues and clients. It motivates you to do the best you can for them because I understand them on a personal level." 🌱



KCFB's newest Board of Directors David Kahn, Julie Martella, Chad Souza at the May board meeting. Photo by Breanna Larman

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organizations for the most help on their farm.”

As of press time, more than 78,000 acres of permitted farm land was flooded. The agricultural commissioner’s office estimates that number could increase to 230,000, with crop losses of \$150 million up to \$325 million. The majority of the crops impacted thus far are cotton, safflower, wheat and tomatoes, although some permanent orchards and dairies have been impacted and in some cases are still underwater.

The Sierra Nevada snowpack is estimated at nearly 300 percent of normal.

Several speakers provided information to audience members at each workshop, attended by farmers and residents alike. Speakers included Kristine Lee, Kings County Assessor/Clerk/Recorder, Debbie Raven of Valley Small Business Development Corp., California Department of Food and Agriculture Undersecretary Christine Birdsong, Mario Gutierrez of the Kings County Agricultural Commissioner’s Office and Deputy Dakotah Fausnett of the Kings County Sheriff’s Department. Representatives of the United States Department of Agriculture’s Farm Service Agency (FSA) discussed parameters and requirements of programs such



as the Tree Assistance Program (TAP), Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) and the Emergency Loan Program (ELP). A representative from the Natural Resources Conservation Service discussed details of the Emergency Watershed Program, with funding available for equipment repair and re-establishing vehicle access, among others.

Business cards, handouts, flyers and forms were available to the audience members, who were encouraged to reach out with questions and for help in determining if they were eligible for any assistance.

Kings County Assessor Kristine Lee offered a message of compassion at the May 10 workshop.

“We can’t control Mother Nature, but we can respond,” she said, noting that her office has prioritized landowners with flood damage. As of May 10, Lee said 740 parcels were affected, with an assessed value of \$204.8 million. She cautioned that if properties begin to sell, the value of neighboring parcels will be affected.

Those with affected property can apply for a one year reassessment by filling out a one page form at the office. Parcels underwater will be assessed at a zero value, and once the lake recedes, values will be reinstated.

“It is inevitable that more parcels will be affected. We just want to stay on top of this,” she said.

“We want to help any way we can.”



Marilyn and Henry Fryer, who previously raised cattle and horses on five acres in Lemoore just a half-mile from the Kings River, said the workshop was informative.

“We came to get an idea of what is out there,” Marilyn said. “Thankfully we don’t have any damage yet.”

Ference said the importance of reporting damage cannot be overstated.

“The more known information about damages, the more assistance will become available,” he said. To report damage, go to www.countyofkings.com/community/2023-flood. 🌱

AG NEWS IN BRIEF

May 11, 2023 Governor Newsome released the May revision of the State's budget. The revision included an announced that will provide funding to raise the Corcoran levee. Additionally, the revision includes \$290 million in new flood proposals:

- \$125 million to support preparedness, response and recovery related to the 2023 storms – funding shifted from drought contingency to flood contingency to address the weather whiplash California is facing;
- \$75 million to support local flood control projects;
- \$25 million to expand the current California Small Agricultural Business Drought Relief Grant Program to provide direct assistance to eligible agriculture-related businesses that have been affected by the recent storms;
- \$25 million for potential additional disaster relief and response costs in this fiscal year to address immediate impacts;
- \$40 million for the San Joaquin Floodplain restoration
- The \$290 million is in addition to January's proposal of \$202 million for flood investments,

Delta region levees and SGMA support in the Central Valley bringing this year's total water investment to \$492 million.

April 28, 2023, the California Air Resources Control Board passed the Advanced Clean Fleets Regulation focused on replacing medium and heavy-duty truck and bus fleets in California with zero-emission vehicles by 2045. The regulation affects drayage operations, local, State, and federal governments, and high priority fleets. High priority fleets are entities that own, operate, or direct at least one vehicle in California, and that have either \$50 million or more in gross annual revenues, or that own, operate, or have common ownership or control of a total of 50 or more vehicles (excluding light-duty package delivery vehicles). The regulation affects medium- and heavy-duty on-road vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) greater than 8,500 pounds, off-road yard tractors, and light-duty mail and package delivery vehicles.

California Labor Code Section 2802 states:

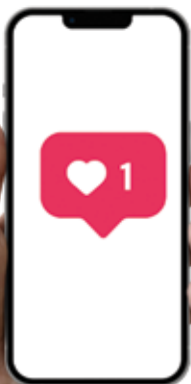
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of his or her duties, or of his or her obedience to the directions of the employer, even though unlawful, unless the employee, at the time of obeying the directions, believed them to be unlawful.

This means that employers must reimburse employees for necessary expenses they cover in the course of their employment. Often people think about fuel and auto expenses, or home internet used for work, but the same applies to mobile phone and data usages, even if employees do not incur additional expenses.

If an employer fails to reimburse its employees for the necessary business expenses that employees incur in connection with the discharge of their job duties, the employer can face a wage and hour lawsuit, and, if successful, the plaintiff can recover all reasonable costs, including attorney's fees, incurred by the employee enforcing their rights, which can be significant. Additionally, if a company fails to pay its employees for necessary business expenses on a company-wide basis, the company may face a class action, or a claim pursuant to the Private Attorneys General Act (PAGA), or both. 🗣️

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Community involvement is heating up for the summer

By Breanna Larman, Executive Assistant

If April showers bring May flowers, what do May flowers bring? Pilgrims

We had the pleasure of partnering with Excelsior Kings River Resource Conservation District to put on two Flood Disaster Relief Workshops. We went into the communities of Lemoore and Hanford to provide relief information for those affected by the recent flooding. We also hosted a FELS training where 17 employees of different areas of the industry were certified for the required FDA approved Produce Safety Training and AB-2183 (Card Check). These trainings are made affordable (\$35) to members by the supporting grant given by California Department of Food and Agriculture. Both areas of learning provided at the May 18th training session are modernized standards of operation in the ag industry. "To be a farmer is to be a student forever, for each day brings something new," John Connell.

Coming up, I'm looking forward to attending the Kings Fair Junior Livestock Auction Saturday, June 17th. As a former FFA and fair kid, I'm excited to be back in the sale barn. Good luck to all the students that have worked hard to have thriving livestock projects. The lessons taught by not only your animal, but of FFA/4H will be long lasting. You are the youth that will cultivate the next generation of our industry.

With June being National Dairy Month, the fair is a great way to celebrate that area of not only agriculture but of Kings County. Milk was the number one commodity in Kings County per the 2021 Crop Report. With 170,000 head of dairy cows 2 years and older, we are ranked fifth in production in California, and California has been ranked number one in production nationwide since 1993. 🗣️

Ag Commissioner's Compliance Report



Jimmy Hook,
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Managing Rodents Adjacent to Earthen Structures

Contributed by Mario Gutierrez

It is very common for rodents such as squirrels and gophers to live on the perimeter of crop land rather than within. Many times, the perimeter of a grower's field is adjacent to an earthen structure such as a canal bank or levee system. When compromised by burrowing rodents the damage to earth structures could lead to flooding of agricultural and non-agricultural land. In California, growers may be able to purchase a rodent bait product sold by the County Agricultural Commissioner's office to help minimize the damage caused by some rodent pests.

Because the crop is often too wet, squirrels and gophers might live on the perimeter of fields. They feed on vegetation growing on or within the perimeter of non-crop borders and rights-of-ways adjacent to canal banks, ditch banks, and levees. Feeding inward on the fields. Burrowing rodents dig tunnels up to 50 meters in length and 75 meters in depth. They dig holes inside earth structures in search of food or for a habitat which leads to erosion and displacement. Soil excavation by rodents can alter the integrity of tightly compacted soil the levee relies upon to withstand water pressure on the embankment. The tunnels may not be long enough to extend the embankments distance, but a burrow in an earth structure can promote increased water seepage and contributes to piping, which is the internal erosion of levee or canal material. The voids created within embankments can collapse and soil disturbance around burrow openings can promote erosion that alters the profile of the structure. The adverse impact on the performance and structural integrity of an irrigation canal or levee system is a threat to public safety



and agriculture and has been implicated as a cause of levee or canal failures resulting in floods.

In California there are about 14,000 miles of public and private levees protecting millions of people, critical infrastructure, and agricultural crops. Vegetation management on levees, canal or ditch banks might affect burrowing rodents that are considered threats to integrity of

earth structures. Unfortunately, there are varying habitat types along levees and irrigation canals. These levees and canals are managed by numerous agencies, employing different techniques. Guidelines published in 2009 by the United States Army Corps of Engineers call for the removal of trees and shrubs from levees and replacement with grassland vegetation. Unfortunately, the topic of vegetation management along levees and canals has received little study. The studies I researched were not conducted using any specific method, most just monitored the number of burrows and the results are considered anecdotal. If you grow crops or maintain property adjacent to earthen structures, you need to continually monitor sites for activity. In some research, squirrel numbers were shown to increase with shrub cover and barren grassland areas on the land side of an embankment. Both squirrels and gophers avoided burrows near tree canopy and leaf litter, possibly due to the tall trees impeding detection of predators and little vegetation. Squirrel populations on embankments were greater near fruit and nut trees. Gophers preferred fibrous roots and deep tap roots along the earth structures embankments. It is believed the conversion to grassland will likely result in an increase in

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rodent populations, thereby increasing the potential threat on the integrity of an earthen structure, but a recent study indicated in taller grassland areas burrow counts did not increase. In most cases, rodent populations tend to be lower when levees were constructed with riprap, gravel, and pavement.

The products available from our office are anticoagulants and a zinc phosphide treated grain rodenticide. They have shown to be an easy and cost-effective method to control squirrels. Prior to purchasing one of the available products, you should review the label to determine if you can legally apply it in your area and how the product should be applied. All the product we sell recommend pre-baiting the area to check for acceptance of the grain prior to placing the toxic bait. The 0.005% concentration of Rodent Bait Diphacinone Treated Grain to control squirrels can be applied within an inverted T style bait station. Placement of the stations can be around the perimeter between the habitat and the field boarder. The squirrel might need to become accustomed to the station and feeding could last up to four weeks. This product is also allowed for spot baiting of squirrels in vineyards, orchards, and groves after harvest and during the dormant season. The Rodent Bait Diphacinone Treated Grain concentrated at 0.01% can be used as a broadcast bait to control squirrels. The product is applied using a

ground based mechanical spreader to the portions of an infested area, usually on the right-of-way area between the field boarder and adjacent area. The Rodent Bait Zinc Phosphide Treated Grain product is registered for use to control squirrels in right-of-way and crop borders. Prior to using the toxic bait, pre-baiting with untreated grain in strongly recommended because the squirrel might initially reject the treated grain. Pre-baiting is done by applying the nontoxic bait throughout the proposed treatment area by the same method for applying toxic bait as stated it enhances ground squirrel bait acceptance. The label states hand baiting is allowed by applying one teaspoon (4 grams) of bait on the ground within 3 feet of active burrows. Most growers do not purchase our treated bait for gopher control. Rather they purchase a Strychnine treated products that are placed directly into the burrowing system. Due to a supply change shortage our office is not able to provide the Rodent Bait Chlorophacinone Treated Grain products, but when available they are applied in a similar method as the Diphacinone products.

Growers likely farm adjacent to one of the 14,000 miles of levees or some other type of canal conveying and holding back water. It is very common for rodents such as squirrels and

gophers to maintain habitat along levees and canals. When compromised by erosion or soil displacement caused by burrowing rodents the damage to earth structures put the public, critical infrastructure, and agricultural crops at risk due to potential flooding. To prevent this damage growers should constantly monitor populations and consider vegetation management to alter the habitat of the rodent causing damage. You may also be able to purchase a rodent bait product sold by the County Agricultural Commissioner’s office to help control the rodent pest and minimize the damage caused. Our office is available to aid with site evaluations and locations for management practices. If you have any questions regarding the products available form our office, please call 559-852-2830. 📞



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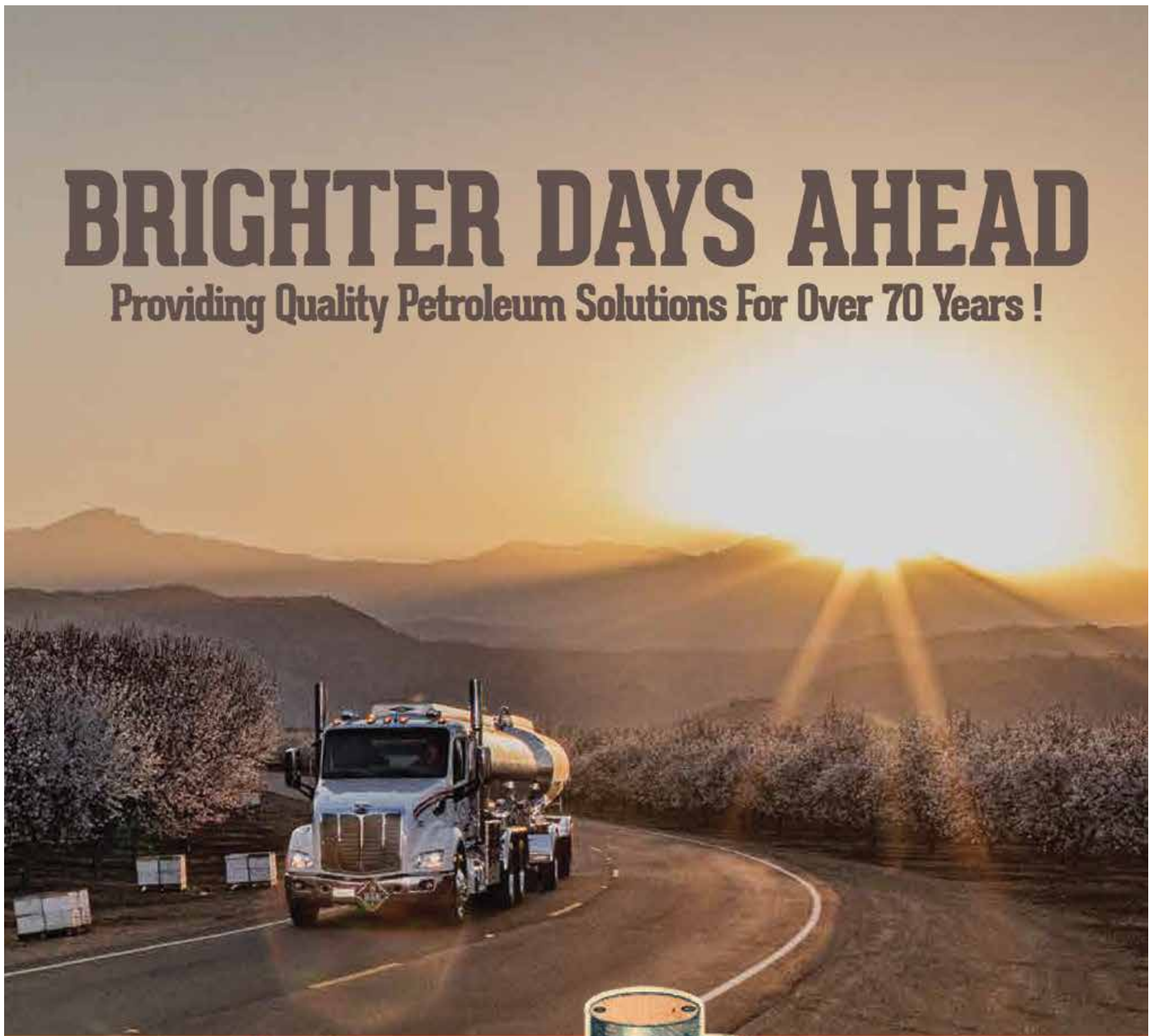
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Kings County Rural Crime Report

Theft is on the rise, mark your equipment

Contributed by Detective Dakotah Fausnett



Throughout the month of May, the Kings County Rural Crimes Task Force has been busy investigating copper fuel thefts, burglaries, trailer thefts and assisting with flood watch at the Tulare Lake and the Kings River. We recovered a CAT Skid Steer from Corcoran that was stolen in Tulare County. There has been a rise in trailer thefts and diesel fuel thefts. We encourage members to lock and secure their diesel fuel tanks and if possible, do not leave them in easily accessible areas.

Also, if you have a custom-built trailer with no identifying VIN number, you can bring the trailer to the California Highway Patrol to have it registered with a blue tag or reach out to the Sheriff's Office to have an owner applied number (OAN) stamped onto it. Custom-built trailers with no identifiable numbers on them are difficult to track down and recover.

The Sheriff's Office has been diligently monitoring the Tulare Lake flooding in Corcoran and the status of the Kings River along the North side of the county. We urge everyone to obey all road closure signs and do not attempt to drive through any flooded areas. There have been several rescues by helicopter and by boat in the Tulare Lake due to subjects ignoring the road closures and driving on the flooded roadways. The Kings River is currently closed to all activity on or in the water but is now open for any shore activity in the publicly accessible areas. Individuals found on the river will be cited under authority of Penal Code 409.5(a). You can find information on flooding, road closures, maps and more at <https://www.countyofkings.com/community/2023-flood>

As always it is imperative that if anyone knows of or hears of any buying or selling obviously stolen equipment, to call the Sheriff's Office. Also, please report all thefts or vandalisms as soon as possible. We continue to investigate all Ag related thefts and encourage members to call and report all Ag related crimes. If we do not receive calls from our members and community we may not be aware of certain crimes occurring in your area. If you have any questions, feel free to call any of our unit members at any time. 🙌

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