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A Rainy Winter in Kings County? – Maybe

By Steve Pastis

This year's winter forecast for Kings County may mean more rain than normal – but then again, it might not.

“You actually live in a very interesting part of the country,” said meteorologist Scott Handel, head of forecast operations for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). He explained that there is “a strong chance” that El Niño will bring above average precipitation to Kings County. “But recent trends tend to favor a dry winter. The end result is that a strong El Niño will bring strong precipitation to Southern California, but Kings County is on the border of where the uncertainty is.”

Handel has more confidence in predicting a dry winter for Northern California, “but it’s really a different call for Kings County.”

“If you want to know what the weather will be like within the next week, a weather forecast can give you a really good idea of what to expect,” states one of the NOAA websites. “A seven-day forecast can accurately predict the weather

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California Minimum Wage to Rise to \$16 on Jan. 1; CAFB Questions the Increase

Carl Borden, Senior Counsel, California Farm Bureau Legal Services Division

Per California Labor Code section 1182.12, subdivision (c)(1), the director of the California Department of Finance issued on July 31 a notice that the state’s minimum wage will be \$16 an hour in 2024. The 2023 minimum wage is \$15.50.

And because it is based on the minimum wage, the minimum salary of a qualifying executive, administrative, or professional employee classified as exempt from minimum wage, overtime premium pay, and time-recordkeeping requirements in 2024 will climb to \$1,280 per week (monthly equivalent: \$5,547; annual equivalent: \$66,560). The 2023 minimum weekly salary is \$1,240 (monthly equivalent: \$5,374; annual equivalent: \$64,480).

On Aug. 10, California Farm Bureau’s Legal Services Division sent to the director of the Department of Finance a letter questioning the calculation the agency used in setting the minimum wage at \$16 for 2024. The letter asserts that the unusual method specified in the statute for determining whether the minimum wage is to be increased—and if so, by how much—in fact warrants no increase for 2024.

The letter further notes that even under a more typical and straightforward calculation based simply on the increase calculated by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics of 2.3 percent in the U.S. Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) from July 2022 through June 2023, the minimum wage in 2024 should be only \$15.90. 🗣️





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Executive Directors Report

By Dusty Ference, Executive Director



Dusty Ference

Last month, Farm Life's cover format differed from any other issue and was chosen to call attention to the story. In case you missed it, the story was on SGMA. That story tried to convey that the State Water Board (SWB) will soon manage groundwater in the Kings subbasin. We had hoped to know more about how and when the SWB would contact growers by now and told readers that updates would come from us as soon as we learned more.

We know that Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSA) are expected to participate in a probationary hearing at the SWB. That hearing date still needs to be set. The SWB must provide 90 days' notice before the hearing, meaning the hearing will only take place after the first of the year. In the meantime, GSA will continue to update the subbasin's groundwater sustainability plan (GSP) as GSAs prepare for the probationary hearing.

You can contribute to the groundwater sustainability agency or agencies that cover your farm. Everyone should contact their GSA and, if you haven't already, add yourself to their list of interested parties. Once on the list, you'll be notified of GSA board and sub-committee meetings. I understand that none of you needs another distraction to take your mind off the farm, but SGMA is, without a doubt, the most critical factor facing California farms and ranches. You need to participate; attending and contributing to GSA meetings is the best place to start. 🙌

Exciting things happening this fall

By Breanna Larman

Where do ghosts go on vacation?

Mali-Boo

September has been an exciting month for our membership renewals. On September 14th the membership committee and staff held our annual membership drive. During the membership drive we were able to make nearly 100 phone calls, connecting with all of the unrenewed members from 2022 and 2023. This resulted in great progress toward our 101% membership goal. If you need to renew or would like to join our membership, please contact Breanna at the office 559-584-3557.

We also took Board of Director headshots at our September board meeting. Photos were taken by photographer Bridgett Welch. Bridgett was voted Hanford's best photographer in 2022. These headshots are the first step to some exciting additions to our website, E-News and social media platforms. Keep an eye out for a Board of Directors introduction page on our website. This page will give you insight into who our board is and the role they play in the community outside of their positions at Farm Bureau.

Heading into October means we are heading into our event season. With at least one event a month for the next several months we have so many diverse opportunities to fellowship with our members. We are excited for trainings, a round golf, an annual meeting dinner, the holiday season, membership appreciation night at Visalia Rawhide and more! Also, added to our calendar is Salute to Ag. We are excited to be a part of this night celebrating Kings County agriculture. 🙌

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about 80% of the time and a five-day forecast can accurately predict the weather approximately 90% of the time. However, a ten-day – or longer – is only right about half the time.”

The website explains that meteorologists use computer programs to create weather models for their forecasts. “Since we can’t collect data from the future, models have to use estimates and assumptions to predict future weather. The atmosphere is changing all the time, so those estimates are less reliable the further you get into the future.”

NOAA, based in College Park Maryland, is the parent agency for the National Weather Service, which oversees the Climate Prediction Center (CPC). The CPC gathers information for its weather forecasts at its facility and from around the world.

In addition to incorporating weather trends for the past 15 years into its forecasts, the agency operates satellites to monitor temperatures along the California coast. Geostationary satellites orbiting at the same speed that the Earth rotates collect near-continuous images over the same area. Polar orbiting satellites orbit from pole to pole

to get a complete view of the Earth. The Deep Space Climate Observatory, which orbits one million miles from Earth, makes observations about ozone and aerosols in the atmosphere that affect weather.

The three-month weather outlook released on September 21, which Handel authored, showed that December, January, and February were more likely to bring above average rain in the southern third of the state.

The winter temperatures may be above normal in Central California, said Handel. “We’re favoring more above normal temperatures in Northern California, but we’re less confident in your area.”

He was more confident that there was little possibility of drought returning to Kings County anytime soon.

“The latest drought monitors do not have you in drought,” he said. “We’re not favoring any (drought) development in Kings County in the coming season.”

LAST WINTER’S FORECAST

Last year, the Climate Prediction Center did not predict a rainy winter until very late

autumn.

“In our winter outlook last year (for winter 2022-23), we were favoring below normal precipitation,” Handel said. “There are a lot of variables in an El Niña winter, and last year was an El Niña winter. In December, we had additional information and were pushing a wetter scenario. A seasonal outlook provides a general look and is modified accordingly.”

Handel strongly advises anyone who depends on the weather to periodically check for weather updates on NOAA’s “Three-Month Outlooks” page (<https://rb.gy/h0v5p>) on the National Weather Service website and plan accordingly. Outlooks are posted on the third Thursday of each month and offer the most current weather forecast for the following three months.

Last year, winter predictions from the San Joaquin Valley Weather Forecast Office in Hanford were based on forecast models indicating the California drought would continue at least through the winter of 2022-23 and beyond, unless there were three years of good precipitation.

Those predictions “would have been based on the Climate Prediction Center’s forecasts,” said meteorologist Jessica Chiari of the Hanford office. “I would have stood by that prediction. It would have been true if we were not hit by atmospheric river after atmospheric river.”

She noted that her office does not play a role in long-term forecasts.

“For us here, the next seven days are our main focus,” she said. “We use satellites, upper air balloons, and model data. We look at these and make predictions off of them.”

For longer term predictions, the Hanford office looks to the Climate Prediction Center.

THE OLD FARMER’S ALMANAC

Meanwhile, the 2024 Old Farmer’s Almanac predicts that, “Winter will be cooler and wetter than normal, with above-normal mountain snows,” for the Pacific Southwest region, which extends from the Mexican border to just south of Eureka (without the Inland Empire and Imperial County). “The coldest temperatures will occur in early and late November, early and late December, and late January. The stormiest periods will be in early and late January, early to mid-February, and mid-March.”

The publication’s forecast for last winter was accurate, according to its 2024 edition.

“Our accuracy in forecasting the direction of precipitation departure from normal for a representative city in each region was 100%,” the page reads. “Our forecast for a very wet winter in California was very accurate.”

According to the 2024 Old Farmer’s Almanac, a monthly average of 1.84” of rain above normal was predicted in last year’s edition for Fresno, our region’s representative city, for November 2022 through March 2023. The actual monthly average turned out to be 1.8” above normal.

The forecasters at The Old Farmer’s Almanac gather information for weather predictions differently than the Climate Prediction Center does.

“The Old Farmer’s Almanac continues to use the same formula that was originally devised by our founder, Robert B. Thomas, in 1792,” explained Sarah Perreault, senior editor of The Old Farmer’s Almanac. “This forecast formula is based on three scientific principles, including meteorology, climatology, and solar science, which is to say the study of the atmosphere, prevailing weather patterns, and solar activity.

“This formula has been enhanced and refined as we learn more about interactions between the ocean-atmosphere system, teleconnections, and climate change,” she continued. “This year, the arrival of El Niño points to a winter with more snow and colder temperatures than we have seen in the past three years when La Niña was present.” 🌱



Notice of Annual Meeting of the Members

Thursday, November 16th at 6 p.m.

Tickets are available for purchase.

Publication of Nominating Committee Report

As provided in Article VI, Section 2 of the corporation’s bylaws, the Nominating Committee of the corporation’s Board of Directors reports that it has nominated these persons to serve on the corporation’s Board of Directors:

Dino Gaicomazzi District 1

Michael Miya District 1

Shane Bickner District 3

Brian Potter District 3

Todd Fukuda At Large

Jon Garcia At Large

Keith Grabow At Large

Pete Hanse At Large

Monty Hoggard At Large

Kevin Robertson At Large

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No corporate officer received any nomination by voting-member petition by Oct 1, 2023, the date on which nominations closed as provided Article V, Section 4, of the corporation’s bylaws.

Declaration of Election of Those Nominated and Qualified

As provided in Article V, Section 6 of the corporation’s bylaws, because the number of persons nominated is more than the number of elected to the corporation’s Board of Directors, the corporation’s president declared that those persons named above, all of whom were nominated and are qualified to serve, have been elected without further action.

Kevin Robertson,
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Garrett Gilcrease,
Corporate Secretary

Ag Commissioner's Compliance Report



Jimmy Hook,
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Exotic Fruit Fly Detections, on the Rise in California

Contributed by Linda Schrumph

California's thriving agriculture industry has long been the backbone of the state's economy. However, it faces an ongoing battle against invasive pests that threaten to compromise both crop yields and food security. The California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) and the County Agricultural Commissioners are contending with an exceptionally busy season of invasive fruit fly detections.

Of recent concern, the detection of the *Bactrocera tau* fly, a highly destructive pest, resulting in the first Tau Fruit Fly quarantine in the western hemisphere, the Queensland fruit flies which have not been detected in over 30 years, and the commonly occurring Oriental Fruit Fly, Peach Fruit Fly, and Guava Fruit Fly detections.

California agriculture officials believe the increased detections are likely due to a return to normal activities, particularly, travel following the pandemic and the emergence of new commerce and smuggling pathways in recent years, including e-commerce.

If left unchecked, any of these exotic flies have the potential to cause billions in economic damage. In addition to economic concerns, the spread of the *Bactrocera tau* fly and other exotic fruit flies could disrupt local ecosystems and jeopardize native plant species. As an invasive species, the flies may have no natural predators in its new environment, allowing its populations to multiply rapidly and upset the balance of the ecosystem.

When detections of exotic invasive pests like the *Bactrocera tau* fly occur, the local County Agricultural Commissioner system plays a pivotal role in responding effectively to the threat. County Agricultural Commissioners serve as the first line of



defense against such pests, functioning as an integrated part of California's comprehensive pest management strategy.

These commissioners, well-versed in the intricacies of their respective counties' agricultural landscapes, are equipped to take immediate action when invasive species are identified. They collaborate closely with state agencies such as CDFA, research institutions, and industry stakeholders to develop and implement appropriate containment and eradication measures. This localized approach ensures that responses are tailored to the unique characteristics of each region, maximizing their efficiency and minimizing collateral damage.

CDFA works to exclude invasive species like these fruit flies by conducting parcel inspections by specially-trained detector dogs and border inspections along California's perimeter. Also, working with U.S. Customs and Border Protection, United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and several other states, by placing "Don't Pack a

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Each legislative cycle KCFB tracks bills that will impact agriculture employers. September 14, 2023, marked the end of this year's session and unfortunately, several bills passed that will impact agriculture employers throughout California. Among the most significant of those bills are:

- **SB 616** (Gonzalez, D-Long Beach) expanding the 2015 paid sick leave mandate on all employers from three days or twenty-four hours to five days or 40 hours per year. No provision was made to allow employers to verify that paid sick leave is being used for its intended purpose, or to allow paid sick leave compensation to be calculated using an employee's base rate of pay rather than being inflated by piece-rate earnings. This bill is still pending Governor Newsom's approval.
- **SB 497** (Smallwood-Cuevas, D-Los Angeles) creates a rebuttable presumption that

any adverse personnel action taken against an employee within 90 days after the employee took an action protected by the Labor Code (like filing a wage complaint with the Labor Commissioner) is retaliatory in nature, despite the long-standing judicial practice of considering time proximity of an employee's and employer's actions.

- **SB 143** (Budget Committee) created a temporary correction to the 2022 legislation determining that goat herders should not be paid the same wage as herders of sheep. The new goat herder wage standards shall be in effect until July 1, 2026. In the meantime, KCFB and other agriculture groups hope the state legislature will reach a permanent solution to this issue. Having a goat industry in California is imperative to help prevent wildfires throughout the state.

As reported in Agri-Pulse Daily Harvest – 9/26/2023, Nutrien president and CEO Ken Seitz says that U.S. growers can expect stable fertilizer prices this fall despite volatile prices in South America and Europe.

The Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) is updating its strategic plan with action-oriented, measurable goals to guide priorities over the next five years. According to the September 22, 2023 release for public feedback, DPR's draft 2024 Strategic Plan lays the groundwork for a streamlined, transparent, accountable department that centers its work around human health, equity and environmental justice, broad environmental protections, support for agriculture and community well-being, and economic vitality.

Updated DPR Mission: We protect human health and the environment by fostering sustainable pest management and regulating pesticides.

Updated DPR Vision: A California where pest management is safe, effective, and sustainable for everyone.

The department's commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) will also be reflected in its updated strategic plan. The goals outlined in the draft 2024 Strategic Plan claim to advance the department's mission, vision and commitment to equity and environmental justice. The draft is available on DPR's website in English and Spanish. DPR encourages feedback from all stakeholders on its draft 2024 Strategic Plan.

DPR will accept written comments on the draft 2024

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Pest” signage in the international border crossings to alert travelers not to pack or mail parcels containing fruits, vegetables, or meat products as they could contain invasive species, including fruit flies.

RECENT FRUIT FLIES OF CONCERN

Oriental Fruit Fly (OFF)

- Detections in several regions that have only had OFF detections rarely, if at all in the past, including Contra Costa, Sacramento, Merced, Fresno and Kern counties.

Current Fruit Fly Containment Projects:

- Tau Fly: Los Angeles County
- Guava Fruit Fly: Los Angeles, and Sonoma Counties
- Oriental Fruit Fly: Alameda, Contra Costa, Fresno, Kern, Los Angeles, Merced, Orange, Riverside, Sacramento, San Deigo, and Santa Clara counties
- Peach Fruit Fly: Los Angeles, Sacramento, and Santa Clara counties

The more frequently occurring detections of exotic fruit flies in California underscore the ever-present risks that invasive pests pose to California's agriculture. The potential impact on crop yields, economic stability, and ecological balance cannot be underestimated. The local county agricultural commissioner system serves as a crucial protection against such threats, showcasing the significance of its role in safeguarding the state's agricultural heritage. As California's farmers and stakeholders unite to combat the challenges posed by these invasive fruit flies, they emphasize the importance of a coordinated, localized response in protecting the future of agriculture in the Golden State.

If you have questions about exotic fruit fly detections or would like more information, please feel free to contact, Lynda Schrumpp, Kings County Department of Agriculture, agstaff@co.kings.ca.us (559) 852-2830. 📞

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Strategic Plan via mail or email from Sept. 19 through Oct. 20, 2023. Comments are accepted online through DPR's public comment portal in English or Spanish. Written comments can be mailed to DPR at 1001 I Street, P.O. Box 4015, Sacramento, CA 95812-4015.

Opportunity for Public Comment

DPR will host four public meetings – two virtually and two in-person – to receive live feedback.

Meeting dates and locations:

Monday, October 2

When: 4-6:30 p.m.
Where: Zoom

Tuesday, October 3

When: 4-6:30 p.m.
Where: Meitzenheimer Community Center, 830 S. Blackstone Street, Tulare, CA 93274

Tuesday, October 4

When: 4-6:30 p.m.
Where: Civic Plaza Community, 275 Main Street, Room A&B, Watsonville, CA 95076

Friday, October 10

When: 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.
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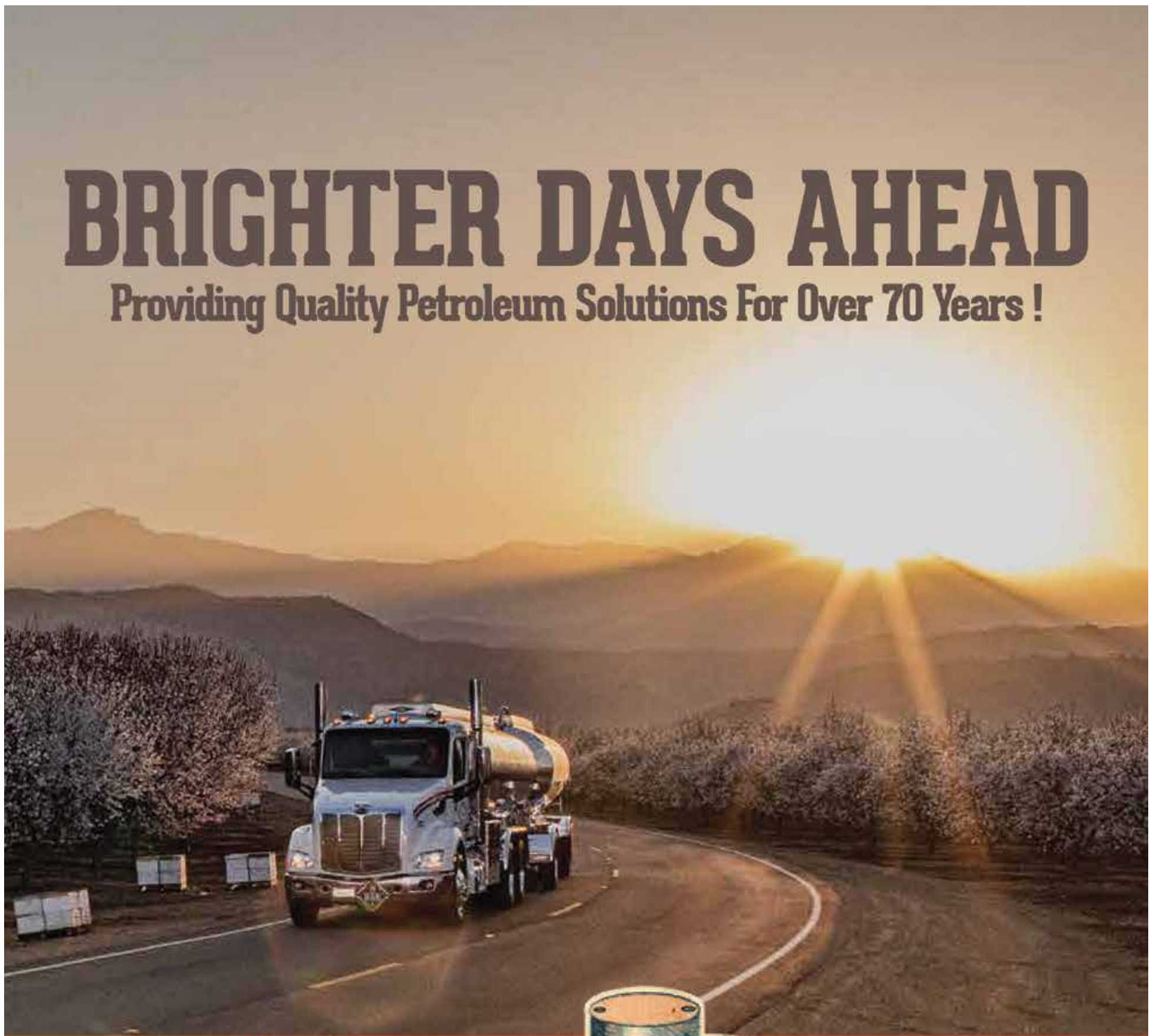
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Kings County Rural Crime Report

Contributed by Detective Dakotah Fausnett

The Kings County Sheriff's Office Rural Crime Task Force is currently conducting several investigations.

September:

During a theft investigation involving stolen hay on three separate occasions, Kings County Rural Crimes Task Force (KCRCTF) was able to identify suspect Pablo Orozco, and he was subsequently arrested in Fresno County. Orozco admitted to all three thefts and was later booked into the Kings County Jail on three counts of PC 487(b)(1)(A), theft of crops.

KCRCTF Investigators recovered several stolen ATV's from a recent burglary that occurred in the area of 1 1/2 Avenue and Grangeville. Several suspects have been identified and investigators are attempting to locate them.

Throughout the month of September, KCRCTF continued to be busy with investigations into marijuana grows. Several marijuana grows were identified and ultimately shut down due to these investigations.

Copper theft is staying steady. We are continuing to work the wire thefts, which are difficult to investigate because often, the theft is being done in the middle of the night and they are typically discovered by a worker who has walked or driven over the scene, destroying any evidence such as shoe or tire impressions left by the suspects.

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. 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. 🙏



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