

Sacramento Update

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Sacramento Update

- Playing Defense (We need a pick six!)
- Ball Control
(We are at our best when we are moving the ball.)
- Special Teams and Coaching Staff
(We need your engagement.)



Playing Defense

- Minimum Wage
- Pest Management
- UI Tax Reform
- Water





Minimum Wage

- Restaurant Industry & Health Care Workers Already Got Raises
- \$24 or \$20 per hour for all workers (or just ag?)



Pest Management

- Sustainable Pest Management (*Red, red* and *red*. No *yellow* or *green*.)
- Mill Tax Increase
- Daily Report of Intent to Spray



Unemployment Insurance Tax Reform

- UI Benefits for Striking Workers
- UI Fund is Insolvent
- UI Taxable Wages (\$7,000 is low.)
- UI Tax Rate (Growers pay the highest rates.)



Water

- Wells
- Water Rights
- Water Board Authority
- Connection between Ground & Surface Water



On Offense

- Pierce's Disease Control Program
- Climate Change
- Ag Worker Housing
- Water Supply
- Autonomous Ag Equipment





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of California



Pierce's Disease Control Program

- Referendum in 2025
- Glassy-Winged Sharpshooter
- Other Pests
- AB 1861 (Addis)



Climate Change

- Invasive Pests (Fruit Flies & Spotted Lanternfly)
- Tax Credit for Growers
 - Ag Burn
 - Biochar
 - Composting & Healthy Soils



Ag Worker Housing

- General Attitude in Sacramento
- NIMBY & Local Control
- Regulatory Streamlining
- Funding (Housing Bond)



Water Supply

- Groundwater Recharge
- Drought (Clear Lake)
- Off Stream Storage



Autonomous Ag Equipment

- FAQs from CAWG
- Progress Continues (slowly)



Special Teams & Coaching Staff

- Who represents you in the Legislature?
- Meet with your representatives often.
- Tell your story.
- The other side is on the attack.











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