

CHAPTER CHALKBOARD

An Electronic Member News Update from the California Chapter, ASFMRA
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**Holiday Greetings from the California Chapter,
ASFMRA!**

Accelerated Ag Land Management Training – Fast Track to AFM Designation Nearly Full!

There are only a few seats left in the fast track training for the AFM Designation being offered by the CA Chapter! The Ag Land Management Training will be held January 7 – 12 and February 11 – 16, 2019 in Turlock. The two-week program is designed for experienced agribusiness individuals looking to enhance their expertise and professionalism. The coursework meets the required education for the Accredited Farm Manager (AFM) Designation offered through ASFMRA. Registration fees are \$3,595 for the training plus a \$350 exam fee. For more information, please contact the Chapter Office at (209) 368-3672 or info@calasfmra.com.

Chapter to Partner with CFBF on More Continuing Education

After a very successful run with the half day Water Seminars held in conjunction with the California Farm Bureau, two additional offerings are being planned. The topics for the three hour sessions are California Water – State and Federal Projects and the Irrigated Lands Program + Endangered Species. The seminars will run from 9 to noon and 1 to 4 pm with the option to attend one or both (including lunch). The first offering will be January 30th in Sacramento and the second will be February 6th in Fresno. BREA hours will be applied for in three hour increments. Watch for registration to be available soon!

Chapter Donations to Assist Fire Victims

At the Fall Member Meeting in Lodi, the California Chapter voted to donate \$1,000 to assist any members who have been affected by the recent Camp Fire in northern California. This donation will be added to any additional donations that are submitted by Chapter members. If you wish to contribute, please send your check to the CA Chapter, ASFMRA, P.O. Box 838, Woodbridge, CA 95258. If you prefer to pay by credit card, please call the Chapter office at (209) 368-3672 and Suzie will assist you with your donation. Thank you!

Reminder...the CA Chapter, ASFMRA Foundation is a Charitable 501(c)(3) Organization

As the year comes to a close, many are looking at donation opportunities where their dollars can be used to help others. The California Chapter, ASFMRA Foundation provides this opportunity! Dollars raised by the Foundation are used for education scholarships, internships, education development and so much more. As a 501(c)(3) tax exempt entity, your dollars are tax deductible! Please consider donating to the Foundation if and when the need arises. For more information, contact the Chapter Office at (209) 368-3672.

Chapter Members Recognized at Fall Meeting with Year End Awards

The 2018 Fall Meeting in Lodi was held November 13 – 16 with over 100 industry professionals in attendance. Thank you to everyone who registered for the various continuing education opportunities and networking and Chapter events. Our congratulations go out to the following members who were recognized for going 'above and beyond' in their volunteer efforts to support the Chapter:

Chapter Service Award – Tony Toso, ARA

President's Pick 'n Shovel Awards – Heather Ellingson; Kary Griffith, ARA; Melissa Sandlin, ARA; Mike Merkley, ARA; Peter Holmes, Jr. AAC; John Maus, ARA; Lorrain Friant, AFM, ARA, AAC; David Gracia, ARA; and Jim Pisani, ARA.

2019 Chapter Award Nominations – Your Input Needed

Each year, the California Chapter recognizes individuals and/or companies who excel in their contributions to California Agriculture with the Distinguished Agriculturalist and Agricultural Stewardship Awards. Chapter members are encouraged to review the award recipient criteria and consider nominating an individual or company who they feel are deserving of these special honors which are presented at the Spring Outlook Conference. Click on the award name to view the award applications. [Distinguished California Agriculturalist Award](#). [Agricultural Stewardship Award](#).

New this year will also be Chapter Sponsored Awards for an Appraiser of the Year, Farm Manager of the Year, and Agricultural Consultant of the Year. Your input in helping to identify members who are standouts in these three areas is greatly appreciated.

Questions and suggestions may be directed to Suzie in the Chapter Office at (209) 368-3672 or sroget@calasfmra.com. The deadline to submit nominations is February 1, 2019.

RFQ Notification – Yolo Habitat Conservancy

The Yolo Habitat Conservancy is currently seeking responses from qualified real estate appraisers that would like to be included on the Conservancy's list of qualified appraisers for the next three years. The Conservancy is a joint powers agency responsible for the implementation of the Yolo HCP/NCCP, which includes the creation of a 32,000-acre habitat conservation reserve system to provide habitat for 12 special status species over the next 50 years in Yolo County on both active agricultural and natural lands. Please visit www.yolohabitatconservancy.org for complete information and submittal materials.

Outlook 2019 Agribusiness Conference April 23 – 25 in Sacramento

Registration will open soon for Outlook 2019 – California's Premiere Agribusiness Conference. The 2019 event will be held at the DoubleTree Hotel in Sacramento April 23 – 25. Two new education offerings will include a Cannabis Operations Valuation Seminar and ASFMRA's Valuing Rural America Seminar. The California Classic BBQ & Scholarship Auction will be take place at the California Automobile Museum the evening before the conference. Sponsorship opportunities are now available. Please contact Suzie in the Chapter Office for details @ info@calasfmra.com.

Reserve Your Space Now in the 2019 Trends® Report!

Have you reserved your sponsor ad space in the 2019 Trends® in Agricultural Land and Lease Values Report? Sponsor ad pricing remains the same for 2019 with business card size space starting at just \$375. You don't want to miss being a part of the Chapter's flagship annual report that has become the bible for rural property value information in California and Nevada! [Click here to download contract/rate card](#). To reserve your space on-line, [click here](#).

Photos Wanted for 2019 Trends® Report

Have you taken any stellar ag photos this year? We are always looking for photos to feature in the annual Trends® Report. Requirements are that the photographs be minimum 300 dpi for the best reproduction quality. Please submit photos to info@calasfmra.com and be sure to send a description and location with each photo. Thank you!

SAVE THE DATE!

January 7-12 and
February 11 -16 Accelerated Ag Land Management Training for AFM Designation
January 30 CA Chapter/CFBF Education Seminars – Sacramento
February 6 CA Chapter/CFBF Education Seminars - Fresno
April 23 - 25, 2019 Outlook 2019 Agribusiness Conference – Sacramento
July 21 – 26, 2019 ASFMRA Education Week – La Vista, Nebraska

Please don't hesitate to contact the chapter office for more information on any of the items included in the Chapter Chalkboard.

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