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## **New Class Selected for California Agricultural Leadership Program**

SACRAMENTO, November 3 – Twenty-five outstanding Californians in agriculture have been selected to participate in the California Agricultural Leadership Program (CALP), one of the premier leadership development opportunities in the United States. The class, the 39<sup>th</sup> selected in the program’s history, will be inaugurated on Nov. 7 in Monterey.

The priorities for the program are to create leaders who can make change for the long-term viability of California agriculture, who will “think forward,” who have the ability to engage and positively influence society, and who can participate in communication networks that enhance California agriculture. CALP has been in operation since 1969 and has more than 1,000 alumni, including such influential leaders as Secretary of Food and Agriculture A.G. Kawamura, Secretary of Resources Mike Chrisman, State Senators Mike Machado and Abel Maldonado, U.S. Representatives Devin Nunes and George Radanovich, Department of Pesticide Regulation Director Mary-Ann Warmerdam and former Secretary of State Bill Jones. Graduates are active leaders in their communities and in the agriculture industry.

Class 39 fellows are Jose Aguiar, Indio; Lisa Bodrogi, Santa Maria; Cara Crye, San Luis Obispo; Sara DeForest, Chico; Erin Field, Oxnard; Bryan Foley, Fallbrook; Jonnalee Henderson, Sacramento; Nick Hill, Kingsburg; Josh Huntsinger, Auburn; Joyce Jong, Riverside; Eric Limas, Tipton; Tina Lunt, Sacramento; Dawn Mathes, Aptos; Michael Mendes, Valencia; Cannon Michael, Los Banos; Tyler Morgan, Merced; James Rickert, McArthur; Emily Robidart, Sacramento; John Schaap, Visalia; Tracy Schohr, Sacramento; David Silva, Reedley; Rick Stark, Kingsburg; Peter Vallis, Fresno; Ivor Van Wingerden, Nipomo; Greg Wegis, Buttonwillow.

At seminars during the next two years – delivered by our four partner universities and other academic institutions – instruction will focus on inner (understanding self), outer (understanding how to lead others), and global (understanding the inter-related nature of today’s issues) leadership. Through classroom and experiential learning, fellows will deepen their understanding of leadership theory and learn practical leadership skills such as communications and public speaking. They will participate in a 10-day national seminar during the first year and a 15-day international seminar during the second year.

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