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President's Notes*By Carolyn Mansfield*

At its December Board Meeting the Board agreed to hire Lesa Osterholm on a six month contract to help advocate for us. Lesa has been working with other sub coalitions of the Sac Valley Coalition since the inception of this program and will be extremely helpful to us as this program under which we live continues to grow into an enormous governmental bureaucracy . At our conception in 2008 we thought we would remain an all volunteer group. We are still the only sub coalition regularly represented by volunteers only. As the program has grown so greatly, this is no longer the best approach. Please meet Lesa at the Annual Meeting to see why this was the best step for us.

We had three Board positions expire at the end of 2015. Two people have agreed to return so far. If anyone is interested in serving on the Board, please let Carolyn Mansfield know (626-9285) prior to the Annual Meeting. There are only 5 meetings annually with a 6th one added if needed. The time commitment is minimal, but the input from members is invaluable. **Please consider joining us!** Three more seats will be available the following year as well.

Meet the New Board Members:

When John Zentner, former Vice President of our Board, left for Oregon in the spring of 2015, we were left with a giant void. Bob Witters agreed to join us, and we welcome him and the experience he brings. In October another Board Member, Randy Hansen, sold his AG land in El Dorado County and per our bylaws had to leave the Board. Ann Johnson was tapped to fill this position, and we are thrilled to have this lifelong El Dorado County resident with us. Learn a little more about them -

Bob Witters:

I have lived in Camino since 1997, married, and the father of 2. We have 4 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. I have been a member of AWQ since the start, serving on the original finance and oversight committee. I farm 10 acres in Camino that includes 7 acres of grapes plus a few fruit trees. I have belonged to the El Dorado Grape Growers Association since 2001. I served on the Board as Treasurer for a number of years. I am also a member of Board of Directors for the Placerville Fruit Growers Association. I participated in the transition of the original Co-Op to an S-Corporation in 2008. I believe the continued success of AWQ is essential to the farmers and ranchers in this county. Securing a cost effective operational agreement with SVWQC is a top priority.

Ann Johnson:

Ann Johnson is a fourth generation farmer in El Dorado County. She joins her parents in growing wine grapes at Walker Vineyard. The vineyard was established in the early 1970's by Lloyd and Claudia Walker and is located in the Oak Hill Agricultural district. Currently at 24 acres, approximately half of the vineyard is devoted to Zinfandel while the remaining acreage includes Barbera, Merlot, Chardonnay, Petite Sirah and Riesling. Ann is married to Tim Johnson and has two college-aged kids. Agriculture runs in the family, as Tim works for the California Rice Commission and is involved in the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program, advocating for rice farmers with the regional water board.

Ag. Water Quality Member Update

Below is a Nitrogen Management Plan (NMP) template. Please bring it with you to the Annual Meeting, so we can answer any questions you might have.

NITROGEN MANAGEMENT PLAN WORKSHEET

1. Crop Year (Harvested): _____	4. APN(s)	5. Field(s) ID
2. Member ID# _____		
3. Name: _____		

CROP NITROGEN MANAGEMENT PLANNING		N APPLICATIONS/CREDITS	26. Recommended/ Planned N	27. Actual N
6. Crop		15. Nitrogen Fertilizers		
7. Production Units		16. Dry/Liquid (lbs/ac)		
8. Projected Yield (Units/Acre)		17. Foliar N (lbs/ac)		
9. N Recommended (lbs/ac)		18. Organic Material N		
10. Acres		19. Available N in Manure/Compost (lbs/ac estimate)		
Post Production Actuals				
11. Actual Yield (Units/Acre)		20. Total Available N Applied (lbs per acre)		
12. Total N Applied (lbs/ac)		21. Nitrogen Credits (est)		
13. ** N Removed (lbs N/ac)		22. Available N carryover in soil; (annualized lbs/acre)		
14. Notes:		23. N in Irrigation water (annualized, lbs/ac)		
		24. Total N Credits (lbs per acre)		
		25. Total N Applied & Available		
PLAN CERTIFICATION				
28. CERTIFIED BY:		29. CERTIFICATION METHOD		X
		30. Low Vulnerability Area, No Certification Needed		
		31. Self-Certified, approved training program attended		
DATE:		32. Self-Certified, UC or NRCS site recommendation		
		33. Nitrogen Management Plan Specialist		

** Your Coalition will provide the method to be used to estimate N Removed.
 Provided by the Central Valley Water Board 23 December 2014.



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***This coalition was formed on your behalf
and now's the time for you to get involved!!***

Please consider joining the Coalition Board of Directors!