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## CAL/OSHA UPDATES ON REGULATIONS FOR EMPLOYERS AND SUPERVISORS

The Cal/Osha Emergency Temporary Standards (ETS) for COVID-19 was updated on June 17th and become effective immediately through an executive order signed by Governor Gavin Newsom. Cal/Osha will be hosting a series of free, two-hour webinars to discuss the updated changes to the ETS for employers. See below for dates and registration information:

- Tuesday, June 22nd, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. <u>Click here to register</u>
- Friday, June 25th, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. <u>Click here to register</u>
- Tuesday, June 29th, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. <u>Click here to register</u>
- Thursday, July 1st, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. <u>Click here to register</u>

#### AB 710 AND AB 778 UPDATE

The CBC Board of Directors voted to support AB 710 which would prohibit the sale of listed agricultural produce that does not meet California's pesticide and labor regulations, and AB 778 which would require all state institutions to purchase California grown produce when available. As both bills have been moving through various Assembly and Senate Committees, CBC staff have been providing Letters of Support along the way. A final vote on both bills is expected to be announced in late June/early July. CBC staff will keep the industry updated on the outcome of both bills.

## STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD (SWRCB) RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED EMERGENCY REGULATION

On June 16th, the SWRCB unanimously passed an emergency regulation that will implement curtailments in both the Upper and Lower Russian River Watersheds to ultimately protect water supplies and threatened and endangered fish in the Watershed. Although the SWRCB does not view Agricultural water use as unnecessary, they do believe that human/fish health and safety is the current priority. The SWRCB noted that this regulation is not necessarily indicative of what will happen with other Watersheds. CBC staff will update the industry if changes in regulations are implemented in other Watersheds.

To view the SWRCB's press release regarding actions taken, please access it <u>here</u>. Also, please click <u>here</u> to view a statement regarding water availability for Delta water right holders.

# UPCOMING ELECTIONS FOR CBC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

On July 9, 2021, the CBC will be mailing out to all blueberry growers their Election Ballots for CBC Board of Directors. Please fill out your ballot to vote and send in to CDFA. All ballots must be received or postmarked by August 6, 2021. The results of the election process will be finalized on August 30, 2021.

#### CA GROWN UPDATE

The CBC participated in CA Grown Opt-in to produce additional recipe content. CA Grown developed five blueberry recipes: Blueberry Arugula Salad with Wild Rice & Fresh Corn, Blueberry Oatmeal Yogurt Popsicles, Blueberry Bourbon Sour Cocktail (pictured below), Blueberry Cheesecake Tartlets, Sheet Pan Chicken Legs with Blueberry Zinfandel BBO Sauce. All recipes are live on www.calblueberry.org as well as www.californiagrown.org If you would like access to the digital assets created, please do not hesitate to contact Program Supervisor, Elise Oliver at eoliver@calblueberry.org



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#### MEET THE GROWER VIDEOS

CBC staff is excited to announce the completion of three Meet the Grower Videos. To view the finalized videos, access the CBC's newly created YouTube channel here. These assets have been provided to the USHBC and CA Grown to use in promotions such as National Blueberry Month and California Farmer and Farmworker Month. Thank you to the Critchley, Steed, and Munger families for participating!

#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **OFFICE CLOSED- 4th of July** 
  - o July 5, 2021
- **CBC Board of Directors Elections** 
  - First week of June, 2021
- **International Blueberry Organization (IBO) Summit 2021** 
  - August 23-25, 2021

ll events are being held virtually. Please contact the CBC office for more