

Resource Center (BMRIC). Currently, several states have viewed California's BMRIC system and have favorable comments on the information being provided by the electronic system. Ott presented the history of the program and how the Commission has adapted the system to assist in getting a better picture of the California market. The Commission will continue to work and collaborate with other states to see if a nationwide BMRIC system is doable or if several state programs can share information throughout the season.

CENTRAL VALLEY PROJECT IMPROVEMENT ACT UPDATE

A California drought package was approved by the House and the Senate after being included in the \$10 billion Water Infrastructure Improvement for the Nation Act. The package was created by Republican House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy and Democratic Senator Dianne Feinstein. The California-related provisions will increase the amount of water pumping from the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta for farming and other purposes in central and southern California. The bill also directs \$558 million to desalination, water recycling, and water storage projects, among other proposals. This legislation marks a significant shift in the federal policy established in 1992 under the Central Valley Project Improvement Act (CVPIA), which focused on the protection of the Delta and endangered species. The Water Infrastructure Improvement Act passed with a 360-61 vote by the House and a 78-21 vote by the Senate and was signed by President Barack Obama. To read more about this article, please visit <http://www.mcclatchydc.com>.

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BLUEBERRY BITES

Blueberry Biscotti

3 cups unbleached all-purpose flour	1-1/2 sticks unsalted butter, slightly softened, cut into 20 pieces
1/2 cup sugar	2 teaspoons finely grated lemon zest
1 teaspoon baking powder	1-1/4 cups dried California blueberries
1/2 teaspoon salt	3 large eggs, lightly beaten
1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon	

Preheat oven to 350°F. Line a cookie sheet with parchment paper; set aside. In the bowl of a stand mixer, combine flour, sugar, baking powder, salt and cinnamon. Mixing on lowest speed, add the butter a few pieces at a time just until absorbed. Add lemon zest, blueberries and eggs; continue to mix on lowest speed until dough masses around the beater. Scrape dough to a floured work surface and gently knead into a smooth cylinder. Cut the dough in half and roll each to a cylinder about 15 inches long. Arrange the dough on the pan, gently flatten. Bake until golden and firm, about 30 minutes. Cool thoroughly; slice each loaf diagonally into 1/2-inch biscotti. Arrange on the cookie sheet and return to the oven to toast briefly to a light golden. Recipe courtesy of: <http://www.blueberrycouncil.org>.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **Public Policy Meeting**
-Date: January 23-26, 2017
-Washington, DC
- **Fruit Logistica**
-Date: February 8-10, 2017
-Berlin, Germany



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