### APPENDIX 6 - RESULTS OF ON-LINE STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION ON PRIORITIES

#### % of Respondents Who Rank Issue One of Top 3 (N=650)

- Competition for water: 24.6%
- Farmland preservation: 22.7%
- Local and regionally based food systems: 21.6%
- Climate change: 20.7%
- Viability of small and mid-size farming operations: 20.1%
- Water use efficiency: 19.0%
- Public understanding of challenges to sustainable food and agriculture systems: 18.5%
- Habitat preservation (to support ecological system, beneficial species): 18.0%
- Dependence on petroleum products (fuel and chemical fertilizers): 17.8%
- Air and water pollution: 17.5%
- Regulatory compliance costs for farmers: 16.9%
- Soil quality (nutrients and soil structure): 16.4%
- Consolidation in food industry (fewer companies controlling production, processing): 16.2%
- High rates of poor nutrition, obesity, and diabetes: 15.7%
- Invasive pests and diseases of crops and livestock: 15.4%
- Access to nutritious food: 15.1%
- Global competition to California agriculture: 14.8%
- Immigration status of farm workers: 14.4%
- Capacity of agricultural research and extension institutions: 14.1%
- On-farm labor costs: 13.8%
- Health risks of pesticides (to farmers, farm workers, and consumers): 13.5%
- Working conditions for farm workers: 13.2%
- Salinity of soil and water: 12.9%
- Food labeling/consumer information to inform purchase decisions: 12.6%
- Humane treatment of animals raised for food: 12.3%
- Entry barriers for beginning farmers: 11.9%
- Foodborne Illness: 11.6%
- Deteriorating infrastructure (levees, roads, bridges): 11.3%
- Efficiency of fertilizers and pesticides: 11.0%
- Global competition for water: 10.7%
- Water pollution: 10.4%
- Access to nutritious food: 10.1%
- Global competition to California agriculture: 9.8%
- Immigration status of farm workers: 9.5%
- Capacity of agricultural research and extension institutions: 9.2%
- On-farm labor costs: 8.9%
- Health risks of pesticides (to farmers, farm workers, and consumers): 8.6%
- Working conditions for farm workers: 8.3%
- Salinity of soil and water: 8.0%
- Food labeling/consumer information to inform purchase decisions: 7.7%
- Humane treatment of animals raised for food: 7.4%
- Entry barriers for beginning farmers: 7.1%
- Foodborne Illness: 6.8%
- Deteriorating infrastructure (levees, roads, bridges): 6.5%
- Efficiency of fertilizers and pesticides: 6.2%
- Global competition for water: 5.9%
- Water pollution: 5.6%
- Access to nutritious food: 5.3%
- Global competition to California agriculture: 4.9%