

APPENDIX 8 - EXTERNAL ADVISORY BOARD (November 2015)

Current members (in alphabetical order):

Ashley Boren*, Executive Director, Sustainable Conservation, San Francisco, CA

Renata Brillinger, Executive Director, California Climate & Agriculture Network (CalCAN), Sebastopol, CA

John Diener, President, Red Rock Ranch, Five Points, CA

Michael Dimock, President, Roots of Change, San Francisco, CA

John Foraker, Chief Executive Officer, Annie's Inc., Berkeley, CA

Cornelius Gallagher, Senior Vice President, Food, Agriculture and Wine Executive, Bank of America, Roseville, CA

Harold Goldstein, Executive Director, California Center for Public Health Advocacy

Martha Guzman Aceves, Deputy Legislative Secretary, Office of Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr., Sacramento, CA

Carl Johnson*, Chairman of the Board, Nautilus, Inc., San Francisco, CA

AG Kawamura*, Founding Member, Orange County Produce, Irvine, CA, and former Secretary, California Department of Food and Agriculture, Sacramento, CA

Barry Kriebel, President, Sun-Maid Growers of California, Kingsburg, CA

Russ Lester, Co-Owner, Dixon Ridge Farms, Winters, CA

Joann Lo, Co-Director, Food Chain Workers Alliance, Los Angeles, CA

Marshall McKay, Chairman Emeritus, Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation, Brooks, CA

Puon Penn, Executive Vice President/Co-Head, Wells Fargo's Technology Banking Group, Palo Alto, CA

Amparo Perez-Lemus, AP Lemus & Associates Marketing and Public Relations, Davis, CA

Karen Ross, Secretary, California Department of Food and Agriculture, Sacramento, CA

D'Artagnan Scorza, Founder and Executive Director, Social Justice Learning Institute, Los Angeles, CA

Howard-Yana Shapiro*, Chief Agricultural Officer, The First Mars Advanced Research Institute Fellow, Mars, Inc; Senior Fellow, Department of Plant Sciences, Plant Productive Biology, College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, UC Davis; Distinguished Fellow, The World Agroforestry Centre, Nairobi, Kenya; ASI Board Chair, Davis, CA

Rachel Surls, Sustainable Food Systems Advisor, UC Cooperative Extension Los Angeles County, Los Angeles, CA

Thomas Turini, Vegetable Crops Farm Advisor, UC Cooperative Extension Fresno County, Fresno, CA

Nita Vail, Chief Executive Officer, California Rangeland Trust, Sacramento, CA

Paul Wenger, President, California Farm Bureau Federation, and farmer, Modesto, CA

* indicates members of the Executive Committee

Ex officio members (in alphabetical order):

Andrew Baskin, Undergraduate Student, Sustainable Agriculture & Food Systems, University of California, Davis

Helene Dillard, Dean, College of Agricultural & Environmental Sciences, University of California, Davis

Kelly Gravuer, PhD Candidate, Ecology Graduate Group, Plant Sciences Department, University of California, Davis

Glenda Humiston, Vice President, Agriculture and Natural Resources, University of California, Oakland, CA

Emeriti members (2008-2015) (in alphabetical order):

Barbara Allen-Diaz, Vice President, Agriculture and Natural Resources, University of California, Oakland, CA

Marcus Benedetti, President & Chief Executive Officer, Clover Stornetta Farms, Petaluma, CA

Mary Delany, Former Interim Dean, College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, University of California, Davis, CA

Daniel M. Dooley, Senior Vice President, External Relations, UC Office of the President; and Special Advisor, Agriculture and Natural Resources, University of California, Oakland, CA

Greg Drescher, Vice President, Strategic Initiatives & Industry Leadership, Culinary Institute of America, St. Helena, CA

Mable Everette, CEO and Founder, Community Nutrition Education Services, and 2007 Roots of Change Leadership Fellow, Inglewood, CA

Jonathan Kaplan, Senior Policy Specialist at the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC), San Francisco, CA

Craig McNamara, President, California State Board of Food and Agriculture, Sacramento, CA; President, Sierra Orchards; and Co-Founder, Center for Land Based Learning, Winters, CA

Haider Nazar, Chief Executive Officer, Full Throttle Ventures, Walnut Creek, CA

Michael Pollan, Contributing writer to the *New York Times*, author, and Knight Professor of Science and Environmental Journalism, University of California, Berkeley, CA

Judith Redmond, Owner and Partner, Full Belly Farm, Guinda, CA

Richard Rominger, Rominger Farms, Winters, CA

Jennifer Ryder Fox, Dean, College of Agriculture, California State University, Chico

Neal Van Alfen, Dean Emeritus and Professor, College of Agricultural & Environmental Sciences, University of California, Davis, CA

David Wehner, Former Dean, College of Agriculture at California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, CA

Former Student Representatives (2008-2014) (in alphabetical order):

Janaki Jagannath, UC Davis Students for Sustainable Agriculture

Maggie Lickter, UC Davis Students for Sustainable Agriculture

Meredith Niles, UC Davis Ecology Graduate Group

Katharina Ullmann, UC Davis Graduate Student, Department of Entomology

Kase Wheatley, Student Representative, UC Davis Undergraduate, Sustainable Agriculture & Food Systems

Margaret Worthington, UC Davis International Agricultural Development Graduate Group

Current Member Biographies

Andrew Baskin

Undergraduate Student Representative, Sustainable Agriculture & Food Systems, UC Davis



Advancing from volunteer positions with Soil Born Farms in Sacramento to guiding collaborative projects as a senior apprentice and agritourism ambassador at Manresa Restaurant's Love Apple Farm in Santa Cruz, Andrew continued his travels as an independent scholar across Western Europe (England, Scotland, Wales, Holland, France, & Italy) studying community food systems for two months on a shoestring, and finally returned stateside to a vermicomposting farm in Sonoma. Inspired to invest again in formal education after waiting tables at Ella Dining Room & Bar in Sacramento and Tucos Wine Market & Cafe in Davis, Andrew is now a senior undergraduate majoring in Sustainable Agriculture & Food Systems with emphasis in Economics, Policy, and Education. Simultaneously, he serves as Student Representative to both the UC Davis Agricultural Sustainability Institute's External Advisory Board as well as to the Sustainable Agriculture Education Association's Steering Council. In a similar leadership role, Andrew has served on a transdisciplinary task force of students, collaboratively designing and facilitating a student-led "Alternatives in Agriculture" seminar - both coordinating and moderating multiple discussion panels concerning sustainable agriculture education and integrating many perspectives throughout various stages of the process. Pioneering original undergraduate research with departmental honors as a McNair Scholar with the support of his faculty mentors Professor Tom Tomich and Professor Ryan Galt, Andrew was selected for funding from the UC Davis Undergraduate Research Center and College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences Dean's Circle along with the USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture to present his research nationwide at four conferences -- hosted by UC Davis, UC Berkeley, North Carolina State University, and Ohio State University. At these gatherings and many others, Andrew has forged strong connections with scholars and professionals at the forefront of education, research, and development in sustainable food systems.

As a change-agent impassioned to educate and empower, Andrew recognizes our food system as a nexus linking complex issues regarding sustainability and is committed to putting knowledge into action. He has immense appreciation for the movement driving this educational paradigm shift, and intends to pursue doctoral study in sustainability science. Working to understand larger-scale structural intervention processes aimed at leveraging change toward sustainability within complex systems and organizations, Andrew's educational interests integrate innovative thinking and strategic competency building to substantively address real-world urgencies and incredibly complex challenges that society inevitably now faces.

Ashley Boren

Executive Director, Sustainable Conservation



Ashley Boren is Executive Director of Sustainable Conservation, an environmental nonprofit organization that helps California thrive by uniting people to solve the toughest challenges facing our land, air and water. Every day, they bring together business, landowners and government to steward the resources that we all depend on in ways that make economic sense. Because Sustainable Conservation believes that common ground is California's most important resource. Ashley received a 2007 James Irvine Foundation Leadership Award for her "unwavering commitment to innovative, balanced problem-solving to address a variety of critical environmental problems facing California."

Ashley has directed the strategy, growth and operations of Sustainable Conservation since 1997. Prior to Sustainable Conservation, Ashley spent eight years at Smith & Hawken, a mail order and retail gardening company, where she worked in finance, new business development, inventory planning and retail merchandising. She began her career at The Nature Conservancy in program development and fundraising. In addition to her work at Sustainable Conservation, Ashley serves on the California State Board of Food and Agriculture and UC California Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources President's Advisory Commission. Ashley previously served as Trustee and Chair of the Robert and Patricia Switzer Foundation and as a Board member and Chair of Stanford Business School's Alumni Consulting Team. Ashley has a BA in human biology, an MA in applied economics and an MBA from Stanford University.

Renata Brillinger

Executive Director, California Climate & Agriculture Network (CalCAN)



Renata Brillinger is the co-founder and Executive Director of the California Climate and Agriculture Network (CalCAN), a coalition of sustainable and organic agriculture organizations that advances policy at the nexus of climate change and agriculture. Prior to CalCAN, she was Program Director at the Climate Protection Campaign, focused on renewable energy and on agriculture. For seven years she served as the Director of Californians for GE-Free Agriculture, a coalition of sustainable agriculture and environmental organizations that provided education on genetic engineering in agriculture. She has served in numerous non-profit administrative roles since 1992. She serves on the steering committee of the California Rangeland Conservation

Coalition and the steering committee of the Center for Sustainability at CalPoly University in San Luis Obispo.

John Diener

President, Red Rock Ranch



John started farming for himself on the Westside in 1980. Today, he farms both conventional and organic land. John has extensive experience growing fresh-market crops, however his current focus is on growing processing crops for the cannery and various agronomic crops for certified seed production. John has been very active in conservation and reclamation efforts. He developed a pilot Integrated On-Farm Drainage Management prototype (1985 to present). By tiling saline land and recycling water through a series of fields, farmers can reclaim land, harvest runoff water, produce marketable crops, and ultimately mine salts

for commercial use.

Helene Dillard

Dean, College of Agricultural & Environmental Sciences, UC Davis

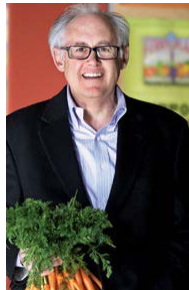


Helene R. Dillard was appointed dean of the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences at UC Davis in January 2014. Her goal is to build upon the strengths of the college in research, teaching, extension and outreach, and maintain strong relationships with the broad range of stakeholders in California, nationally, and globally. In addition to her responsibilities as dean, she has programmatic responsibilities for the college's Agricultural Experiment Station and Cooperative Extension. Dillard has national and international leadership experience, including invited consultations, presentations, and scientific exchanges in China, Central America (Honduras, Nicaragua), South America (Argentina, Brazil, Chile), the European Union (the Netherlands, Sweden, United Kingdom), and Zimbabwe. She has worked extensively with U.S. Department of Agriculture programs, the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA), and the National Research Initiative. Prior to her appointment at UC Davis, Dillard was on the faculty at Cornell University since 1984 as a plant pathology professor, carrying a 50 percent research and 50 percent extension assignment. Her research focused on the biology, ecology, and management of fungal pathogens that cause diseases in vegetable crops. Her interests include sustainable disease management strategies, integrated pest management, epidemiology and host/pathogen/environment interactions. Dillard served as chair of the Department of Plant Pathology in Geneva, N.Y. (1997–2001), associate director of Cornell Cooperative Extension (2001–2002), and director of Cornell Cooperative Extension (2002–January 2014). She also served simultaneously as associate dean in two colleges, the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALS) and the College of Human Ecology (2002–January 2014).

Dillard was recognized for her contributions in plant pathology by the American Phytopathological Society (APS), receiving the Excellence in Extension Award in 1992 and being named an APS fellow in 2006. She received the New York Farmers Medal and the Outstanding Faculty Award from CALS in 2013. Helene Dillard was born and raised in San Francisco, California. She completed her B.S. degree in biology of natural resources at UC Berkeley, an M.S. degree in soil science at UC Davis, and a Ph.D. degree in plant pathology at UC Davis.

Michael Dimock

President, Roots of Change



Michael R. Dimock, President of Roots of Change (ROC), is a national food movement organizer and thought leader on sustainable food and farming systems. ROC is a “think tank, do tank” delivering road maps to victory for the food movement. Michael has focused on agriculture and food since 1989. He was a marketing executive in Europe for agribusiness, farmed organically for three years in Sonoma County, and in 1992 founded Ag Innovations Network, where he began his work on consensus building and strategic planning to create healthier food and agriculture. From 2002 to 2007, he was Chairman of Slow Food USA. Author, Katrina Fried, and Photographer, Paul Mobley, feature Michael in their latest book, Everyday Heroes: 50 Americans Changing The World, published in October 2012. Michael received a BA in History with Honors at UCLA in 1983 and a Masters in International Affairs at Columbia University in 1988.

John Foraker

Chief Executive Officer, Annie's Inc.



John M. Foraker has been the Chief Executive Officer and a member of the Board of Directors of Annie's, Inc. since 2004. For over eighteen years, Mr. Foraker has held various management positions with members of our corporate family. From 1994 until 1998, Mr. Foraker served as President of Napa Valley Kitchens, Inc. and from 1998 until 2004, he served as Chief Executive Officer and a member of the board of directors of Homegrown Natural Foods, Inc. Mr. Foraker holds a BS from the University of California, Davis and an MBA from the University of California, Berkeley.

Cornelius Gallagher

Senior Vice President, Food, Agriculture and Wine Executive, Bank of America



Cornelius (Corny) Gallagher is the national Food, Ag and Wine Executive for Bank of America Merrill Lynch. He is a member of the national team that manages the Bank's \$35 billion portfolio of food, agricultural production and processing, packaged foods and wine industry client relationships. Corny works with global food system leaders on critical issues and trends. He provides industry expertise to Global Commercial Banking Market Executives to deepen existing relationships and obtain new business. His current focus is on developing the next generation of Bank officers who serve the food, ag and wine industry sectors. Corny has represented Bank of America on numerous state and national leadership boards and committees. He is in the process of selecting new Bank officers to represent the Bank on most of his 14 boards. He continues as a member of the Food Foresight global strategic trends panel and the Farm Foundation Roundtable. He was reappointed by Governor Brown and confirmed by the Senate as a member of the California Exposition and State Fair Board of Directors. He received the Distinguished California Agriculturalist Award from the California Chapter of the American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers. Corny joined the Bank 47 years ago and has served the agriculture, food and wine industry all of his life. He is a graduate of Iowa State University in Animal Science and Speech and Dramatics. He is a co-owner of his family's six-generation West Central Iowa farm. His office is in Roseville, California.

Harold Goldstein

Executive Director, California Center for Public Health Advocacy



Harold Goldstein, DrPH, is the Executive Director of the California Center for Public Health Advocacy, which he founded in 1999. CCPHA is a nationally recognized leader in advocating for public policies to address the social, economic, and community conditions that perpetuate the obesity epidemic. CCPHA has lead statewide campaigns resulting in enactment of state laws getting soda and junk food out of schools, getting first-ever funding for school physical education, establishing the nation's first state menu labeling law, and defining access to water as a basic human right. Harold has a Bachelor's degree in physiology from UC Berkeley and both Masters and Doctorate degrees in public health from UCLA.

Kelly Gravuer

Graduate Student Representative, Graduate Group in Ecology, UC Davis



Kelly Gravuer is a PhD candidate in the Graduate Group in Ecology at UC Davis, where she studies the ecology of soil microbes. Her projects focus on topics such as the environmental benefits of incorporating compost addition into agricultural management systems. This past summer, Kelly also worked with the California Department of Food and Agriculture on their Healthy Soils initiative, as a fellow in UC Davis' Emerging Leaders in Policy and Public Services (ELIPPS) program. Before coming to Davis, Kelly worked on rare plant conservation projects for the non-profit organization NatureServe. She has also worked with the NRCS to help landowners implement and monitor Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program practices. She holds an MSc in Ecology from Lincoln University (New Zealand) and a BSc in Biology from Brown University. Kelly is hoping to work with programs promoting agricultural soil health after she graduates.

Martha Guzman Aceves

Deputy Legislative Affairs Secretary, Office of Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr.



Martha Guzman-Aceves has over 15 years of policy experience in Sacramento. She is currently the Deputy Legislative Affairs Secretary for Governor Jerry Brown. Her portfolio includes natural resources, environmental protection, energy and food and agriculture. From 2004 to 2011, Martha represented the California Rural Legal Assistance Foundation (CRLAF) on legislative and regulatory issues related to community health issues, farm worker health and safety, environmental justice and previously on education. From 2004 to 2007, she also worked with Swanton Berry Farm where she helped on many human resources issues including establishing an employee-stock ownership program. In 2003, Martha served as the Legislative Coordinator for the United Farm Workers (UFW) AFL-CIO covering a range of labor and environmental issues. She worked for the UFW for five years in both their political and research departments. She is co-founder of Communities for a New California, a 501c4, and board member of the Natomas Soccer Club, a youth soccer club in the Sacramento area. Martha has a M.S. in Agricultural and Resource Economics from the University of California at Davis and a Bachelor of Science in International Economics: Growth and Development with a certificate in Latin American Studies from the School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University complemented by her studies at La Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile in Santiago de Chile, South America.

Glenda Humiston

Vice President, Agriculture and Natural Resources



Dr. Glenda Humiston was appointed vice president of UC Agriculture and Natural Resources Aug. 3, 2015. Dr. Humiston was born in California and raised on a cattle ranch in Colorado, where she was a member of 4-H. She came to UC ANR with more than 25 years of experience working on public policy development and program implementation supporting sustainability. She served as a Peace Corps volunteer in Tunisia, as executive director of a nonprofit organization advocating farmland preservation and value-added agriculture development, and several years as a consultant on environmental and agricultural issues throughout the West. She served President Clinton as

deputy undersecretary for natural resources and environment at USDA from 1998 to 2001. She managed the Sustainable Development Institute at the 2002 World Summit for Sustainable Development in South Africa and the 2006 World Water Forum in Mexico City. In 2009, Dr. Humiston was appointed by President Obama to serve as the California State Director at the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Rural Development. Dr. Humiston produced a widely acclaimed guidebook on “Access to Capital” and has led efforts to bring rural issues to the forefront of the state’s Economic Summit and policymakers throughout California. Dr. Humiston earned her Ph.D. from UC Berkeley in Environmental Science, Policy and Management in 2009 with research focused on U.S. Farm Bill policy. She has a master’s degree in international agricultural development from UC Davis and a bachelor’s degree in animal science from Colorado State University.

Carl Johnson

Chairman of the Board, Nautilus, Inc.



Carl Johnson recently completed a four-year run as Executive Vice President and Chief Growth Officer of Big Heart Pet Brands (sold to JM Smucker Company in March 2015) and its predecessor company, Del Monte Foods (sold to Del Monte Pacific in February 2014). At Big Heart Pet, he had responsibility for line management of the company’s widely distributed brands; Strategy; Innovation; Consumer and Customer Insights; Marketing and Creative Services; Corporate Communications; Government Relations and the company’s Canadian subsidiary. Carl is a former Senior Vice President & Chief Strategy Officer for Campbell Soup Company, where he led corporate strategy, global research & development/quality, corporate marketing services, corporate licensing and e-business. Prior to Campbell, he ran three successively larger multi-billion dollar divisions at Kraft Foods. Before Kraft, he led the Consumer Goods consulting practice at Marketing Corporation of America. Earlier, he held senior management positions at Polaroid and Colgate-Palmolive. Since 2011, Carl has been Chairman of the Board (non-executive) of Nautilus, a leading fitness company and also a director of Avedro, a pioneer in advanced refractory eye surgery. He is a Trustee of the Adelpic Educational Fund, Wesleyan University. He is also a member of the Steering Committee of the Kilts Center for Marketing at the University of Chicago Graduate School of Business.

A.G. Kawamura

Founding Member, Orange County Produce; Former Secretary, California Department of Food and Agriculture



A.G. Kawamura is third generation fruit and vegetable grower and shipper from Orange County. He is the former Secretary of the California Department of Food and Agriculture (2003-2010). He is co-chair of Solutions From the Land, a non-profit organization that collaborates with farmers, ranchers, foresters and stakeholders to implement climate smart land management practices and strategies. He currently serves on several boards and committees including: The Ag Advisory Committee for the AGree Initiative; the Board on Agriculture and Natural Resources (BANR), a policy arm of the National Academy of Sciences’ Natural Resource Council; Ag Advisory Committee for the Chicago Council on Global Affairs; American Farmland Trust; The 25x’25 Alliance, a national alliance of renewable energy stakeholders; Advisory Committee for the Agricultural Sustainability Institute (ASI) at U.C. Davis. He is a former chair and current board member of Western Growers Association. As a progressive urban farmer, AG has a lifetime of experience working within the shrinking rural and urban boundaries of Southern Calif. Through his company, Orange County Produce, LLC, he is engaged in building an exciting, interactive 21st century 100 acre agricultural showcase at the Orange County Great Park in Irvine, CA.

Barry Kriebel
President, Sun-Maid Growers of California



Barry Kriebel has been President of Sun-Maid Growers of California, Inc. since 1986. Mr. Kriebel served as Vice President and General Counsel of Sun-Maid Growers of California, Inc. from 1980 to 1985. He was Partner in Blumberg, Sherr & Kerkorian, Fresno, CA until 1980. He was General Counsel of Sun-Maid Growers and its Affiliates until 1976. He has a Bachelor's degree in economics from Stanford University in 1972 and a law degree from Georgetown University in 1975.

Russ Lester
Co-Owner, Dixon Ridge Farms



Russ Lester is co-owner of Dixon Ridge Farms and a fourth generation California farmer. Russ began farming organically in 1989 and has helped shape many organic farming concepts and practices for orchards. An advocate for farmland protection, Russ serves on the Board of Directors for Solano Land Trust and the Solano County Agricultural Advisory Board. He has been a featured speaker at national conferences on energy, farmland protection, and organic agriculture. In addition, Russ is past president of the Winters Joint Unified School District. He attended the University of California at Davis and is a graduate of the California Agricultural Leadership Program. Dixon Ridge Farms recently meet their goal of producing all of their electricity needs using renewable energy. As a consequence, they are both GHG and carbon negative.

Joann Lo
Co-Director, Food Chain Workers Alliance



Joann Lo is the Co-Director of the Food Chain Workers Alliance (FCWA), a national coalition of workers organizations joined together to improve wages and working conditions and to work towards a more sustainable food system. She graduated from Yale University with a degree in Environmental Biology and has organized with both unions and a worker center. In 2000 Joann was one of two staff who started the Garment Worker Center, and she organized with garment workers in Los Angeles who led a successful campaign against retailer Forever 21, memorialized in the Emmy-winning documentary "Made in L.A." In 2005 Joann joined Enlace, an alliance of worker centers and unions and a year later became Co-Director. She joined the FCWA a few months of its launch in July of 2009. Joann is the Vice Chair of the Leadership Board of the Los Angeles Food Policy Council and is a member of the Board of Directors of the Domestic Fair Trade Association, the City of Los Angeles' Sweatfree Advisory Committee and the Enlace Institute Advisory Board.

Marshall McKay

Chairman Emeritus, Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation



Chairman Emeritus Marshall McKay led the elected Tribal Council of the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation. He began his career in tribal government in 1984 and in January 2012 was re-elected to his third term as Chairman. Born in Colusa, California, the Chairman grew up in Brooks near his present-day home in the Yocha Dehe tribal community. A cornerstone of his leadership is his commitment to cultural renewal and preservation, a focus he extends into education programs and sustainable land-use practices. Chairman Emeritus McKay oversaw the day-to-day operations of the tribal government, the Tribe's Cache Creek Casino Resort and its other business endeavors. Prior to being elected Chairman, he served as Tribal Treasurer and Tribal Secretary. Chairman McKay is a board member of the UC Davis Foundation, and chairman of the board of both the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian and the Autry National Center in Los Angeles. He is a founding member and chair of the Native Arts & Cultures Foundation, and a gubernatorial appointee to the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) and the State Historical Preservation Commission. Chairman McKay's mother, doctor and basket weaver Mabel McKay, was one of the NAHC's founding commissioners. Chairman McKay is dedicated to the preservation and promotion of Native arts and culture, the affirmation of sovereign tribal governance, and the international effort to protect the rights of all indigenous people. He travels extensively to participate in conferences, summits and fundraisers that support initiatives important to the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation. Chairman McKay and his wife, Sharon Rogers McKay, are passionate supporters and collectors of contemporary Native art. They enjoy traveling to cultural events, and sharing time with their children and grandchildren.

Puon Penn

Executive Vice President/Co-Head, Wells Fargo's Technology Banking Group



Puon Penn is Executive Vice President/Co-Head of Wells Fargo's Technology Banking Group which provides expertise, financial services, and resources to help innovative companies focus on advancing new technologies and business models to solve some of the most complex problems facing humanity including global population growth, climate change and environmental impacts, and the ongoing fight against diseases. Puon started Wells Fargo's Global CleanTech Group in 2009 to provide expertise, financial services, and resources to help companies focused on decreasing the use of fossil fuels, fertilizers, industrial chemicals, and other activities that cause greenhouse gas emissions or other harmful environmental effects. Wells Fargo financed more than over \$50 billion for green business, renewable energy projects, green buildings, and clean energy customers from 2005 to 2012.

Amparo Perez-Lemus

AP Lemus & Associates



Amparo currently works at AP Lemus & Associates Marketing and Public Relations, Hispanic marketing specialists focusing on reaching the Latino community. She is also owner of Body, Soul & Wealth, helping others create true prosperity with LifeVantage. She previously was Vice President and General Manager, Adelante Media Broadcasting Company.

Karen Ross

Secretary, California Department of Food and Agriculture



Karen Ross was appointed Secretary of the California Department of Food and Agriculture on January 12, 2011, by Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. Secretary Ross has deep leadership experience in agricultural issues nationally, internationally, and here in California. Prior to joining CDFA, Secretary Ross was chief of staff for U.S. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack, a position she accepted in 2009. Prior to that appointment, she served as President of the California Association of Winegrape Growers from 1996- 2009, and as Vice-President of the Agricultural Council of California from 1989-1996. Before moving to California, Secretary Ross served as Director of Government Relations for the Nebraska Rural Electric Association and as Field Representative for U.S. Senator Edward Zorinsky. Secretary Ross is passionate about fostering the reconnection of consumers to the land and the people who produce their food, and to improving the access of all California citizens to healthy, nutritious California-grown agricultural products, celebrated for their diversity and abundance in serving local, national and global markets.

During Secretary Ross' tenure, the Department has focused on core functions to protect and promote California agriculture in a time of significant budget reductions, and it has emphasized change-management to position the agency to more effectively and efficiently serve its stakeholders in meeting the challenges of the 21st Century.

Secretary Ross has strengthened partnerships across government, academia and the non- profit sector in the drive to maintain and improve environmental stewardship and to develop adaptation strategies for the specific impacts of climate change. She has initiated programs to provide greater opportunities for farmers and ranchers to engage in sustainable environmental stewardship practices through water conservation, energy efficiency, nutrient management and ecosystem services.

Secretary Ross grew up as a 4-H kid on a farm in western Nebraska. She and her husband, Barry, own 800 acres of the family farm where her younger brother, a fourth-generation farmer, grows dryland wheat, feed grains and cattle. The Secretary has a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and is a graduate of the Nebraska Ag Leadership Program. She has served on numerous boards and committees in California agriculture and with various academic institutions.

D'Artagnan Scorza

Founder and Executive Director, Social Justice Learning Institute



Dr. D'Artagnan Scorza is the Founder and Executive Director of the Social Justice Learning Institute (SJLI) in Inglewood. Dr. Scorza is a graduate of Morningside High School, a US Navy Iraq-War Veteran and native son of Inglewood. He has Ph.D. in Education from UCLA, a B.S. in Liberal Studies from National University and a B.A. in the Study of Religion from UCLA. Dr. Scorza served as a UC Regent from 2007-2009 where he passed policies that helped expand access to education for African-American and Latino youth, established veteran's service centers and prioritized \$160 million for student services. Dr. Scorza is community organizer with extensive program development and policy experience and he's helped passed green school policies and statewide policies democratizing food access. He was 2010 Education Pioneers Fellow and a 2013-2014 Business Alliance for Local Living Economies (BALLE) Fellow where he expanded his expertise in socially responsible economic development. He's currently engaged in grassroots policy efforts affecting boys and men of color, health equity and local economic development. At SJLI, Dr. Scorza leads a team that works to close disparities in education, expand

business opportunities, improve health in the built environment and help youth of color go to college. Dr. Scorza chaired the Measure GG campaign for IUSD, powered by concerned local residents, to secure \$90 million in school improvement bonds to update facilities and expand access to a safe, healthy and quality education. He serves on the Los Angeles and California Food Policy Councils and was elected to the Inglewood Unified School District, Board of Education.

Howard-Yana Shapiro

Chief Agricultural Officer, The First Mars Advanced Research Institute Fellow, Mars, Inc.
Senior Fellow, Department of Plant Sciences, Plant Reproductive Biology, College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, UC Davis
Distinguished Fellow, World Agroforestry Centre, Nairobi, Kenya



Howard has been involved with sustainable agricultural and agroforestry systems, pattern recognition, plant breeding, molecular biology and genetics for over 40 years releasing hundreds of cultivars into the public domain. He has worked with indigenous communities, NGO's, governmental agencies and the private sector around the world. A former university professor for 15 years, Fulbright Scholar, Ford Foundation Fellow, in 2007 Howard was made a Fellow of the World Agroforestry Centre and authored the IAASTD chapter on Biotechnology and Biodiversity. He was a founding member of the Keystone Roundtable on Sustainable Agriculture, co-chair of the 1st and 2nd World

Congress of Agroforestry and is Chairperson of the External Advisory Board of the Agriculture Sustainability Institute at UC Davis. In 2009 he was named recipient of The Award of Distinction from The College of agriculture and Environmental Sciences, UC Davis. He led the global effort sequencing, assembling and annotating the *Theobroma cacao* genome and is part of the leadership team for the Arachis genome global effort. In 2010 he was named a Senior Fellow, Plant Sciences, the University of California, Davis. September 2011, he announced the formation of the African Orphan Crops Consortium, set up to sequence, assemble and annotate 101 of the key African food crops in order to breed more nutritious plants. He as well set up the African Plant Breeding Academy with UC Davis at the World Agroforestry Centre in Nairobi which opened the 3rd of December 2013. He has served on both for profit and NGO boards.

He collects and restores classic American, modern Japanese and Italian motorcycles. He recently became a member of the 200 Mile Per Hour Club on an unrestricted 1999 Suzuki Hayabusa. Averaging 201.386 MPH.

Rachel Surls

Sustainable Food Systems Advisor for UC Cooperative Extension, Los Angeles County



Rachel Surls is the Sustainable Food Systems Advisor for University of California Cooperative Extension in Los Angeles County. Cooperative Extension is part of the University of California's Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources. As part of her role with UC ANR, she recently led a team that studied the emerging urban agriculture movement in California, assessing the needs of this audience, creating educational resources, and developing best practice recommendations for urban agriculture policy at the municipal level. She is currently a member of the Los Angeles Food Policy Council, and through the Council has been actively engaged in working with the City of Los Angeles to formulate urban agriculture policy. Rachel is a long-time UC ANR staff member and has served in several capacities. She was County Director for Cooperative Extension in Los Angeles from 1997-2011, and Urban Horticulture Advisor in Los Angeles County from 1994-1997. She has been active in

supporting school and community gardening in the Los Angeles area since joining Cooperative Extension as a Program Representative with Cooperative Extension's Urban Garden Program in 1988. She earned her BS in agronomy at Virginia Tech, her MS in Agricultural Sciences at Cal Poly, Pomona, and a Ph.D. in Education from Claremont Graduate University. Rachel is a former Peace Corps Volunteer and parent of two young adults.

Thomas Turini

Vegetable Crops Farm Advisor, UC Cooperative Extension, Fresno County



Tom Turini is the vegetable crops Farm Advisor for Fresno County where he has served since 2007. His research and extension program addresses management of tomatoes, garlic, onions, melons and lettuce in large-scale agricultural operations in the county. A critical component of his program is diagnosis of production issues, which provides a service to clientele and helps to direct his program toward relevant issues. His research includes management of water and salinity in high yielding drip-irrigated processing tomatoes, evaluation of fate of herbicides in processing tomatoes under current production methods, and alternative nutritional regimes for processing tomato. His current work in the area of pest management include the study of site-specific methods of control of white rot of garlic and onion, Fusarium Wilt of lettuce management, powdery mildew of melon fungicide resistance management and means of controlling insect pests of tomato with lower risk materials. He is serving as UC liaison for the California Garlic and Onion Research Advisory Board. Prior to taking his current position, he served as the Imperial County Plant Pathology Advisor since 1999. He received both a BS and MS from California State University, Fresno in Plant Science.

Nita Vail

Chief Executive Officer, California Rangeland Trust



Nita Vail is Chief Executive Officer of the California Rangeland Trust, a position she has held since September 2001. She is a founding Board member of the organization and has a background in agribusiness, policy and environmental consulting. Nita, a fourth-generation rancher, was brought up in the Vail & Vickers ranching tradition on Santa Rosa Island. She was appointed by Governor Wilson in 1994 to serve as Assistant Secretary of Agricultural and Environmental Policy for the California Department of Food and Agriculture under Secretary Ann Veneman. She has worked with diverse agribusinesses, including Foster Farms, Idetek and Cattle-Fax. Nita received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Agricultural Business Management from California Polytechnic State University in San Luis Obispo, CA and her MBA from University of Santa Clara, Institute of Agribusiness in Santa Clara, CA. Nita is a graduate of the California Agricultural Leadership Program, Class XXI, a 2010 recipient of the Irvine Foundation Leadership Award and currently in Class XVIII of the American Leadership Forum Mountain Valley Chapter. She serves on the board of the California Council of Land Trusts and numerous Advisory Boards including California State Fair Ag Advisory Board, Cal Poly SLO Animal Science Advisory Board, Santa Cruz Island Foundation Advisory Board, Land Trust Alliance Leadership Council and Ag Sustainability Institute at UC Davis External Advisory Board.

Paul Wenger

President, California Farm Bureau Federation; Farmer



Paul Wenger is President of the California Farm Bureau Federation. Wenger, who farms in Modesto, became a statewide officer in 1997 when he was elected second vice president, and became first vice president in 2005. A third-generation farmer, Wenger farms almonds and walnuts on the family farm, which includes property purchased by his grandfather in 1910. His farming operations also include sharecropping, custom farm work and walnut hulling. He has expanded his operation to include processing and marketing of almonds and walnuts through his Wood Colony Nut Co., to provide an opportunity for the fourth generation of the family to vertically integrate into the family farming operation. Wenger has been active in community affairs, serving on the Salida Volunteer Fire Department, the Hart-Ransom School Board of Trustees, and the Stanislaus Land Trust and Agricultural Pavilion boards.