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Dear Kristine,

This month kicked off with our quarterly meeting focusing on school food and nutrition policy. We had a great panel of local, regional, and state experts (see photo) and a very active question-and-answer session. To read the meeting notes, click [here](#).



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Also this month, Brandon Louie ([Association of Farmworker Opportunity Programs](#)) and I presented the [Food Charter](#) to the [Woodland City Council](#). The Council asked critical questions and has expressed interest in adoption. The [Food Charter](#) presentation to the [Yolo Board of Supervisors](#) has been **rescheduled for July 12th**. Send me an [email](#) if you'd like to know more about this presentation or about the Food Charter.

This month's newsletter is chock-full of interesting things, including a review of current federal and state food and agriculture legislation, an announcement from the Sacramento Housing Alliance, and an update on the work of the Governance Workgroup.

Don't forget to check out the Upcoming Events section! With summer upon us, our partners have a lot of exciting things going on in the coming months.

Stay cool out there,  
Robyn

### House Approves Agriculture Funding Bill

On June 16th, the House of Representatives narrowly passed [HR 2112](#), the Agriculture Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2012. The bill funds the many programs within the USDA and related agencies. Among the more significant outcomes, the bill:





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- Cut almost \$600 billion in funding to [WIC programs](#)
- Approved a one- year extension of child school nutrition programs
- Rejected attempts to limit farm subsidy payments
- Prevents further expansion of the "[Know your Farmer, Know your Food](#)" program
- Cut \$30 million to the [Commodity Futures Trading Commission](#) (CFTC)



To learn more about this bill, read Appropriations Committee comments, and review a summary of amendments included, click [here](#). To read [Congresswoman Matsui's](#) press release on the bill, click [here](#). In addition, the Sacramento Bee published an [editorial piece](#) regarding the changes the bill makes to food safety standards. The Bee also posted a [piece from the PR Newswire](#) regarding concerns over the impact of the bill on America's health.

## State Food & Agricultural Legislation Underway

Three pieces of legislation regarding nutrition and food access are currently in progress at the State Capitol:

- [AB 6](#) (Fuentes) - a bill to increase access to and participation in CalFresh by removing barriers and simplifying the application process, while simultaneously implementing cost savings efforts
- [AB 69](#) (Beall) - a bill to increase CalFresh participation among Social Security recipients through data sharing, simplified application processes, and targeted enrollment
- [AB 839](#) (Brownley) - a bill to bring attention to the health, academic, and fiscal benefits of the underutilized federal School Breakfast Program



All three bills made it out of the Assembly and on to the Senate. [Senate President pro Tem Darrell Steinberg](#) has also introduced a piece of legislation related to farm worker rights:

- [SB 104](#) - seeks to afford California agricultural workers with collective bargaining rights similar to those of public employees.

To learn more about SB104, click [here](#).

## SHA Awarded Congressional Fellows

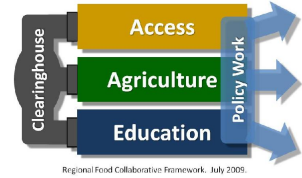
The [Sacramento Housing Alliance](#) (SHA) received notice from the [Emerson Congressional Hunger Center](#) in Washington, DC that they have been awarded two Congressional Hunger Fellows to help staff the [Sacramento Hunger Coalition](#) (SHC). The two fellows, who start their work in September, will be focusing on two projects: the Hunger Outreach and Education Project and the CalFresh Restaurant Meals Program Project. To learn more about the fellows and their projects, read the



Sacramento Housing Alliance press release [here](#).

## Update: FSC Governance Workgroup

The June meeting of the Governance Workgroup had a productive discussion about representation of the governing body. As a coalition representing the food system across our six-county region, there are a lot of people, places, and sectors to consider! We looked at the food system cycle as a starting point adding in sectors such as policy, education, and food workers. We also briefly discussed establishing a Declaration of Principles (mentioned at the [6/7 convening](#)), to be drawn from the Food Charter with expanded definitions and explanations. Check the [Resources section](#) of our website early next week for the meeting summary.



Our next meeting is scheduled for July 27th from 9:30-11:30AM at Valley Vision, when we will be discussing representative expectations and responsibilities, as well as the representative nomination process. An email invitation for this meeting will be sent in mid-July.

If you are interested in the activities of this workgroup, please email [Adriane Lepage](#) for more information.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **ENDS JUNE 30th! SLUG Urban Farm Stand**

**Date and Time:** Every Thursday from 12PM-6PM

**Location:** 38th & Broadway, behind American Legion High School

**Focus:** The farm stand will be run by high school students from American Legion and is supported by SLUG. For more information visit [www.oakparkslug.org](http://www.oakparkslug.org).

### **King of Feasts Food & Wine Luau**

**Date and Time:** June 25th, 6PM-9PM

**Location:** Sacramento Zoo

**Focus:** Fundraiser for the Sacramento Zoo, featuring local food, local libations, and live music. \$45 for zoo members, \$50 for non-members, \$60 at the door. For more information, click [here](#).

### **Sunday Supper to Support Soil Born Farms**

**Date and Time:** June 26th, 5PM-7PM

**Location:** Co-op Community Learning Center

**Focus:** \$25 per person. More information and a menu at <http://www.soilborn.org/events.html>.

### **Peach Farmer's Daughter - Reading & Reception**

**Date and Time:** July 16th, 4:30PM-5:30PM

**Location:** Co-op Community Learning Center

**Focus:** A reading from Brenda Nakamoto's memoir [Peach Farmer's Daughter](#), plus a book signing and some peachy

treats. This event is **free**. For more information, click [here](#).

**Slow Food Film Night: The End of the Line**

**Date and Time:** August 14th, 7PM-10PM

**Location:** Guild Theatre, 2828 35th Street Sacramento

**Focus:** This powerful documentary explores the impact our seafood choices make on our oceans. Learn about the challenges and what you can do to help create solutions. \$5 suggested donation. Click [here](#) for more information.

**For event updates, visit our [online calendar](#).**

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