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## Good Food News

The Newsletter of the Sacramento Region Food System Collaborative

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Dear Adriane,

As the leaves begin to change and the weather (slightly) cools, we're excited to share with you in this month's newsletter just a few of the things happening that affect our regional food system: Sacramento County has appointed a new Ag Commissioner, Marysville has opened their first community garden, and Governor Brown signed several bills impacting CalFresh. Finally, Slow Food Sacramento is highlighted in our partner profile section.

We are also creating a comprehensive Food System Collaborative Directory. This new addition to our [website](#) is designed to be an interactive tool where you can find organizations involved with the FSC to connect, network, and act together. If you would like your organization to be listed in this directory, please complete [this form](#). If you have any questions about this project, please contact [Adriane Lepage](#). We will be presenting the directory website at the January meeting.

Please remember to sign up for the new [Action Alert System](#) if you haven't already.

Don't forget to check out the [Upcoming Events](#) taking place as we finally enter fall!

Cheers,  
Robyn

### New Ag Commissioner Appointed for Sac County

On October 12th, the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors approved the appointment of Juli Jensen as the next Ag Commissioner. Jensen has more than 29 years of experience enforcing agricultural and/or weights and measures laws and regulations. During this past year, Jensen has served as the Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer of El Dorado and



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Alpine counties. In addition, she worked under contract as Sacramento County's Interim Agricultural Commissioner and Director of Weights and Measures since June 27, 2011. To read the initial press release about Juli's recommendation for appointment, click [here](#).

#### Marysville Opens Community Garden

The first Marysville Community Garden had its ribboncutting on Saturday, October 15, 2011 at the corner of C Street and 2nd Street in Marysville.

With the initiative of Vice-Mayor Christina Billeci and help from community garden expert Bill Maynard, a concept plan and cost estimate were developed and presented to the residents of Marysville. Almost 50 people attended the first meeting to support the project and six months later the garden was built! Bill Maynard commented, "the power of the collaborative was seen through this effort from the start to the finish."



With the success of this project, two more neighboring cities are developing plans for their own community gardens with hopes that they will be in place for Spring 2012. The City of Marysville welcomes you to visit and see their community garden! You can also ["like" them on Facebook](#).

#### CalFresh Bills Signed by Governor Brown

This month, Governor Brown signed into law several bills that impact CalFresh, CalWORKs, senior nutrition benefits, and school food programs. Click on the bill numbers to learn more about each piece of legislation:



- [AB 6](#) (Fuentes) - CalWORKs and CalFresh
- [AB 69](#) (Beall) - Senior nutrition benefits
- [AB 152](#) (Fuentes) - Income tax credits for voluntary donations to food banks and State Emergency Food Assistance Program
- [AB 402](#) (Skinner) - CalFresh program: School Lunch Program information
- [AB 581](#) (Pérez) - California Healthy Food Financing Initiative
- [AB 959](#) (Jones) - CalWORKs and CalFresh: reporting
- [SB 43](#) (Liu) - CalFresh Employment and Training program

#### Partner Profile: Slow Food Sacramento Meets The Challenge

by Brenda Ruiz

On September 17 [Slow Food Sacramento](#) took part in SFUSA's \$5 Challenge National Day of Action by hosting a meal at Sacramento Waldorf School's biodynamic school garden in Fair Oaks. [Jr. Chef Central](#) chefs demonstrated a range of healthy, affordable, simple and tasty recipes. Farmer Steve Payne gave tours of the amazing school garden. Chef Brenda Ruiz aided by Adam Kliegman and Julia Lomtevas prepared fresh, local, seasonal fare for 150 attendees. Click [here](#) to see photos from the event.



Nationwide over 30,000 attended 5,570 \$5 Challenge meals at local farms, school gardens, churches, private backyards, food closet kitchens, restaurants, and farmers' markets. Even the White House took notice, announcing that the foundation created for Michelle Obama's [Let's Move! campaign](#) is up to the challenge, and on November 29th Chef Sam Kass will prepare a family dinner for \$4.50/person. Check out "[\\$5 Challenge Tips and Tricks](#)" to learn more and share.

Slow Food Sacramento is a chapter of an international organization impacting food policy through the simple act of bringing people together to share a meal. That's where the understanding and action start. Slow Food advocates for "good, clean, fair food for all," emphasizing access, biodiversity, and children. "All of us do this work as volunteers and are passionate not only about enjoying good food, but also that eating well should be a right enjoyed by all," says Charity Kenyon, the new Slow Food USA Regional Governor for Central California. Member [Brenda Ruiz](#) recently attended the [Chez Panisse Foundation Edible Schoolyard Academy](#) in Berkeley and chairs Slow Food Sacramento's edible education outreach.

The next Slow Food Sacramento event will be their Fall Harvest Dinner at Mulvaney's B&L on November 6th (see our "Upcoming Events" section for additional details).

*If you are interested in having your organization highlighted in our newsletter, please email [Adriane Lepage](#).*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**It's apple season, so head up to Apple Hill! Click [here](#) for farm information and events.**

### **Pizza Party with Rick Mahan**

**Date & Time:** October 29th, 2PM-4:30PM

**Location:** American River Ranch, Rancho Cordova

**Focus:** Acclaimed chef and owner of [The Waterboy](#) and [OneSpeed](#) will use a hand built earthen pizza oven to create seasonal pizzas. Learn his secrets and enjoy the feast! Tickets are \$49, or \$40 for co-op members. For more information & to register, visit [www.sacfoodcoop.com](http://www.sacfoodcoop.com).

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

**Date & Time:** October 30th, 5PM-7PM

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

**Focus:** Organic family-style supper prepared by Chef Dionisio Esperas and featuring produce picked fresh from [Soil Born Farms](#). Live music and a short presentation about the farm's educational projects will round out this inspiring evening. Tickets are \$30. Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

### **Local for the Holidays**

**Date & Time:** November 5th, 3PM-5PM

**Location:** Davis Food Co-op

**Focus:** Cooking demonstrations and local wines, samples of local Heritage Turkeys roasted on-site and local bread with Sierra Nevada cheeses. All proceeds will benefit [Yolo County 4H chapters](#). Tickets \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door. Click [here](#) for more information.

### **Slow Food Harvest Dinner**

**Date & Time:** November 6th, 6PM

**Location:** Mulvaney's Building & Loan

**Focus:** This year's harvest dinner features heirloom pork paired with locally-made Ruhstaller beer. Tickets are \$60/person. For more information, including the full menu, and to purchase tickets, click [here](#).

#### **4th Annual Turkey Drive**

**Date & Time:** November 18th, 4:30AM-7PM

**Location:** Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services

**Focus:** Drive by and drop off a turkey to donate to a needy family for this Thanksgiving. The goal is to get 8000 turkeys donated! Click [here](#) for more information.

#### **Running of the Turkeys**

**Date & Time:** November 19th

**Location:** Starts at Nelson's Grove, Woodland

**Focus:** 1 mile fun run/walk or 5K run/walk benefitting the [Food Bank of Yolo County](#). Cost is \$15 or a frozen turkey. For more information & to register, click [here](#).

#### **Run to Feed the Hungry**

**Date & Time:** November 24th, 8:35AM-10:30AM

**Location:** Starts at Sacramento State

**Focus:** 10K or 5K walk/run event benefits [Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services](#). Pre-race day registration is \$35 for adults and \$20 for children 15 and under. Click [here](#) to register.

#### **SAVE THE DATE! FSC Quarterly Meeting**

**Date & TIME:** January 10, 2012 (time TBD)

**Location:** TBD

**Focus:** TBD

**For event updates, visit our [online calendar](#). You can also use this calendar to add these events directly to your calendar!**

**Want your events listed here? Email [Adriane Lepage](#) and we'll add it to our calendar so FSC members know about it!**

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