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The Newsletter of the Sacramento Region Food System Collaborative

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Dear Kristine,

It has been a very exciting month for the FSC, as the [Food Charter](#) was adopted by the Yolo County Board of Supervisors! They are the first county to adopt the Food Charter, and we are optimistic that this trend will continue.

On July 26th, the Sacramento City Council unanimously passed the [community garden ordinance](#) which allows community gardens to be developed on private land. To watch the video of the meeting, click [here](#). We'll post articles on our [Facebook page](#) as they come up.

Check out our new "In Ag News" section! We'll use this  space to keep you updated on agricultural news both within the region and nationally.

In this month's newsletter we debut the new FSC [Action Alert System](#) and - for the first time - ask for [your feedback](#) on the FSC newsletter. We also provide information on the new [Organic and Sustainable Agriculture Select Committee](#) headed by Assemblymember Yamada, and announce the opening of [Alchemist's Urban Farm Stand](#) in West Sacramento.

Correction from [June Newsletter](#): In last month's newsletter we included a link in error in our discussion of SB 104, a link which discussed only one perspective of the legislation. Our intention is to provide neutral information on legislation relevant to the work of the Food System Collaborative. In the absence of neutral information, we will provide links to more than one perspective on that legislation.

Don't forget to check out the [Upcoming Events](#) section! Our partners have a lot of exciting things going on in the coming months.

Cheers,  
Robyn

**NEW! FSC Action Alert System**

We all know there are a lot of things happening in the six-

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county region that are important to the FSC. To keep everyone informed, we have created the **Action Alert System**.



The system works like this:

- If something is happening that you would like support on, email [Adriane Lepage](#). Include **what is happening and what action you would like others to take**.
- Adriane will send it out to the relevant mailing list(s) with you as the contact person.

To get this system up and running, we need to know which geographic areas are important to you and your work. We'll then add you to a mailing list so you receive Action Alerts that are most relevant to you. At this point we anticipate this to be no more than 1-2 emails per month.

Click [here](#) to let us know which **Action Alert mailing list(s) you would like to receive**.

## Organic & Sustainable Agriculture Select Committee

Assemblymember Mariko Yamada (D - Davis), Chair of the Assembly Select Committee on Organic and Sustainable Agriculture, held the first in a series of hearings that will investigate the barriers to sustainable and organic agricultural practices in California and the role it can play in mitigating climate change. The first hearing took place on July 13th included testimony from California State Secretary of Food & Agriculture Karen Ross and President of the State Board of Food & Agriculture Craig McNamara. For a video archive of the meeting, visit [calchannel.com](#). To read Assemblymember Yamada's initial press release, click [here](#). To read the post-meeting press release, click [here](#).



If you would like to be added to the distribution list to be informed about future meetings, please contact Arturo Salaires at [arturo.salaices@asm.ca.gov](mailto:arturo.salaices@asm.ca.gov) or (916) 319-2008.

## Tell Us What You Think!

As you may have noticed, our newsletter went through a bit of a facelift at the beginning of the year (thank you Adriane!) We are working hard to provide you with interesting content and keep you informed.



Now, we want to find out what you think about our newsletter and what you would like to see more of. Click [here](#) to take a brief four-question survey about our newsletter content.

This survey is entirely anonymous and we will use the

responses to improve the quality and content of our communications.

Thanks in advance for your feedback! Robyn & Adriane

## Alchemist Farm Stand is Open!

[Alchemist Community Development Corporation](#), one of the FSC's many partners, hosts a farm stand in the [Bryte & Broderick](#) neighborhood of West Sacramento as a part of the [Urban Farm Stand Project](#). This farm stand brings fresh locally grown produce to low-income communities that could benefit from greater access to fresh produce in a family-friendly, community-event atmosphere. The farm stand also engages [youth interns](#), who gain useful job and leadership skills as well as learn about the benefits of consuming fresh produce.



The urban farm stand is held every Saturday from 10AM-1PM now through October 29th at Holy Cross Church (800 Todhunter Avenue). The farm stand accepts CalFresh (EBT) and also provides \$5 in free farm stand dollars for every \$5 spent with CalFresh (up to \$20 per farm stand day).

The farm stand is also in need of volunteers to do produce deliveries and flyering/outreach. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Davida Douglas, Executive Director and Urban Farm Stand Coordinator, at [davida@alchemistcdc.org](mailto:davida@alchemistcdc.org) or (916) 204-8260.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

**Date and Time:** July 31st, 5PM-7PM

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

**Focus:** \$30 per person. More information and a menu at <http://www.soilborn.org/events.html>.

### **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 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.

### **Sacramento Hunger Coalition Quarterly Meeting**

**Date and Time:** August 24th, 10AM-12PM

**Location:** Sierra Health Foundation, 1321 Garden Highway

**Focus:** Click [here](#) for an agenda. RSVP to [Bob Erlenbusch](#) no later than August 22nd.

### **Community Garden Grand Opening**

**Date and Time:** August 27th, 9AM-11AM

**Location:** NW Corner of MLK & old 12th Ave in Oak Park

**Focus:** Contact [Bill Maynard](#) for more information.

**Sunday Supper to Support Soil Born Farms**

**Date and Time:** August 28th, 5PM-7PM

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

**Focus:** \$30 per person. More information and a menu at <http://www.soilborn.org/events.html>.

**SAVE THE DATE! FSC Quarterly Meeting**

**Date and Time:** September 6th, 1PM-4PM

**Location:** Sierra Health Foundation, 1321 Garden Highway

**Focus:** We will be focusing on changes to the Farm Bill and how changes to it will affect our region. Please click [here](#) to register.

**For event updates, visit our [online 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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