



*Joint Informational Hearing with Senate Agriculture Committee
&
Senate Environmental Quality Committee*

How Agricultural Programs Have Made Use of Cap-and-Invest Funds

10:00 a.m. ~ March 17, 2026
California State Capitol, Room 112

AGENDA

Opening Remarks

- Chair Caballero, Senate Committee on Agriculture
- Chair Blakespear, Senate Committee on Environmental Quality
- Members of both committees

Panel One: Overview of Agencies, Key Programs and Role in Cap-and-Invest

- Virginia Jameson, Deputy Secretary for Climate and Working Lands, California Department of Food and Agriculture
- Helen Kerstein, Principal Fiscal & Policy Analyst, Legislative Analyst's Office and Frank Jimenez, Principal Fiscal & Policy Analyst

Panel Two: Expert Testimony

- Dr. Alexandra Hill, UC Agriculture and Natural Resources
- Ermias Kebreab, Ph.D., UC Davis College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences

Panel Three: Frontline Perspectives from Agriculture Industry Representatives

- Phoebe Seaton, Co-Founder, Co-Director and Legal Director, Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability
- Brian Shobe, Policy Director, California Climate and Agricultural Network (CalCAN)
- Cannon Michael, President and CEO of Bowles Farming Company
- Tricia Geringer, Vice President of Government Affairs, Agricultural Council of California

Public Comment

Closing Remarks