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## **June 2, 2009 -- Growers Summit 2009 Conference: Where Does Our Nursery Industry Fit Into California Agriculture's Puzzle?**

### **A.G. Kawamura**

*Secretary, California Department of Food and Agriculture, Sacramento*

Secretary Kawamura will set a high bar for the state's vision of an increasingly cooperative and beneficial relationship with nursery and floriculture.

### **Abel Maldonado**

*California State Senator and Vice Chair, California Senate Food and Agriculture Committee, Sacramento*

Maldonado will stress the increasing importance the state places on nursery's role in public safety and food, fruit, and produce production for Californians, the U.S., and the world.

### **George Soares**

*CANGC Advocate, Kahn, Soares and Conway LLC, Sacramento*

Soares will share perspectives on the history of nursery and floriculture's static influence and reactive posture in Sacramento legislative and regulatory halls compared to other agricultural commodities, with options for reversing the trend to increase nursery's voice and market impact.

### **Tom O'Brien**

*CANGC/NGA National Advocate, DC O'Brien, Washington, D.C.*

O'Brien will discuss many opportunities that exist for California's nursery and floriculture community to impact Congress, USDA, and other federal agencies in a new administration focused on environment and green causes and amid an increasingly regulated agricultural economy.

### **Craig Regelbrugge**

*Vice President for Research and Government Relations, American Nursery and Landscape Association*

Regelbrugge will describe the impacts on California's growers of ANLA's efforts for comprehensive labor reform legislation, stronger national pest exclusion policies, sensible environmental protection measures, and opportunities springing from the 2008 Farm Bill funding initiatives.

### **Daniel Dooley, Ph.D.**

*Vice President, University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources*

Dooley will call for closer ties between UC/UCCE and the nursery and floriculture on matters of applied research and educational programs that benefit the institution, industry, and the public.

### **Panel Discussion**

Panel will explore the impacts of state funding shortfalls and growing pest exclusion mandates on nursery at the county level.

#### **MODERATOR:**

- **Bob Atkins**, San Diego County Agricultural Commissioner
- #### **PARTICIPANTS:**
- **Helene Wright**, State Plant Health Director for California, United States Department of Agriculture
  - **John Connell**, Director of Plant Health & Pest Prevention Services, California Department of Food and Agriculture
  - **Mary Pfeiffer**, Shasta County Agricultural Commissioner and Chair, California Agricultural Commissioner's Nursery, Seed, and Apiary Committee

