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## **Grassroots Legislation**

Each year at the Annual Session of the California State Grange, resolutions are presented from Community Granges to set policy for the State Grange. This is accomplished as delegates to the State Grange review, amend and adopt (or reject) resolutions. Resolutions who's scope is National are typically forwarded to the National Grange for its consideration.

At the end of each policy you will find a year in brackets. i.e. [2020] That year is when the resolution was adopted.

You can examine the Journal of Proceedings for that year and see the policy that was adopted, with all of the accompanying WHEREAS statements. Whereas Statements provide information or the rationale for the "resolved" course of action. The whereas statement(s) should lead the reader to your conclusion (resolved). They are not included in the Policy Handbook.

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## **AGRICULTURE & WATER**

We also reaffirm our primary mission: to support local small scale and family farms as an essential mainstay of local economies and food security, including support for farmers markets, farmland preservation, community gardens, and gardening & food education programs at Grange halls and in Grange communities. [2009]

### **AGRICULTURE**

#### **AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALS**

Support the banning of the use of Glyphosate products on the grounds of all public property including schools, parks, civic buildings, roadsides and highway areas.

Support Integrated Weed Management (IWM) and other safe alternatives to glyphosate use. [2018]

Will address Colony Collapse Disorder through written communication and in-person lobbying of the California Department of Pesticide Regulation, the USDA and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and communicate its opposition to the use of and furthermore recommend a ban of neonicotinoid pesticides. [2011]

Shall insist that all chemicals reviewed by the California Office of Environmental Health Hazard shall have a full scientific evaluation by the Science Advisory Board, and shall oppose the use of Authoritative Body provisions to ban the use of chemicals. [1997]

Will work to assure future full funding the USDA Pesticide Data Program. [1996]

Support legislation, laws and regulations that will assure the general public that any information it receives, either pro or con, pertaining to chemicals used on farm products will be reliable, and any individual issuing false information will be liable for felony prosecution. [1993]

Supports uniform pesticide regulations for all US producers, but allowing State Agencies to handle special needs created by local conditions. [1984]

**ANIMAL HUSBANDRY**

Seeks laws or regulations that require all humane shelters, animal control agencies, rescue agencies and other animal agencies working on the behalf of law enforcement to bear their own expenses. Only once proven guilty should costs be charged to the guilty party; if found innocent, the acting agency shall bear all expenses. Only under judicial approval shall costs then be recovered through liens, charges, and compensation for their actual expenses in the action. Including:

- a). Requiring that in the interests of constitutional justice regarding the taking of property without compensation and the enforcement of regulations and laws [e.g. SB 917 (Animal Abuse, Lieu, 2011) and AB 1117 (Animal Abuse: penalties, Smyth, 2011)], no animal ownership title shall change hands until the lawful proceedings of justice are complete; and
- b). Urges that costs incurred by the actions undertaken by agencies in the enforcement of animal abuse statutes shall be the responsibility of the acting agency. [2011]

Urges the USDA to provide adequate funding for eradication programs designed to control highly infectious diseases of livestock (i.e. Anthrax, Brucellosis, Scabies, New Castle disease, etc.) [2011]

Opposes the routine feeding or injection of antibiotics in healthy animals raised for human consumption. [2010]

Favors amending the existing sections regarding recovery of losses caused by dogs or other predatory animals to the end that the counties of this state will be required to set aside sufficient funds annually for the payment of damages to livestock owners for losses sustained by dogs and other predatory animals. [1976]

**FAIRS & EXPOSITIONS**

Suggests that any threat to the continued existence of local fairs be removed; that the funds allotted to them be increased; and that local fair boards have maximum control of the allotted funds and the operation of the fairs. [1972]

Lobby the legislature to ensure that people appointed to serve on fair boards represent agricultural interests. [2019]

**FARM POLICY**

Actively encourage and promote legislation for the development, use and promotion of solar powered electrical tractors and farm equipment. [2020-023]

Actively lobby State officials to create a regulatory category for small farms with less than \$150,000 gross income per year, with such category having reduced regulation and cost burdens. [2020-024]

Endorses and supports the enactment of Local Food and Community Self-Governance Ordinances and/or Resolutions.; and supports and encourages each Pomona Grange in presenting Local Food and Community Self-Governance Ordinances and/or Resolutions before their County Board of Supervisors. [2011]

Supports legislation that will raise the Cultivation Cap for Cannabis Cooperatives of four (4) acres to ten (10) acres. [2020-003R]

Supports the removal of marijuana (cannabis) from the United States Drug Enforcement Agency (USDEA) Schedule I classification. [2019]

Will support existing measures and encourage the adoption of new measures to help insure that California's agricultural land and agriculture, which sometimes includes water and roads be protected from urban encroachment, including the following steps to be considered:

(A) require local agency formation commissions (LAFCO}, local bodies that approve annexations to put their decisions to an advisory vote in their jurisdiction.

(B) urge that property tax limitations be modified to enable communities to purchase land and easements from those willing to sell. [1999]

The California State Grange in cooperation with the Alaska State Grange will insist that the U.S. government do what is necessary to insure that agricultural imports are produced, handled and processed in a manner at least equal to the U.S. requirements. [1997]

Shall oppose any governmental decisions or actions which would limit export of U.S. farm commodities. Further, Will support actions at the federal level which will institute a national policy to oppose the use of farm commodities as an instrument of international politics. [1997]

Will continue to urge the preservation of agriculture's standing in the Presidents cabinet. [1991]

Will inform State and Federal legislators that removal of livestock from public lands would be disruptive to the economy of the western states as well as the American food chain and would adversely affect the Consumer Price Index and that management of public lands should continue for multiple-use, including livestock grazing, as a practice vital to the preservation of resources, the continued productivity of those rangeland resources and the well being of wildlife. [1990]

Will urge legislation to control foreign ownership of farmland; to strictly enforce the Agriculture Foreign Investment Disclosure Act; prohibit foreign investors from purchasing or owning farmland unless they establish permanent residency within their areas of ownership and become citizens of the US; to stop the unfair tax advantages of foreign investors; and to stop the use of public funds and/or the services of the government agencies in the development of US based foreign-owned agricultural enterprises. [1989]

Will request the state legislature to enact a law to pay for the loss of revenue to an agricultural producer for crops declared unfit for human consumption by state order, or by chemicals placed in the products, unless the grower has contributed to the loss; and the reimbursement for the losses would be available to replace the lost market. [1985]

### **FARM PROGRAMS**

Will actively lobby the California Congressional delegation to maintain and increase funding by 25% for the Beginning Farmers and Ranchers Development Program through the 2018 Farm Bill. [2017]

Will actively lobby the California Congressional delegation to maintain and increase funding by 25% for the National Organic Cost Share Program through the 2018 Farm Bill. [2017]

Will actively lobby its Congressional delegation to increase funding by 25% for the Organic Agriculture Research and Extension Initiative through the 2018 Farm Bill. [2017]

Urge its Congressional delegation to maintain and increase funding for the Specialty Crops Block Grant Program through the 2018 Farm Bill. [2017]

Shall aggressively lobby State and Federal representatives to amend the Digital Millennium Copyright Act (DMCA) to allow owners of farm machinery to use and modify their equipment however they determine is in their best interest. [2017]

Shall actively lobby the USDA Risk Management Agency to train insurance agents about the Whole Farm Revenue Protection program, work to streamline the paperwork associated with the program for producers, and work to create additional organic price elections to ensure coverage for the full value of organic crops. [2017]

Shall actively lobby California's Congressional delegation to maintain and increase funding by 25% for the National Organic Program through the 2018 Farm Bill. [2017]

Shall actively lobby the California Congressional delegation to support the Livestock Forage Disaster Program, the Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program, and the Conservation Reserve Program-Grasslands in the 2018 Farm Bill. [2017]

Urges the California State Assembly and Senate to enact legislation that effectively reduces the government-mandated fees placed upon Calif. farmers who wish to convert their farmland to Certified Organic. [2011]

Expand its efforts in support of existing organic farming research and education bills in the California State Legislature, and request ongoing expansion of financial support for organic ecological farming research, educations and incentive. [2002]

Shall oppose expanding payments of Loan Deficiency Payments to growers who have not signed Production Flexibility Contracts. [2000]

Will support legislation to improve the condition and financial health of family farms to include emergency funding, government purchase of crops to alleviate world hunger, open markets, enforce trade agreements, promote exports, modernize Ag research for small farms and improve crop insurance. [1998]

Will support legislation establishing a reformed Agricultural Worker Program that will allow streamlined processing of temporary, legalized foreign workers. [1998]

Will support legislation which would allow producers and handlers to seek criminal and economic damage from people or organizations that disseminate false or faulty information which causes economic harm to a grower or handler of an agricultural product. [1994]

Will support passage of agricultural legislation which would establish a national farm program that would:

- a) Set a floor price for agricultural commodities that will meet the cost of production, plus a return on investment;
- b) Establish mandatory supply management program to prevent market depressing excess;
- c) Conserve soil and water resources for future generations;
- d) Restrict imported commodities from interfering with the operations of the Price Support Program. [1987]

Will oppose programs that expand farm payment schedules and limit production. [1977]

Will support a plan whereby the acreage limitation would be based on the lands' productivity and economic potential to provide a farm family a good living, and to also consider local cropping patterns, farming techniques and practices. [1977]

Urges the loopholes being used by conglomerates be closed, to require them to pay their fair share of taxes; more control of farm programs be moved from the Secretary of Agriculture to the local level; and that the subsidy payment programs be gradually phased out and substituted by a self help marketing program including the Farm Base Unit Concept. [1972]

**FOOD**

Will support the initiation of a regulated food products irradiation program, the initiation of a program to educate the public about the benefits of irradiated food products. [1998]

Advocate for the California Department of Agriculture to revise Food and Agriculture Code Section 27541 - Egg Safety Quality Management guidelines to include an exemption from registration and fees for individuals engaged in the casual production and exchange of eggs not as a primary source of income with flocks of less than 100 birds. [2020-006]

**GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS (GMO)**

Adopts a public policy to support labeling genetically engineered (GMO) foods; and shall lobby at the State Level to pass laws requiring labeling of genetically engineered (GMO) foods [2016]

Shall advocate to enact a law that requires labels on baby foods and infant formulas that list all genetically engineered ingredient(s), including milk from animals treated with growth hormone(s). [2016]

Opposes FDA approval of Genetically Engineered crops for human consumption unless third party toxicity studies prove they are safe; and supports initiatives that would enact a state law requiring the labeling of GMOs in food. [2011]

Oppose FDA approval of genetically engineered salmon for human consumption and that adequate assessment has proven the GMO Salmon is safe for human consumption; will advocate for clear product labeling of all genetically modified salmon and salmon products; and oppose FDA approval of genetically engineered salmon unless an adequate Environmental Assessment has been conducted that shows there is no possibility of GES escaping into the wild. [2010]

Supports legislation that food labeling which states the word "Organic" must also state whether the food (seed) was genetically modified. [2011]

Supports legislation that calls for the labeling of genetically engineered foods and ingredients, which contain possible allergens, and will lobby on both a state and federal level for this effort. [2003]

Supports controls on any outdoor planting of genetically engineered crops and mandated paper trail for any movement of processing of pharmaceutical crops to prevent contamination of the food supply. [2003]

Supports regulations that specify containment of genetically engineered crops and enforcement of liability for those responsible for genetic contamination. [2003]

Urges the California State Legislature to mandate sound scientific reviews of the impact that the technology of planting crops genetically altered with viruses and bacteria has had on California farmers; and the review of the safety and desirability of such crops. [2002]

### **HEMP - CANNABIS**

Lobby the California Drug and Food Administration (CDFA) CalCannabis Division to allow for the use of Hemp and Cannabis waste in feed for animals. [2020-029R]

Support hemp and cannabis being treated as an agricultural commodity. [2020-030]

Supports legislation to promote the development of a fair and equitable cannabis industry focused on small farmers before imposing further tax burdens on cultivators and distributors. [2020-032R]

Supports the removal of marijuana (cannabis) from the United States Drug Enforcement Agency (USDEA) Schedule I classification. [2019]

Supports the legalization of industrial hemp. [2001]

Supports the cultivation of industrial hemp, as defined under the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 as hemp plants having no more than 0.3% Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) content. [2019]

That hemp grown for personal consumption or use, shall be exempt from the yearly \$800 agriculture department registration fee. [2019]

Lobby CalCannabis and other agencies to create a consistent standard for all Counties to perform an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for cannabis cultivation which conforms to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for cannabis cultivation. And that the State of California Drug and Food Administration (CDFA) should have counties perform countywide EIRs for cannabis cultivation rather than putting the full burden on each individual farmer. [2020-022R]

### **MARKETING & COOPERATIVES**

Shall oppose any legislation, regulation, or initiative proposal that would curtail the sale, transport, or slaughter of horses for human consumption, except with the concern of the humane treatment of such animals. [1998]

Will urge the USDA to adopt a labeling program to alert the consumer that this meat product contains any portion of imported meat and where it is from. [1998]

Will oppose any restrictions on exports of any agricultural commodities. [1996]

Urges the United States Department of Agriculture to maintain the quarantine on importation of avocados from Mexico unless the proper documentation showing proper fumigation and inspection procedures have been done to prevent the introduction and spread of seed weevil and stem borer fly into the United States. [1995]

Will support legislation and/ or other actions which will change the USDA regulations to require poultry cooled to under 26 degrees Fahrenheit to be labeled as "Frozen" and that poultry held above 26 degrees Fahrenheit may be labeled as "Fresh". [1994]

Will support changes in marketing orders and grading classifications to reflect the reduced use of pesticides and reduction in the quality of fruits and vegetables, in order to preserve farm level income. [1990]

Will work toward implementing regulations requiring shippers and brokers to deliver grains of the quality specified in the contract. [1986]

Supports the implementation of proposals that would require dockage in grains to be reported to the nearest .1%. 19[86]

Recommends that brokers shall pay the producers (Farmer, Grower, etc.) within 15 days after sale of commodity and supports legislation to bring about this procedure using format as outlined and mandated by the Packers and Stockyard Act. [1978]

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

Request Congress to review the benefits of the protections and restrictions established in Congressionally designated wild horse and burro management areas under the "Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act of 1971", and if necessary, amend the act to prioritize balanced ecosystem management or repeal the act. [2019]

Reaffirms its support for the community of farmers of our nation, and strongly expresses its objections to the conditional approval of the Monsanto and Bayer merger announced by the U.S. Department of Justice. [2018]

Officially endorse the allocation of state cap-and-trade funds towards "climate smart farming" programs including but not limited to "The Healthy Soils Initiative", "The State Water Efficiency and Enhancement Program (SWEEP)" and "The Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program" (SALCP). The California State Grange lobby to maintain, and even increase, funding for such programs, including funding for technical assistance to small family farms so that these resources are equitably distributed amongst the agricultural community. [2018]

Call will upon the California Division of Labor Standards Enforcement to cease investigation and prosecution of farmers hosting volunteers and interns unless pursuant to a complaint; petition the State Assembly to begin hearings to review California Labor Law in the light of recent legislation in Oregon and Washington aimed at accommodating the practice of volunteering and interning on small farms; and support a specific exclusion from existing law for farms

grossing under \$100,000 annually who wish to host volunteers and/or interns. [2010]

Opposes any legislation that levies fees and/or placing further restrictions on agricultural burning. [1979]

Urges the California State Department of Food and Agriculture to investigate the willful destruction of any food products. [1974]

### **PEST MANAGEMENT**

That California State Grange will form an action team to educate the public and Subordinate Granges take steps to educate the public about the threat of neonicotinoids and advocate for a ban similar to one adopted by the European Union; and until a ban is in place that the California State Grange support measures to restrict the sale of nursery plants and seeds that have been treated with neonicotinoids making sure that these plants are clearly labeled with the danger of exposure to bees, butterflies, and other pollinators. Such labeling shall also be placed on household garden products sold to the public that contain neonicotinoids. [2019]

Shall lobby and go on record with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife in favor of easing all restriction on the hunting and trapping of Nutria (*Myocastor coypus*), and establishing a bounty program with the express intent of full removal of Nutria from within the state of California. [2019]

Does not support the California Department of Food and Agriculture's proposed Programmatic Environmental Impact Report, but encourages and supports additional use and research into scientifically proven alternative pest management [2011]

As the LBAM (Light Brown Apple Moth) program is being conducted throughout our state, Will request reclassification for LBAM as a nonactionable pest; and ask all our elected representatives to work diligently and forcefully to sever the taxpayer funding for the Light Brown Apple Moth eradication program. [2010]

Will seek to have the Grange continuously represented on the National Invasive Species Council and that Grange members nationwide be kept informed with regard to progress made. [1999]

Will support provisions to fund the building and operation of a Sterile Mexican Fruit Fly Laboratory. [1991]

Favors a policy that will expedite the eradication of agricultural pests as compatible with sound agricultural practices and urge the State of California to develop an ongoing program of control and eradication of such pests. [1988]

Will support a system of integrated pest management for control of exotic insect pests in California. Such a system should involve extensive education and participation by growers and the public in developing and implementing specific control programs. Sharing the costs for such programs by growers and other state residents should be based on the relative benefits the program will provide. [1988]

Will support the efforts of the CDFA & USDA to control infestations of "imported" exotic pest that are of major economic importance. [1987]

Will support policy that requires all commercial bee colonies be inspected periodically to control the spread of the Africanized bees. [1985]

Will support research, development and education of the full implications and feasibility of Integrated Pest Management application. [1980]

## **RESEARCH & TECHNOLOGY**

Urge the United States Administration to halt the growing of genetically engineered alfalfa outside of closed laboratory conditions; and urge the United States Congress to immediately enact legislation strongly regulating all genetically engineered crops based on sound science and a risk based approach, instead of the current practice of letting the industry police itself. [2011]

Will actively promote legislation to ban the field testing and commercialization of GURT (Genetic Use Restriction Technology) in the United States, as described in US Patent #5723765; and will actively partner with other national and international organizations to permanently ban the GURT on a global basis. [2010]

Will support ethical programs for genetically engineered agricultural products that directly benefit agricultural producers, and that adequate testing and research has been completed before their introduction in the food chain. [1998]

Will encourage legislative action in developing at state and local levels an integrated management approach to control and eventually eradicate Yellow Star thistle, this obnoxious, non-native weed. [1998]

### **UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA)**

Supports the Agriculture Extension Service, and opposes any significant reduction in funding for the Agriculture Extension Service that would cause programs to be discontinued. [2016]

That local California Granges participate as stake holders in Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) committees in their communities; and the California State Grange advocate for direct funding for Agricultural Education Career Technical Education (CTE) program funding. [2016]

Urges the USDA to provide adequate funding for eradication programs designed to control highly infectious disease of livestock (i.e. Anthrax, Brucellosis, Scabies, New Castle disease, etc.). [1974]

## **WATER**

### **WATER MANAGEMENT**

Endorses the Tulare Basin Surface/ Groundwater Storage Conveyance Hub with river and canal interties project feasibility study. [2009]

Shall use their lobbyists to work with Legislators and Administrators to support actions by the SWRCB (State Water Resources Control Board) and the USEPA (United States Environmental Protection Agency) of water quality standards required to achieve Water Quality Management in the Klamath River to support sustainable water and resource use. [2009]

Supports the concept of the "Two Gates" project, placing two large gates on sunken barges in two large channels in the central part of the delta in the Delta in order to temper the Tracy pumps and provide water for contracted users, maintain water quality standards, keep desired water levels and protect other animal species. [2009]

Advocates to all local, state and federal agencies involved in the transportation, storage, delivery and restoration of water, to develop and institute an emergency program to replenish the groundwater resources of the Central Valley of California. [2008]

Shall support the construction of an isolated water transfer facility outside of the Delta from the Sacramento River to the California Aqueduct near Tracy. [2007]

That Opposes the privatization of public water systems in their lobbying efforts. Supports the inalienable human right to potable water. [2006]

Will initiate a program to provide information on a safe drinking water process to rural areas of this country and of the rest of the world will work with other interested organizations to find a way to provide the safe drinking water process to rural families at cost, i.e.: safe drinking water is more important than profit. [2000]

Go on record to support an equitable water distribution program. [1998]

Will oppose any further action by the administration to implement the American Heritage Rivers Initiative. Further, Will support legislation that prohibits the implementation of the American Heritage Rivers Initiative. [1997]

Express by letters to the State Water Resources Control Board, and to county planning commissions, its extreme opposition to allowing groundwater to be exported from its area of origin or allowing drilling wells and/or pumping of groundwater to replace surface water that has been exported from the area of origin; and will also ask that any application approved for export of any water from area of origin be required to fallow an amount of land commensurate with the normal use of water in farming in the area of origin. [1994]

Will work to protect the present water contractors' rights and see to it their contracts are honored as if there was no transfer of ownership or operation of the Central Valley Project. [1992]

Will support regulations or legislation to bring about ground water management which would allow "ground water management districts" to be formed, which would include the following provisions:

- a) Locally organized by the landowners in the affected area;
- b) Locally managed with a board of directors elected by and from the local landowners;
- c) Ground water management plans to be proposed and approved by local landowners, to include provisions for:
  - 1) ground water extraction,
  - 2) replenishment of ground water basin,
  - 3) water quality,
  - 4) monitoring of wells,
  - 5) pumping levels,
  - 6) amounts extracted,
  - 7) any other activities concerning ground water agreed upon by the district landowners.
- d) Assessments to operate the district to be based upon a fair principle similar to assessments in irrigation or water districts.
- e) Ground water management districts, where possible shall encompass the boundaries of the ground water basin to be managed. [1992]

Will aggressively oppose any legislation that restricts the use of water for agriculture purposes. [1992]

Supports legislation that would create a Water Resources planning commission that would;

- a) Develop a long-range water plan,
- b) Set priorities for water distribution in future droughts,
- c) Provide for a balance between the water needs of wildlife and man,
- d) Protect existing water rights of current users. [1991]

Favors regulations requiring the tile drainage water not leave the lands of origination unless treated in an accepted manner or through a drainage district facility. [1986]

Favors implementation regulations prohibiting the practice of disposing of tail water by pumping it back into the stream or canal unless it is at least as good a quality as the water in the canal or stream at the point of discharge. [1980]

Will support water rights laws that would accomplish the following:

- a) Provide sufficient time for adequate review by all interested parties.
- b) Provide for a thorough an extensive study of ground waters and its management.
- c) Establish and maintain local control of water policy and management decisions concerning water resources.
- d) Reinforce and strengthen "County of Origin" water rights.
- e) Provide for judicial review of water rights policies and decisions.
- f) Provide for the full protection of existing water rights when establishing in stream flows. That any and all changes in the California Water Laws only be done one small step at a time with great deliberation and only after full and complete public review. [1978]

**WATER CONSERVATION**

Will augment its policy to support, through legislation, education, and publicity, the efficient use of water by all urban, rural, commercial, industrial and agricultural users. [2010]

Will oppose all legislation and administrative regulation that would remove and/or inhibit construction of dams needed for flood protection, domestic and agricultural water supply. The Legislative Department will lobby the state legislature and other agencies having appropriate authority to protect needed dams and to allow additional dam construction when required. [99]

Encourages the California Department of Transportation to conserve water along the highways. [1988]

Opposes the depletion of water supplies in one area to supply another area. [1982]

Favors that only water unsuitable for agriculture be used for the cooling of nuclear plants. [1977]

Will support action to cut the amount of water that is being wasted, by encouraging the implementation and use of water saving devices. [1977]

Will support legislation to provide water programs for underground replenishment [1977]

**WATER DEVELOPMENT**

That Supports building additional water storage on the San Joaquin River above Friant Dam. [2007]

Support building additional storage on the Kings River if it is economically feasible when proposed. [2007]

Push the State and National Governments to build more dams and reservoirs to conserve and regulate the flow of water down stream on the rivers of California. [2007]

Lobby the Department of Water Resources and the Bureau of Reclamation respectively to conduct a new feasibility study based on current conditions, taking into account the possibility of power generation, to determine the feasibility of the Ostrum Point Dam. [2007]

Will support the continued development of additional uses of saline irrigation drainage in beneficial products. [1999]

Will urge the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California to develop water desalinization plants. [1998]

Encourages the state and federal governments to adopt policies which will develop available and unused water from any and/or all sources for efficient use on California farm lands for irrigation, farm use and related agricultural requirements. [1992]

Will oppose the inclusion of the value of federal irrigation water subsidies in gross income statements for tax purposes. [1990]

Supports the addition of thirty (30) feet to the top of Pine Flat Dam. [1989]

Will oppose turning the Central Valley Project over to the State of California to operate and manage. [1988]

Favors legislation to proceed with controllable salt water barrier tests. [1988]

Urges public agencies to cooperate with the Bureau of Reclamation to build the Auburn Dam and to support the efforts of the State of California bonding efforts and/or financial commitment for the completion of the Auburn Dam facility. [1987]

Will support the construction of another dam on the Kings River at Rogers Crossing. [1987]

Supports the efforts of California citizenry who voted down the peripheral canal in opposition to the southerly transport of Northern California water; and urge the people, government and businesses of California to practice water conservation at all opportunities as a method of increasing water yield. [1987]

Will support legislation to complete the Auburn Dam. [1987]

Recommends that an agency building dams be responsible for down stream channels including costs in price of dam if necessary, and that releases from the dams be handled by competent people who are familiar with and understand the water shed. [1985]

Will support and promote the following policies:

- a) The maximum use of surplus seasonal delta flows for export and storage south of the Delta should take precedence over construction of additional Sacramento watershed storage facilities.
- b) A cross Delta transfer system should be developed giving due consideration to quality of water both within the Delta and at point of export.
- c) The development of additional storage facilities south of the Delta to enable increased exportation of surplus water during peak winter flows. The Los Banos Grandes Reservoir authorized in 1984 (chapter #1656 84) should be accorded highest priority and the plans should accommodate the maximum 2.3 million acre feet.
- d) That water resources needed to recharge underground basins should be taken into consideration in south of Delta storage plans.
- e) Legislation for a state wide policy regarding water transfers between water districts and urge the federal government to do the same.
- f) The concept of irrigation water management plans for water districts. [1985]

Will oppose any plan by the Department of Interior to divert the contractual water of EBMUD's through the Folsom South Canal. [1985]

Will support the building of desaltification facilities when it is feasible. [1982]

Will support the concept of building water storage facilities south of the Delta. [1982]

Will request the Secretary of the Interior to place the North Coast Rivers; the Smith, Klamath, Trinity, Eel and portions of the American, under the control of the State of California. [1981]

Endorses the South Fork of the American River (SOFAR) project to develop water storage and generate electrical power through the sale of revenue bonds. [1979]

Urges the rapid construction of Clavey portion of Clavey Wards Ferry Hydro project and oppose any wild and scenic designation that would adversely affect this project. [1979]

Opposes any changes in the present status of the Eel River. [1978]

Supports the development of surface water to supplement the limited water supplies in California. [1978]

Encourages the funding and construction of the Auburn Dam and the Folsom South Canal. [1977] *NOTE: The Folsom South Canal was planned to be constructed in five reaches for a total length of 68.8 miles. Only the first two reaches have been built, a total length of 26.7 miles, and there are no current plans to construct the remaining three reaches, about 42 miles, delayed pending reauthorization.*

Will support better use of our rivers by saving water with holding dams, so that it will be used for agriculture needs in the production of food. In addition, Supports initiatives to build more holding dams to conserve water for agriculture and public use. [1976]

Urges those government agencies responsible for flood control to take immediate action to alleviate flooding on these rivers. [1974]  
Will use our office to influence the development the South Fork American River (SOFAR) project and oppose any and all efforts to delay completion of the worthy project SOFAR. [1974]

**WATER RIGHTS**

Supports the position that any and all of peoples' rights are first and any restrictions on these rights must be supported by true and accurate science. [2000]

Support legislation which prohibits city or county approval of development or a subdivision of property for residential or commercial uses UNLESS the appropriate legislative body makes a finding that a sufficient reliable water supply is available that will meet the reasonable needs of the project. [2000]

Opposes the removal of the control of the groundwater management districts and plans from local authority. [1987]

Encourages state officials to finalize and implement plans for the Groundwater Protection Strategy with local input. [1987]

Favors a policy opposing the extraction of groundwater for export outside of the groundwater basin if such extraction is adverse to the interests of the overlaying landowners. [1982]

Urges legislators and the Department of Water Resources to insure that subsequent legislation incorporate provisions to protect areas of origin. [1981]

Will support protecting the present and ultimate needs of the counties of origin with regard to dammed rivers, and that they have first priority to this resource. [1978]

Will support efforts ensuring that the underground water remains with the land above it. [1977]

# CITIZENSHIP & TAXATION

## **BANKRUPTCY**

Supports changes in the bankruptcy code that would set uniform personal exemptions for all states, place limits on exemptions when necessary to repay obligations to federally insured institutions, and require whenever the debtors income will support it, participation in a repayment plan that repays a reasonable portion of the outstanding debt. [1990]

## **BORDERS**

Urges the congress to allow the assignment of our Military forces to assist the Border Patrol units in enforcing our border policy where there is a need for man power to control the flagrant violations of our Immigration laws. [1992]

## **DEFENSE/MILITARY**

Supports legislation to bring the military pay in line with private industry. [1980]

## **DEFICIT REDUCTION**

Supports a mandate to operate State and Federal governments on balanced budgets. [1982]

Supports legislation reducing the U.S. National debt (deficit) and that Congress establish a ceiling and hold the line. [1978]

## **EDUCATION**

Oppose any law, legislation, or constitutional amendment that allows:

- a) New residential construction fees of \$2.65 or greater per square after June 1994.
- b) School bonds to pass with a majority vote instead of a two thirds vote.

Will encourage legislators to support adequate funding for public education. [1982][Reaffirmed 1987]

### **ELECTIONS**

Supports California 2017 AB84 which changes the date of the California primary from June to March. [2017]

That Urge our state legislators to implement laws to prevent incumbent elected leaders from receiving salary for their office while running for other elected positions. [2016]

Will support California 2017 AB84 which changes the date of the California primary from June to March. [2017] Support California 2017 AB84 which changes the date of the California primary from June to March. [2017]

### **EXPORTS**

Favors that all commodities exported from the U.S. without the benefit of a sale should have a value for income tax purposes set on them at the time of export. [1984]

### **FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD**

Will oppose any Congressional management or control over the Federal Reserve Board, and continue to support the independence of the Federal Reserve System. [1990]

### **FOOD SAFETY**

Urges legislation to require the importing companies to certify that the commodity to be imported has not been grown or treated with materials not registered to be used in the United States, and urge the U.S.D.A. to implement the regulations and an inspection system to implement such policy, as well as a fee structure to be paid for by the importing company that will recover all costs of this program. [1990]

Urges the Government to require by law the USDA inspection of all

meats imported including rabbits and poultry. [1982]

Urges the F.D.A. and the U.S.D.A. to ban imports of food and fiber from nations using FDA banned or restricted compounds, unless they can prove that they were produced under equal restrictions as the U.S. Ag. industry. [1973][Reaffirmed 1989]

### **FUEL TAXES**

Support legislation which would provide federal tax credits or tax deductions to growers or grower co-operatives who build or own ethanol production facilities. [2001]

### **FUNDING OF PROGRAMS**

Urge our legislators to pass no unfunded mandates. [2011]

### **LANDS, PUBLIC / PRIVATE**

Will support the creation of a fund for state and local open space acquisition purposes, and that a program be developed to offer compensation to the extent possible for actual economic damage suffered by landowners in the course of compliance with land use policies desired and imposed by the public at large. [1972]

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

Initiate and support legislation:

1. protecting homeowners from arbitrary and unjustified rate increases from insurance companies;
2. making the risk models used by insurance companies in rating or underwriting to set "fireline" scores transparent and disclosed to the public;
3. requiring insurance companies to give premium discounts to homeowners who make investments in hardening their home from wildfires;
4. enacting a strict consumer protection standard for non-renewals by prohibiting insurance companies from non-renewing

policyholders whose circumstances have not changed; and

5. requiring insurance companies to obtain approval from the insurance commissioner before they can reduce the volume of policies in a given area. [2019]

Revise its public policy to support an Article 5 amendment to the US Constitution requiring Congress pass a 12-month budget before the start of each federal fiscal year, and that failure to pass a budget before the federal fiscal year begins strips Congress of their pay and benefits until a budget is passed.

That the California State Grange is in favor of the Federal Records Retention Act rules and regulations and Freedom of Information Act requests for those records applying to all elected positions, as well as all professional congressional staff at both the State and Federal level. [2019]

Will seek legislation to compel electric utility companies to coordinate with County and Local Emergency Offices to establish a database of citizens residing in an affected jurisdictions whose health could be in jeopardy in the event of a power cutoff, and those citizens with special/ medical needs shall be notified by electric utility company of the pending electrical cut off. [2018]

Will support legislation to create a California State Bank that supports regional California public banks. [2016]

Will strongly encourage and work with all subordinate Granges to urge our members and communities to buy from local farmers, and locally-owned businesses and stores and do our best to deposit our money in local credit unions and banks that invest a large proportion of their funds locally. [2016]

Urges our legislators to implement laws similar to the Federal government prohibiting employment by the State of California of past legislators within two years of the expiration of their term of office. [2010]

Will urge the U.S. Congress to plan and adopt the yearly budget exclusive of the Social Security fund and that the Social Security status also be reported, including the reserves. [1999]

Will support the effort to reform corporate welfare and urge state and federal legislators to pass legislation aimed to abolish corporate welfare programs. [1996]

### **PROBATE / INHERITANCE**

Lobby to completely eliminate the Federal Estate Tax. [2005]

### **PROPERTY RIGHTS**

Opposes the use of eminent domain for construction of the Jordan Cove Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Facility/Pacific Connector Pipeline. [2018]

Opposes the condemnation of lands by eminent domain for the purpose of laying pipelines that would transport fossil fuels; and Will support any legislation that protects our native American brothers and sisters, the indigenous tribes, in their demands that their treaty rights be respected in regards to issues of eminent domain. [2017]

### **PROPERTY TAXES**

Adopt and maintain a solid position supporting keeping the Jarvis-Gann Proposition 13 in place. [2007]

Seek out a legislator or legislators, from either or both the Assembly and the Senate, to introduce legislation to provide volunteer firemen with a property tax exemption on his or her personal dwelling. [2006]

That Urge and support a change in the Revenue and Taxation Code with regard to real property taxation, revising the due dates for tax payments as follows:

- With regard to the first installment causing the tax payment to fall due on September 1 and becoming delinquent by October 10 if unpaid and leaving the regulations regarding the second installment dates unchanged with the due date remaining February 1 and becoming delinquent by April 10, thus causing property tax payments to fall due at six-month intervals. [2001]

Urges the Legislature that a vote of the people be required before assessment districts can be imposed and/or assessed. [1993]

### **STATE BUDGET**

Will urge the California State Senate and Assembly to adopt a transportation fund from the gasoline tax for exclusive use on California roadways for improvements. [1999]

### **TAXES**

Will urge the State Attorney General to fully define California's use of the following:

1. Fee;
2. User's Fee;
3. Tax Assessments;
4. Toll surcharge

And the explanation be defined on how these terms fit with Prop 13. [2016]

Will seek legislation to change the current tax laws within their respective jurisdiction to include the cost of living in basic care or skilled nursing facilities as a tax-deductible expense. [2000]

### **TRADE NEGOTIATIONS GENERAL**

Shall not endorse any trade agreements negotiated by the federal government that are not fair and equitable to American consumers and businesses and do not include any procedures for redress of unfair or inequitable trade practices. [2001]

### **UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE**

Support legislation in the US Congress to repeal the 2006 law requiring pre-funding of retirement, such as H.R. 2382, the USPS Fairness Act, and support all legislation designed to support the functioning of the US Postal Service. [2020-010]

That Shall encourage the US Congress to continue funding to support the US Postal Service to maintain its important services, i.e. maintain post offices, lowest cost delivery services, minimum level of services to customers, continued Saturday delivery and door and curbside service. [2016]

### **VETERANS**

Urges our federal law makers to question the Department of Veterans Affairs on the restrictive approach of limiting headstones for veterans who paid the price of wrong-doing in later life. [2016]

### **WILLIAMSON ACT**

Will support efforts to increase the subventions, or monetary compensation, the state pays for the tax shortfall the counties face when land is placed under a Williamson Act contract. [1989]

# CONSERVATION

## AIR AND WATER QUALITY

Actively encourage State Legislators and Regulatory bodies to use a tiered approach when proposing regulations regarding onsite domestic wastewater treatment systems (septic systems) that takes into consideration the risk of the system impacting the ground water in the area, with the determination of low, medium and high risk being under local authority control to include the setting of fees, be it county, regional or some other entity that has knowledge of the local conditions. [2009]

Petitions the Environmental Protection Agency to actively enforce regulations on unsafe urban waste water treatment plants and to insist that each plant be designed and operated to function with minimal risk to public health and safety. [1990]

Supports:

1. Restrictions in the release of Chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) to the atmosphere;
2. An orderly transition to a replacement for CFCs to a less harmful chemical;
3. A phase in period of seven to ten years if new refrigeration systems are required as part of the CFCs replacement process. [1991]

Proposes that clean water funds be used only to:

- 1.Reduce pollution;
- 2.Facilitate land disposal alternatives;
- 3.Provide for tertiary treatment of urban waste if surface water discharges are completely unavoidable. [1988]

Proposes that state engineers adequately monitor mercury pollution in air and water around abandoned mercury mines and to accurately determine the impact of mercury on the environment. [1988]

Urges the Air Quality Control Board to standardize their enforcement statewide. [1983]

Urges Congress and the Environmental Protection Agency to enact legislation and regulations to reduce emissions causing acid rain. [1983]

Supports asking the Air Quality Control Board to allow controlled burning where safeguards are provided. [1976]

## **CLIMATE**

Shall publicly acknowledge the value of scientific research and inquiry; shall aggressively lobby State representatives to honor existing legislation and international agreements, such as the Paris Climate Agreement, which seek to limit the effects of industrial activity which contributes to temperature rise; and that future lobbying shall encourage legislation to reverse global warming. [2017]

## **ENDANGERED SPECIES**

Supports all legal efforts on the part of governments, Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), and other groups and individuals to modify the human-generated activities which have made survival for endangered and threatened species more difficult, in order that we may recover the biodiversity so essential to the survival of life on earth. [2019]

Support Humboldt, Del Norte and Mendocino Counties in opposing the current Marine Life Protection Act (MLPA) initiative process in the north coast region so long as it remains unresponsive to local concerns. [2009]

No Endangered Species Act recovery plan should be put into effect without the financial means and a program to pay just compensation for the loss to individuals and the private sector for the costs of feeding, watering and sheltering rare, endangered and threatened species. [2004]

Supports legislation that would require the notice acknowledging receipt of a petition to add or remove a species from the lists of endangered or threatened species to include information on whether the species is a bird, mammal, fish, amphibian, reptile, or plant, and the locations where a copy of the petition is available for public review.

[1995]

Urges and will support changes in the Endangered Species Act that would incorporate consideration for the human and economic impacts of declaring a species either threatened or endangered. [1991]

Urges and will support changes in the Endangered Species Act that would assure public hearings in the involved area, such hearings to include impact on human welfare and the area concerned. [1992]

Urges and will support changes in the Endangered Species Act that would require scientific research to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that a species is in danger of becoming extinct before it is placed on the endangered list. [1993]

## **ENERGY**

Request the United States Congress review the Code of Federal Regulations and update the statute that governs the Department of Energy's 10 CFR 440.18(f)(2)(iii) which currently reads "That dwelling units partially weatherized under this part or under other Federal programs during the period September 30, 1975 through September 30, 1994..." be changed to read "That dwelling units partially weatherized under this part or under other Federal programs from a date 10 years prior to date of client application. [2018]

Opposes the rezoning of currently zoned agricultural land to any other commercial or industrial designation when renewable energy projects are installed on existing agricultural property. [2011]

Support geological studies that lead to environmentally safe methods to make use of the newly discovered oil reserves in the Dakotas and Montana until America is no longer dependent on foreign oil and until our nation can be free of dependence on fossil fuel reserves. [2009]

Lobby the California Office of State Architects and the American Institute of Architects, California Chapter working on California schools and public buildings to utilize designs featuring solar and "green" renewable energy technologies when designing projects and remodeling upgrades. [2007]

Initiate legislation and lobby for a wider use of wind energy in appropriate areas suited to sustaining wind power development and that the equipment used in production of wind power be inspected by local utility companies under the guidelines of the Public Utility Commission, and upon decommissioning the equipment be removed and the landscape returned to its natural condition. [2007]

Urges the passage of the Alternative Energy, Research, Production, Incentives Tax on California oil producers (Prop. 87) to increase the use and development of alternate fuels. [2006]

Strongly support and vigorously lobby for usage of alternative energy resources. [2006]

Supports legislation authorizing the production of electricity by using water wheel powered generators or low head generators anchored in the canals. [1993]

Opposes the banning of the use of coal and coke for industrial uses as a form of regulation by cities, counties, and states, and insists regulations concerning the use of coal and coke be based on factual information and not emotional facts and, if necessary, supports stricter regulations concerning emission standards for coal and coke fired industrial plants. [1990]

Recommends that the U.S. Department of Energy encourages the expansion of ethanol production from surplus agriculture products for use as a fuel and power source. [1988]

Opposes any action by the legislature, or regulators, to remove local control of geothermal resource development from county jurisdiction. [1976]

Supports the development of public owned facilities to utilize other safe sources of energy. [1975]

## **ENVIRONMENT**

Shall urge the California Congressional delegation to support the

Cooperative Conservation Partnership Initiative, the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) and the Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program (WHIP) in the 2018 Farm Bill. [2017]

Urges the legislature of the State of California to ban enhanced hydraulic fracturing and fracturing waste disposal in injection wells in the State of California. [2016]

Has determined that enhanced extraction by hydraulic fracking or by acid injection is too dangerous to the local environment and local economy and therefore fracking operations cannot be permitted in Monterey County; has determined that storage of enhanced fracking waste in injection wells is too dangerous a risk to the Salinas Valley water basin and cannot be permitted in Monterey County; opposes the use of hydraulic fracking in Monterey County. [2015]

Agrees to undertake a concerted effort to educate its members on the advantages and opportunities in the operations of Biochar production and use for soil building, crop productivity enhancement, water filtering, pollution mitigation, renewable energy generation, and greenhouse gas emissions reduction; and lobby vigorously to support legislation that encourages Biochar production and use at the State and local policy levels to ensure the benefits embedded in the promise that is biochar gives, to build soil now and for future generations, for AB 32 climate mitigation compliance, to enhance renewable energy generation portfolio standards, indicating a will and tangible possibility therefore of human survival, will demand that the role of agriculture's success in these areas be funded at a level commensurate with its contribution [2011]

Recognizes and advocates the need for sustained leadership and commitment at the federal, state, regional and local levels to develop strategies to combat the effects of climate change. [2007]

Support the construction of Auburn Dam and lobby accordingly. [2005]

Supports and urges efforts to overhaul the Superfund Program so it will expedite clean ups, limit retroactive liability, and prioritize the sites deemed necessary for clean up. [1993]

Supports legislation to reduce the use of polystyrene products using Chlorofluorocarbons as a blowing agent. [1988]

Opposes exploration and production of off shore oil and gas drilling and exploration in the area from Point Conception to the Oregon border. [1988]

Urges Congress to ban the scuttling of nuclear submarines and all other dumping of radioactive wastes in the oceans under the control of the United States. [1983]

Favors legislation providing subsidies designed to encourage a bigger and better re refining industry, and, that the penalties for dumping waste oil in the waterways be enforced. [1975]

### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORTS**

Will urge the Legislature to streamline the processes involved to obtain the vacuum dredging permits needed for Clear Lake thereby eliminating the red tape that now encompasses the process. [1996]

### **FIRE FIGHTING/CONTROL**

Supports the concept of cooperation between political subdivisions when fighting wildfires through means such as mutual aid agreements. [1977]

### **FISH AND GAME AND WILDLIFE**

Support legislation and regulatory authority to empower local governments to determine the need to control mountain lions or other predatory animal populations within their jurisdictions. [1996]

Shall be prepared to participate in the discussion of plans for restoring historic fisheries along the rivers of California and other habitats, in order to ensure that agricultural interests and the economic impacts of the implementation of these plans be fully considered prior to implementation. [1994]

Supports protection and maintenance of the natural balance between predator and prey species. [1991]

Urges the Department of Fish and Game, State of California, to change the procedure to make anyone who obtains a deer tag by drawing be declared ineligible for drawing in that zone the following year. [1982]

Promotes a separate Fisheries Management Council for California. [1980]

Supports the Fish and Game Department program of Tule Elk population control through a controlled hunting season or other practices. [1976]

Recommends that salmon egg-taking projects be continued. [1973]

### **FORESTS AND FORESTRY PRACTICES**

Urges the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (Cal Fire), the California Air Resources Board (CARB), and other appropriate Federal, State and County officials and agencies to work in cooperation with Prescribed Burn Associations in California to meet the needs of their local communities. [2020-016]

Will support and encourage sustainable forestry and arboreal practices on both public and private lands; and encourage the use of native or regionally appropriate species. [2017]

Support letting forest fires to burn themselves out except; in areas where structures are threatened. [2009]

Advocate political actions in support of the harvesting of fire ravaged timber from fire recovery zones, and that removal of such timber be accomplished as soon as possible. [2008]

Requests the California delegation to the U. S. Congress initiate legislation which will enable all government agencies having fire damaged or insect-killed timber under its jurisdiction now, or in the future, to fast track the sale of harvest of this timber so as to preserve

the maximum of its market value. [2003]

Support that carefully monitored timber harvest efforts be permitted in more widespread areas of National Forests with fire prevention clean-up as a priority. [2000]

Supports a national program such as the Civilian Conservation Corps, and urges private timber landowners to establish similar programs for forest improvement work. [1993]

Supports Tree Reforestation for Economic and Environmental Strength (TREES), or similar programs that apply to state and federal needs, and will work for its establishment by our legislators. [1992]

Urges the California Forest Service and the California Department of Fish and Game to amend and simplify their rules to help the family farmer to obtain harvest plans in a less time consuming and less costly procedure. [1991]

Supports sustainable old growth forest management systems through a scientific process that meets the needs of forests, wildlife, and people and still retains the character of true old growth forests. [1991]

Supports a program to protect our parks and forests from fire and insect infestation by utilizing all dead and down trees for their highest value, and urges that any state laws that conflict with this proposal be changed as needed. [1989]

Supports the salvage of as much of the fire damaged timber, including that in the Wilderness areas, as is possible, immediately. [1988]

Supports a program to increase the productivity of our nation's forests, thus making them more useful and valuable to future generations and our nation's future needs. [1974]

Encourages the better utilization of our forest products by urging the development and marketing of wood and wood products now unused. [1973]

**LAND PRIVATE/PUBLIC**

Supports the continuance of the right of agriculturists to graze livestock on appropriate sections of public lands; and that such usage of public lands be granted by permits issued by appropriate authorities and that grazing be carefully monitored. [2003]

Will urge legislation to standardize the definition of what constitutes a "public nuisance" in county ordinances to that defined in the California Civil and Penal Codes, thus removing such ordinances from local unlimited and arbitrary implementation. [1997] [reverses 1972 position]

Supports the efforts of the Soil Conservation Service (SCS) in developing a National Grazing Land Conservation Program that would address the following issues:

- a) To establish and strengthen partnerships and the opportunities for organizations and interest groups to work with the SCS;
- b) To develop an informational and educational program that will inform users of non federal grazing lands of the ecologic, biologic, hydrologic, and economic importance of these lands to all Americans;
- c) To increase the technical, leadership, and communication skills of SCS employees who work with the public regarding non federal grazing lands;
- d) To improve the plant and wildlife resource populations and habitat so that multiple resource values may be sustained;
- e) To support the development of sustainable animal agriculture operations that operate on a sound ecological and economical basis;
- f) To enhance the yields of quality water and to maintain the productivity of our soil resources and improve air quality by using improved technology transfer and conservation practices;
- g) Seek to have incorporated amendments into the current Farm Bill, or into the next Farm Bill, a program that will address the needs of our non federal grazing lands by implementation of a National Grazing Lands Conservation

Program to be administered by the Soil Conservation Service, and will work for inclusion of the National Grazing Land Conservation Program into future farm bill legislation. [1991]

Urges that the State Mines and Geology Board be requested to restrict gravel mining in areas overlying aquifers or in the vicinity of aquifers that serve as a potable water supply for domestic, municipal, and agricultural needs, and if such restrictions are not possible, than regular monitoring of the underlying groundwater be mandated, with careful analysis to detect any potential pollutants and to ensure compliance with standards. [1991]

Opposes the nationalization of mineral exploration and development through exorbitant fees and regulations.

Supports and encourages state officials to implement the California State Soil Conservation Plan. [1986]

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

Shall initiate and support "Right to Dry" legislation to prohibit and rescind state or local laws or regulations, restrictions, or private contracts from limiting the ability of dwellers to erect and use clotheslines for the drying of clothing within their communities. [2008]

That Urge lawmakers to implement imposition of an additional one-time fee upon all vehicles when first licensed in California and that all resulting funds be held in a segregated, interest-bearing account, all proceeds of which shall be used solely for the timely removal expenses of all vehicles found abandoned on either public or private properties by request of the property owner. [2006]

Will adopt the position that the United States withdraw from the 1972 World Heritage Treaty and that the Congress of the United States rescind all designations of American historical treasures to the United Nations for management. [1999]

Urges the Department of the Interior, National Park Service, to rule that the amount of penalty for removing petrified wood within the boundary of the park be raised from \$1.00 a pound to not less than \$100.00 a pound. [1973]

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

That Urge the Fish and Wildlife Service and the California Department of Fish and Game to investigate the impact of foreign crabs and other foreign species in California waters and address control. [1998]

Supports state and federal legislation that would require notification of property owners whenever any government agencies relocate park bears or other potentially dangerous animals, and that the property owners to be notified are those within what would be considered the normal range of the animals being released. [1990]

**RECYCLING**

Supports efforts by local Granges, the public, and individuals as well as by the California Legislature and Congress to take action to (1) reduce the production of single-use plastic items and to (2) eliminate plastic materials from entering the Waste Stream. [2019]

That Supports the principals of zero waste including but not limited to:

- a) Reducing the use of natural resources when possible;
- b) Re-using resources when possible rather than discarding them;
- c) Recycling recyclable materials rather than disposing of them;
- d) Composting organic materials rather than burying them in a landfill; and
- e) Designing, producing and distributing products using methods and procedures that minimize negative health and environmental impacts throughout the product life cycle including end-of-life post-consumer materials management. [2008]

**SOLID WASTES**

Urges the state and county governments to publish or make available proper explanation of the cost of solid waste disposal to all residents.

[1992]

# EDUCATION & HEALTH

## EDUCATION

### ADMINISTRATION - SCHOOL

Supports the implementation of the following in California public schools:

- Schools must provide the education and the environment to promote lifelong health choices, then model and promote those behaviors throughout the campus.
- Development/enforcement of nutritional standards for all food and beverages offered.
- A comprehensive nutrition education program that becomes part of or is integrated into the California State Education Standard.
- A comprehensive physical education program that becomes a part of or is integrated into the California State Education Standards.

Will actively lobby the Governor of California to support the current placement of Regional Ag. Ed. Offices and regional Ag. Ed. Programs and contests. [2002]

Urges the State Legislature to carefully monitor educational planning in California and continues to encourage strengthening educational standards in California schools. [2002]

### CHARTER SCHOOLS

Encourages positive legislation that supports the Charter School Law and will monitor legislation that is detrimental to the Charter School Law. [2002]

### COMMUNITY CONTROL

Supports local control of school districts by school boards elected by the voters of the local school districts. This does not include intervention by the State Department of Education, as per the

California Education Code. [2001]  
Supports a parent's right to choose where their child is educated.  
[2000]

Will support a plan in the State's Public School system in which parents participate with the school system in their children's learning programs [2000]

### **CURRICULUM**

Lobby the California Department of Education and the California Legislature to amend the California Education Code to allow school districts to offer American Sign Language (ASL) in addition to other foreign language classes to fulfill the foreign language graduation requirement. [2017]

Will recommend and request the California Department of Education to make the study of the Constitution of the United States of America a mandatory course. [1999]

That Supports legislation that funds local and County K-12 history programs for students. [2006]

Encourages schools and their districts not to cut enrichment curriculum without first seeking other funding, including grants, the CSU Intern program, private partnerships, and corporate donations. [2004]

Actively supports state and national legislation that funds after school agricultural education programs. [2003]

That Urge all Subordinates to actively seek out partnerships with schools and other organizations in planning, implementing and funding the continuing viabilities of local school gardens. [2006]

Supports state and federal legislation that funds agriculture and gardening education for Grades K-12, to include vocational agriculture provided by the Regional Occupation Program of the State of California. [2003]

**DRIVER EDUCATION**

That the California State Grange Master appoint a committee to assist our Subordinate Grange Youth to find avenues to pursue in bringing free driver's education back into public schools. [2018]

**MISCELLANEOUS**

Supports a driver education and training program to be provided within the public school system for all high school students by credentialed driver education instructors. [2001]

Shall educate our membership about the "Know Your Zone" tsunami awareness message and encourages local Granges, Grange members and their families to utilize the website, TsunamiZone.org, to educate themselves and their communities, and to participate in local and regional educational efforts and drills regarding tsunamis and tsunami zones. [2019]

Supports and lobbies for California's return to its historic policy of using public funds to provide free admission and tuition to all California residents to public State higher education systems, encompassing community colleges, California State University, and University of California institutions. [2019]

Supports and promotes the Great Shakeout program and encourages local Granges, State Granges, and Grange members and their families to participate in and register for the annual Great Shakeout on their website <https://www.shakeout.org/register/>. [2019]

**NUTRITION - SCHOOL**

Urges the CDE (California State Department of Education) to closely monitor school lunch programs (design and implementation) in both Traditional and Charter Schools for any discrepancies or violations. [2004]

Will lend its support to educate the public, increasing awareness and mobilizing the community about the benefits of food safety, nutrition, and their consequences. [2001]

**PATRIOTISM**

Reaffirms its school patriotism policy of: The Pledge of Allegiance and/or the Star-Spangled Banner be included in the daily curriculum of the Public School System. and supports any legislation to keep the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance in our schools nationwide with the individual's choice of saying the pledge with or without the words "Under God." [1984]

**PHYSICAL EDUCATION**

Urges the CDE to closely evaluate the physical education programs, for grades K-12, throughout all California public schools, to ensure that all students receive weekly appropriate and adequate physical education programs that will enable them to pass the Physical Education test component of the State's mandated STAR testing. [2004]

**SPECIAL EDUCATION**

Will urge our Congressional representatives to enact legislation providing for a federal contribution of 40% of the total cost of federally mandated special education programs. [2000]

**TEACHERS**

Will seek legislation that will cause local school districts to hire fully credentialed teachers on a priority basis, over those individuals with emergency teaching credentials only. [1999]

Actively pursue changes in the Education Code to allow school districts the authority to terminate a teacher within their district, based on teacher performance, without regard for tenure. [1992]

**TEXTBOOKS**

Supports funding for traditional educational standards in American schools by making certain that school textbooks, today and in the future, are not modified to the point where our historical past is altered or lost due to political or social pressures. [2006]

**VOCATIONAL EDUCATION**

Shall actively lobby the California Congressional delegation to amend the Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program to include farmers who work on a USDA defined FARM. [2017]

Initiate and support legislation requiring the inclusion of solar and renewable energy technology curriculum for California schools Regional Occupation Program (R.O.P.) and Certified Technical Education classes (C.T.E.) [2007]

Supports the development and/or implementation of a comprehensive program of career/vocational education for all students from the elementary level through college. This program should consist of the following:

- 1 A sequential career education program at the elementary level that assists the classroom teacher in utilizing job-related activities which emphasize planning and instruction to reinforce learning experiences related to English, Science, Mathematics, and Social Science, and give the student an awareness of and an orientation to the world of work.
- 2 Elective industrial arts and career education programs in the grades 6-12 that provide the students the opportunity for exploration, development and understanding of the technical, consumer, occupational, organizational, managerial, social and cultural aspects of agriculture, industry and technology. The program also will provide a link between abstract educational concepts and the practical use of basic occupational and technical skills.
- 3 Vocational educational components that should represent a continuum starting in high school and extending to the college level to provide preparation, work experience and placement services and activities that will lead to meaningful and informed occupational choices and to the development of sufficient skills and knowledge for the student to enter and advance in a gainful, satisfying career. [2001]

Favors balanced funding, standards, and evaluation of performance for vocational programs, including ROP (regional occupation

programs), Supervised Occupational Experience Projects (SOEP), Future Farmers of America (FFA) and that applicable entry level college prep courses be included in high school Vo Ag programs for students desiring to acquire credits in agriculture and agribusiness. [1982][reaffirmed 1990 and 1991]

Will support legislation that exempts the 16 and 17 year old from compulsory schooling if they:

- Attend a Regional Occupational Center for job training.
- Attend grade classes at a community college.
- Pass a basic skills examination developed by the State Department of Education after getting parental permission to take the examination. [1972]

## **HEALTH**

### **DISEASES & TREATMENT PROCEDURES**

For the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic, supports the Center for Disease Control (CDC) recommendations of wearing masks when in public, encourages social distancing when possible, and discourages members from participating in large gatherings which go against CDC recommendations. [2020-026]

Promotes prompt and comprehensive testing and contact tracing to minimize the spread and manage the disease during any pandemic. [2020-027]

Supports spontaneously aborted, or full-term placental and umbilical cord stem cell research for medical use and disease control. [2002]

That urge legislation to allocate funds to expand the research necessary to find a preventative drug or procedure that will prevent Alzheimer's Disease. [2000]

Supports research programs on communicable diseases and on the dissemination of information on communicable disease to the public. [1988]

**DRUGS**

That the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) classify Cannabis as an agricultural crop, and

- That the California State Grange (CSG) supports the normalization of cannabis as a beneficial and effective herbal remedy and supports the right for it to be grown, transported and prepared by any California residents of legal age as a part of each person's medical rights , and to be treated the same as other safe herbs for reasons of health, economics, community resilience and emergency preparedness, and
- That Supports the education of our communities in the science and recommended safe use of cannabis, and be it further
- Especially support the evidence-informed education of the youth in our communities. [2018]

Supports legislation allowing prescription drugs to be purchased outside the United States. [2004]

Urges the implementation of legislation which states that if a physician is agreeable to stating in writing that any medications, vitamins, mineral and other supplements available over-the-counter without a prescription but by the doctor's orders shall be, in such situations, tax deductible. [2004]

**HEALTH CARE**

Will actively lobby on behalf of universal access to health care for all Californians as defined in CA Senate Bill SB-562 (Lara/Atkins), aka the 'Healthy California Act'; request that all of our elected legislative representatives work diligently for the passage of SB-562; encourage local actions that help to mobilize our members and our communities at the grassroots level to encourage and to support this effort; and in the event that SB-562 does not pass, Will continue to advocate for universal access to Health Care for all Californians. [2017]

Endorse and support the World Health Organization (WHO) and its roles and responsibilities in support of physical, mental and social well being or personal health on a global level. [2020-025]

Support the properly supervised medical use of marijuana by citizens suffering pain not previously relieved by other medications. [2005]

Urge appropriate government agencies at all levels that deal with the HIV and AIDS problem be more strongly funded, and testing for AIDS and HIV be more strongly emphasized. [2005]

Will oppose legislation restricting individuals from choosing their treatment providers with whom they feel secure and who are familiar with their cases. [1998]

Will support legislation which requires infant hearing testing within the first two months of life, and to do everything within their power to implement this testing. [1998]

Will vigorously continue to work toward the attainment of a Universal Health Insurance plan adequate for the care of every citizen including those in rural areas. [1992]

Supports a national health care plan that would be consistent with the following principles addressing cost, access, and quality:

- Federal cost Containment legislation is needed to insure that public and private payers pay the same for health care. Regional reimbursement schedules for hospitals and physicians should be established to insure that all pay the same for the same care.
- National spending targets should be established at the Federal level to reduce annual increases in health care costs to an acceptable level.
- Actions to address the quality of health care should include the development of practice protocols, technology assessment, quality measurement systems and continuous quality improvement processes in health care.
- Federal legislative reform is needed to reduce the explosion in costs associated with medical malpractice suits.
- Medicare must remain as the primary payer for the elderly.
- Immediate action on reforms is needed now, even though implementation may extend over a period of several years. [1991]

**HEALTH INSURANCE**

Policy will be to oppose socialized medicine in any and all forms regardless of the name given to it -single-payer, Canadian style, etc. [1994]

Opposes a mandated National Health Insurance Plan, but supports the inclusion of provisions requiring employees to pay at least 25% of the insurance premium cost through a payroll deduction if a National Health Insurance Plan is instituted. [1993]

**HEALTH MISC.**

Requests the membership to contact their lawmakers and urge them to support the Over-the-Counter Hearing Aid Act, H.R. 1652. [2017]

Support creative and practical personal, local, state & national health re-vitalization actions and policies to reduce the occurrence of type 2 diabetes and obesity through promotion of healthy lifestyle practices. [2010]

That Urge passage of legislation to eliminate any and all penalties imposed on late applicants for Medicare. [2000]

Support a regulation requiring Health Maintenance Organizations (HMOs) and other health care providers to cover all prescribed medications and limiting the increases of medication co-payments to not more than 5% per year with a 30% cap through their coverage program. [2000]

**HOSPITAL & CARE FACILITIES**

Support efforts to keep rural hospitals and healthcare facilities open. This would include advocating for programs and funding to help rural hospitals and healthcare facilities update to alternative hospital models, increase funding for and encourage the increased usage of technological advances in medicine in rural healthcare facilities, and to explore other ways of keeping healthcare facilities open in rural communities, and

Support legislation, including the Rural Emergency Medical Center

(REMC) Act, the Save Rural Hospitals Act, and the Rural Emergency Acute Care Hospital Act, which would improve funding and change regulations to help keep rural hospitals and health care facilities open. [2018]

Endorses legislation to fund grants to eligible children's hospitals for construction, expansion, remodeling, renovation, furnishing and quipping of children's hospitals; and twenty percent of bonds shall be available for grants to certain University of California general acute care hospitals, and eighty percent of the bonds shall be available for grants to other general acute care hospitals whose missions focus on children with illnesses such as leukemia, heart defects, sickle cell anemia and cystic fibrosis, and which meet other stated requirements. [2004]

### **MEDICARE / MEDICAL**

Passage of legislation to eliminate any and all penalties imposed on late applicants for Medicare. [2000]

Favors the including the cost of eyeglasses, hearing aids and necessary dental services in the Medicare program. [1981]

# LABOR, JUDICIARY & TRANSPORTATION

## LABOR & JUDICIARY

### ALIENS/IMMIGRATION

Urges a revision to the Immigration Service laws on entry requirements by developing a place of asylum for applicants to reside until the screening process is completed. [1993]

### CONSTITUTION

Will work with the California legislature and Congressional representatives, to develop and implement any and all legislation that restricts and reserves the protections of the Bill of Rights, particularly the 1st Amendment, the Commerce Clause, and the 14th Amendment's equal protection clause for natural people, not corporations; and work with California legislature and Congressional representatives, to develop and propose and or support an amendment to the US Constitution that insures the 14th Amendment and the Bill of Rights primarily protects natural people, and specifies that corporations are not natural people. [2016]

### CRIME

Support laws to prevent the robbery or desecration of Native American graves and burial sites and to require newly discovered human remains, grave artifacts and/or sacred items of Native American origin to be returned to the tribes or areas of their origin. [2001]

Urges the Legislature to enact a measure protecting the rights of the people to defend and protect their real property by reasonable means to accomplish that defense and that the person owning property, or property left in their care, has the right to control such property including restricting trespassers and without liability for injuries to a trespasser. [1986]

**DRUGS**

Play a leadership role in urging the legislature to adopt stronger measures to control use and production of methamphetamine. [1998]

**HOUSING**

Supports a policy of providing minimum housing for migrant farm workers and to address the proper government agency for provision of subsidies to agricultural counties to help provide minimum housing for migrant farm workers in, or near, farming areas. That the migrant farm workers using these facilities be charged a reasonable rental fee for the housing maintenance. [1989]

**JUDICIAL / TORT REFORM**

Will support legislation to insure that land and property owners shall not be liable in criminal actions or civil lawsuits when trespassers are attacked by dogs that are protecting livestock, equipment or other personal property when area has been posted with "BEWARE OF DOGS" signs. [1992]

**LABOR LAWS**

Supports legislative reform that provides access to a legal and stable agricultural workforce in the short- and long-term. Stability will be provided through:

- The creation of a new agricultural visa program that is responsive to market needs and available to both seasonal and year round farmers, administered by the USDA, and that provides flexibility for employers and workers by allowing contract and at-will employment options, and
- An adjustment of status for experienced, but currently unauthorized, agricultural workers. [2018]

Will urge the California Legislature to enable employers to be reimbursed for administrative expenses incurred by enacting the court ordered wage garnishment, and that these expenses be paid by the

garnished employee. [1997]

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

Be in favor of California State legislation, ballot initiatives or propositions that limit or remove the authority of the California Coastal Commission to restrict use or access of California's public beaches when those beaches are already administered by an appropriate land management agency. [2019]

Support and/or sponsor legislation allowing broadband providers to install appropriately sited and approved broadband communications equipment within existing and future rural railway rights-of-way. [2019]

Support the legislative efforts of Public Safety Telecommunicators, namely 9-1-1 call-takers and Dispatchers, to be reclassified by the Federal Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to the same protective first- responder occupation, as police officers and firefighters. [2018]

Direct our state law makers to legislate criteria that prevents proven polluting autos to be registered in California after the second (2nd) ineffective repair. [2018]

Urge our California Lawmakers to prohibit vote changing and vote adding in both houses of our State Legislature. [2016]

Shall only support the call for a California Constitutional Convention within a scope limited to reforms or revisions to: the structure of governance; campaign finance reform; term limits; budgeting; and revenue distribution. Shall not support any call for a full rewrite of the Constitution of the State of California. [2009]

Will support the current regulations in the California Constitution with regard to voting privileges for former felons. [1999]

**PRISONS / PRISONERS**

Will support legislation to reduce spending money to build prisons and find a lower cost means of incarceration, and that new prisons built should be safe and adequate without expensive facilities to enhance the inmate comforts. [1994]

**SEIZED PROPERTY DISTRIBUTION**

Will promote legislation requiring a minimum of 20% of the cash and assets which are seized in drug arrests and convictions be allocated to the communities within the school districts needing assistance to promote drug education and rehabilitation of the youth within these communities. [1989]

**TRANSPORTATION****FEES/FUNDING**

Favors legislation to cause reduced licensing fees for agriculture vehicles. [1985]

**MAINTENANCE**

Opposes California Proposition 6 on the November 2018 ballot, and

Supports the continued implementation of the California Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017 (RRAA). [2018]

Urges the Cal Trans aided by the Legislature to inaugurate a system to properly maintain our existing roads and thoroughfares before considering the construction of new roads. [80]

**MISCELLANEOUS**

Lobby the California Child Support System to restrict rather than suspend the driver's licenses of parents who are in arrears with support payments. [2017]

Will join the list of Farm Organizations that have endorsed the Agricultural Worker Protection Act of 2017 as listed on [www.agnetworkforcecoalition.org](http://www.agnetworkforcecoalition.org). [2017]

Will support any efforts that will increase the use of alternative fuels, including natural gas, LPG, Propane, etc. and those derived from agricultural products as fuels of the future in this country. [1993]

### **PUBLIC SAFETY**

Encourage the California Legislature to pass a law limiting the speed of motorcycles that are lane splitting to 5 miles per hour over the flow of traffic, with a maximum speed of 35 miles per hour for motorcyclists while lane splitting. [2009]

Will urge the representatives of the United States Department of Transportation to oppose any changes in the Federal Motor Vehicle Regulations that would allow increases in driving hours for drivers of commercial vehicles over the road. [1999]

### **RAIL & PASSENGER SERVICE**

Supports the expansion of our passenger rail service and will ask our legislature to increase the State Budget for rail improvements, infrastructure and increasing passenger services. [2017]

Supports a passenger rail and bus network to serve Upstate California north of Interstate 80. [2017]

### **SIGNAGE**

That the California State Grange pursue legislation that would implement speed limit signage within 50 to 100 yards of entering a freeway or highway on-ramp. [2019]

**U.S. POSTAL SERVICE**

Will oppose any rate increase in first class mail fees unless regulations are changed to assure that all users will be obligated to pay the same fees per item of first class mail, and when further increases are necessary to obtain more revenue these increases will be levied against all the other classes of mail, other than first class. [1990]

Recommends that the Postal Service consider each individual area carefully and go to the people before making any decision prior to closing any Post Offices. [1975]