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THE NATIONAL GRANGE OF THE
ORDER OF PATRONS OF
HUSBANDRY, a Washington, D.C.,
nonprofit corporation,

Plaintiff,

vs.

THE CALIFORNIA STATE GRANGE,
a California nonprofit corporation, and
ROBERT McFARLAND, JOHN
LUVAAS, GERALD CHERNOFF and
DAMIAN PARR,

Defendants.

and related Cross-Actions.

CASE NO. 34-2012-00130439

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STEFENONI AND SHIRLEY BAKER'S
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EXHIBIT 1: Cross-Defendant Martha Stefenoni's October 5, 2011 Letter to Cross-
Defendant Edward Luttrell;

EXHIBIT 2: January 25, 2012 Memo to Edward Luttrell (the "Minority Report")

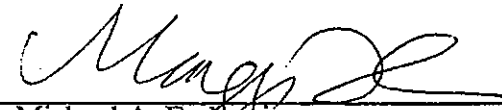
EXHIBIT 3: California State Grange Legislative Policy Handbook, 2012

EXHIBIT 4: Edward Luttrell Declaration dated September 28, 2012

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EXHIBIT 1

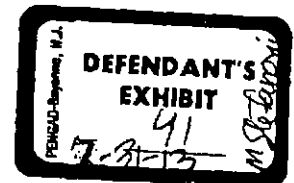


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October 5, 2011

Ed Luttrell, Master
National Grange
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Dear Worthy Master,



It is with great regret I find it necessary to bring to your attention the possibility of impropriety in the charter applications for Gold Country Grange #847, Healdsburg Ballet Grange, and Petaluma Grange #851. Ostensibly, there also appear to be irregularities on the individual member applications for Petaluma Grange. These matters were brought to my attention, as California State Grange Overseer, by CSG office staff member, Amy Self. In reviewing the publicity, chartering documents, as well as e-mails regarding these Granges, I too had questions. Therefore, I submit for your consideration the following documents:

Gold Country Grange

- Community Grange Organization Application – date of organization 1/3/11 (2 pages)
- California State Grange Membership List for Gold Country Grange #847 – dated 1/18/11
- “Gold Country Grange Organization Meeting – February 17” article from Spring 2011 issue, California Grange News – page 16-17
- 2010-2011 Organized Granges List – (kept by CSG Staff)

Healdsburg Ballet Grange

- E-mail from Bob McFarland to CSG Executive Committee – Subject: Scotts Valley, Healdsburg, Petaluma – dated 6/18/11
- “July 11 – Healdsburg Ballet Grange” – photo and article from California Grange News, Fall issue 2011 “On the Road with Bob” page 14
- 2010-2011 Organized Granges List – (kept by CSG Staff)

Petaluma Grange

- Subordinate Grange Organization Application – date of organization 4/25/11 (2 pages)
- California State Grange Membership List for Petaluma Grange #851 (2 pages)
- Copies of Applications for Membership from the some of the individuals listed on the Subordinate Grange Organization Application as Charter Members
- “Come to The Seed Bank Thursday at 6:30pm to Discuss a Petaluma Grange” – dated 6/15/11 – from petalumabounty.org/blog

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Ed Luttrell, Master
National Grange

- E-mail from Sebastopol Grange member Shepherd Bliss encouraging support of a Grange in Petaluma – dated 6/16/11
- ~~“New Grange Considered for Petaluma” – dated 6/16/11 – from~~
<http://petaluma.patch.com/meeting-held-tonight-to-discuss-opening-grange-hall-in-petaluma>
- E-mail from Bob McFarland to Joseph Stefenoni – Subject: Marin County Pomona – dated 6/17/2011
- E-mail from Bob McFarland to CSG Executive Committee – Subject: Scotts Valley, Healdsburg, Petaluma Granges – dated 6/18/2011
- “New Petaluma Grange to Give Boost to Small Farmers” – dated 6/27/11 – from <http://petaluma.patch.com/articles/newly-formed-grange-meets-tonight>
- “June 16, June 27, July 25 – Petaluma” – article from California Grange News – Fall issue 2011 – “On the Road with Bob” – page 13
- 2010-2011 Organized Granges List – (kept by CSG Staff)

After reviewing the above referenced documents I must raise questions about the dates the above referenced Granges were chartered. While I was not able to personally participate in the organization of Gold Country or Healdsburg Ballet Grange, Joseph and I were in attendance at The Seed Bank in Petaluma on June 16, 2011. At the beginning of the meeting Master McFarland introduced Yannik Phillips of Sonoma Valley Grange, CSG Legislative Assistant, Scott McKeown, Sebastopol Grange, Joseph Stefenoni, Sebastopol Grange/ CSG Steward and Martha Stefenoni, Sebastopol Grange/CSG Overseer. At the conclusion of the presentation Master McFarland distributed a brochure about the Grange which has a membership application attached and asked all who would like to form a Grange in Petaluma to complete the application and return it to him.

Sitting in front of Joseph and me during the presentation was a young couple, Timothy and Marie Fowle. We began chatting and they inquired about Sebastopol Grange which is closer to Santa Rosa where they live. We explained that if they wished to help Petaluma start a Grange and be included as a charter member, they could join Petaluma and Sebastopol would welcome them whenever they could visit. Or, if they so chose, we would be happy to take their application for membership in Sebastopol Grange. They completed the applications and handed them to me for Sebastopol Grange. Master McFarland came over and asked the Fowles if they were joining Petaluma. They responded that since they lived closer to Sebastopol Grange and knew people who were members there, they would like to join Sebastopol. He told them that there were not enough people who were willing to complete applications that evening to meet the requisite number for a new Grange but their applications would help in meeting the required number of members. The Fowles discussed the matter and asked me to give their applications to Bob, which I did.

October 5, 2011
Ed Luttrell, Master
National Grange

In reviewing the Subordinate Grange Organization Application for Petaluma Grange, the CSG Membership List for Petaluma Grange No. 851, and the applications for membership I observed the following:

- There are 38 Total # of Members on the CSG Membership List for Petaluma Grange No. 851 all showing a join date of 4/25/2011;
- There are 24 applications given to me for review;
- There were two types of applications used by those applying for membership in Petaluma Grange, the "Application for Membership Subordinate Grange" and the "California State Grange Membership Application" which is a tear off application from the CSG informational brochure;
- All of the applications with the exception of the Application for Membership Subordinate Grange of Leo Ghirardelli appear to have the month digit of the date which follows the applicant's signature (and in business matters indicates the date that signature was penned) overwritten with a 4;
- On the completed "California State Grange Membership Applications, 9 of the 10 applications show a day, '16' following the questionable month of '4', the 10th application in has a day of '14' which indicates there wasn't a sufficient number of applicants to organize a Grange on the June 16th;
- There were 7 of the Application for Membership Subordinate Grange that have a '27' as the day following questionable month; the remaining 7 Applications for Membership Subordinate Grange have 9, 10, 12 and 29 as the day the application was signed;
- Please note that all the "California State Grange Membership Applications" indicated the applicants are applying for membership in Petaluma Grange with the exception of Timothy and Marie Fowle.

While I do recognize that a Subordinate Grange was organized in Petaluma, based on the publicity regarding the formation of Petaluma Grange, an e-mail from a member of my Grange regarding the meeting on June 16, 2011, an e-mail on response 6/17/2011 from State Master McFarland to Joseph Stefanoni acknowledging our presence at the June 16, 2011 meeting, and an e-mail from State Master McFarland to the CSG Executive Committee on 6/17/2011 indicating that "pending paperwork" there would be three new Granges, Scotts Valley, Healdsburg Ballet and Petaluma and the article in the California Grange News, Fall issue 2011 regarding Petaluma Grange I do not believe that it was organized on April 25th as indicated on the Subordinate Grange Organization Application.

Based on the article in the California Grange News, Fall issue 2011, and the e-mail from State Master McFarland to the CSG Executive Committee on 6/17/2011, I do not believe that Healdsburg Ballet Grange was organized on 4/25/11 as indicated on the 2010-2011 Organized Granges List - (kept by CSG Staff)

In California, members who join the Grange in April, Grange Month, are entitled to membership in the Grange without having to pay dues for that year. However, the California State Grange must pay the National Grange per capita on these "Grange Month" members while not receiving any income to offset the National Grange per capita or to be kept for the State Grange.

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National Grange

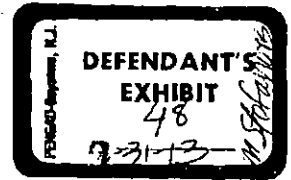
Unfortunately, this review of these new Grange charters has given me reason to question their validity as well as the honesty and integrity of the person(s) involved in chartering these Granges. And, when I hear of recent actions such as a large number of Affiliate Member requests, I must wonder for what reason these affiliations are being requested and are these request being made for the good of the Grange? Some of the applicants are requesting affiliations with Granges a great distance away from the applicants place of residence.

I place this information in your hands for review and would appreciate any thoughts you might have.

Fraternally,

Martha B. Stefenoni
Overseer

EXHIBIT 2



January 25, 2012

TO: Ed Luttrell, National Grange Master
FROM: Shirley Baker, Inger Bevans, Martha Stefenoni, CA State Grange Exec. Comm. Mbrs
RE: "Updated Final Report from the California State Grange Executive Committee"
dated January 24, 2012 (copy attached)

Brother Luttrell,

After significant review of all the events and actions over the past 3.5 months surrounding the investigation you assigned the California State Grange Executive Committee to conduct, regrettably we find we cannot concur with the "Updated Final Report from the California State Grange Executive Committee," dated January 24, 2012 and ask that you consider this a minority report of the committee.

Please note: for the remainder of this report CSG will refer to the California State Grange and EC will refer to the California State Grange Executive Committee.

While in California on October 11, 2011 you determined that an investigation was warranted in at least 3 matters: 1) Falsifying Charter Applications and membership applications; 2) Seating of unqualified delegates at the upcoming convention; and 3) Potential harassment of CSG employees. On that date you met with and instructed then EC Chair, Shirley Baker that this investigation should leave no stone unturned. The EC was to diligently follow through on any item uncovered even if not referenced in your October 10, 2011 communication and no interference should be tolerated. Later that same day you met with and informed Overseer, Martha Stefenoni of the investigation to be conducted and again reiterated that you expected a complete, thorough investigation without interference.

As to point 1) *Falsifying Charter Applications and membership applications*, Master McFarland assures the EC that he has worked with National Grange Staff to make the necessary corrections. There is an e-mail from a CSG staff member that he and another CSG staff member changed the dates on the individual membership applications to coincide with the date on the charter as signed by the Master. The question of why the Master allowed the charter applications to be sent to National Grange without verifying that all dates were correct has yet to be fully answered.

Regarding point 2) *"attempting to seat delegates at the CSG Session that are not qualified"*, Executive Committee members Shirley Baker, Leo Bergeron and Martha Stefenoni directed CSG staff to pull the credentials in question and, when those people arrived to register, informed them there was a question about their credential and ask that they speak with one of the 3 EC members. At least 2 of the 3 EC members would greet the members then move away from the crowds to a quiet, inconspicuous place, and explain the dilemma. We asked each member to please call the Secretary of the Grange they were to represent and ask the Secretary to please fax or e-mail a sealed copy of the minutes of the Grange meeting that designated them as the Selected Delegate for that Grange. Most of the questionable credentials arose from a large number of last minute affiliations that occurred during the 3rd quarter of 2011 which had not yet been received and processed in the CSG Office. While no one was happy that this process was taking place, many of those we spoke to were able to provide the verification as requested and we were able to give them their credentials. All credentials had not been verified when the Annual Session of the California State Grange opened and, as people continued to arrive we kept trying to verify credentials. Mid-afternoon of the first day, from the floor, a member moved that any member presenting a credential be seated as a delegate. After much heated discussion, the motion passed. The validity of the motion in view of the CSG by-laws was questioned and the chair ruled the motion was in order. At that point, the credential investigations ceased and all who had presented credentials were seated with the exception of those whose Grange charters that had not yet been issued by National Grange.

After convention, attempts to clear up any credential questions continued. Some of the Granges who had delegate credentials questioned did not respond to our requests. Some members who had their credentials questioned provided explanations of why they chose to affiliate with Granges out of their local area. Although we tried, to the best of our abilities, we were not able to completely verify the questionable credentials.

Lastly, Point 3) "*employee harassment*", is probably, for many reasons, the most difficult. As Chairman Luvaas shared with you in his November 18, 2011 report, the issues involve much more than just differences of personalities. As he so aptly describes we have a "*dysfunctional management and delegation system and lack of procedural clarity and consistency, leaving far too much room for mistakes and disagreement*". Our investigation led us to individually interview each staff member including the Master, who by virtue of the office is also an employee, using a predetermined set of questions. In those interviews it was clear there were two vastly differing opinions of the workplace environment, what was happening within the office and the alleged tape recording of employees. However, there was no follow up interviews to try to determine the true workplace environment atmosphere and events within the office. At the conclusion of these interviews it was decided that workplace mediation was the first step in our attempt to improve the office environment and heal the rift. Participation in mediation on the part of all the staff was voluntary.

The EC met in mid November and as Chairman Luvaas reported to you on Nov. 18, 2011 "*We have concluded that this office desperately needs to recruit and hire an appropriately skilled General Manager to oversee and assign staff to operations and programs, reducing the need for constant oversight and interference by the Master. We will begin recruitment soon and will take a leading role in advising our state Master in the hiring process*". In order to accomplish creating an Executive Manager for the office, the EC would need to create a Duty Statement/Job Description for the position and determine a salary within the 2012 Budget adopted at the 2011 CSG Annual Session. We recognized that in creating this position, we would need to: update the current job descriptions/duty statements for the existing positions; update the Employee Handbook; and create an Office Procedure Manual, thereby providing the tools necessary for the Executive Manager to perform his/her job including performance reviews and evaluations. At this same meeting a report was given on mediator services. A mediator was chosen and the EC desired to begin the mediation ASAP working around the Thanksgiving holiday and would have a status report at the 12/7/11 meeting.

While the EC was arranging for the mediator, Master McFarland requested "an Executive Session of the Executive Committee on December 7 to discuss staffing changes". Upon receipt of this request Chairman Luvaas put on hold engagement of the mediator until after the 12/7/11 meeting.

A mediator was engaged in December and the process as described to the Executive Committee would be: 1) individual phone interviews with each staff members; 2) a restorative circle, which is a face-to-face meeting to air concerns, get feedback from the other participants; put forth ideas for improvement of the workplace environment and develop a plan of action; and 3) a post circle follow-up meeting to assess if the ideas put forth in the restorative circle are effective or if adjustments need to be made. The phone interviews and restorative circle took place in December and the post circle was tentatively scheduled for late February. All employees including Master McFarland took part in the December activities. Chairman Luvaas followed up with the mediator and Master McFarland on the results of mediation.

While the mediation was taking place the EC, recognizing the need to create and fill a Manager position, also realized that the office must be restructured. All tasks that must be completed by the CSG and its employees were compiled. These tasks were compared with the current employee duty statements and new duty statements/job descriptions were created and details are being finalized at this time.

On January 5, 2012, Chairman Luvaas forwarded to the EC an e-mail he received from then CSG Grant Writer, Lisa Burke, who, while doing grant research, had discovered a CSG job posting for an Office Manager position, which she noted looked to be a description for a position currently held by an employee of the CSG. Her question to Chairman Luvaas was: *"Can you please provide some info to me on why this job was posted without any notification to the current staff?"* Chairman Luvaas asked the EC to respond to his e-mail with any objections to 'his' proposed notice and several objections were raised. In a subsequent e-mail from Chairman Luvaas, it appears he was unaware the job ad had been posted without the advice and consent of the EC to be sure all aspects of this new position had been addressed. Up until this time there had been discussions via e-mail as to the Executive Manager job description, salary, and budget for staff restructuring, but there had not been an EC meeting called to approve the job ad, Executive Manager Duty Statement and/or Executive Manager salary. E-mail correspondence followed regarding outsourcing certain tasks, still no called meeting to discuss and vote upon the salary changes that would be needed to be sure we remained in compliance with the 2012 Budget thus providing accountability to the delegates. On January 6, 2012 Overseer Stefenoni suggested to the Chairman that some if not all of the details of creating a new position at the State Grange should be a part of an EC meeting, complete with minutes recording motions, discussion, and votes providing references to specific sections of the CSG By-laws. On January 7, 2012 in another e-mail to Chairman Luvaas, Overseer Stefenoni implored Chairman Luvaas to place on hold any further action until the EC approved the job description of an Executive Manager and had taken the necessary steps to properly amend the budget. Overseer Stefenoni provided, via e-mail, the text of sections of the By-laws she felt applied to these issues and noted her concerns as they regarded each section. Other members of the EC concurred with calling a meeting to formally take the necessary actions as they applied to the creation of an Executive Manager position. Chairman Luvaas called for a teleconference meeting and on Jan. 11, 2012 a meeting was held to approve the creation, job description and salary for an Executive Manager.

On January 11, 2012 an e-mail was received from Master McFarland regarding the bill from the mediator with a notation that no further services were being asked of the mediator at this time. When questioned as to why there would be no post-circle meeting, Master McFarland responded that two employees did not want to participate, one is no longer employed, one would participate, one either had not been asked or had not responded and he indicated he did not wish to participate in a post circle meeting. In the mediation summary received from Master McFarland the week following the restorative circle mediation session he indicated that a date was discussed for a post circle session. He (Master McFarland) was unsuccessful in persuading the mediator to delay that decision until after the mediator had reported to the EC. After further discussion he had the feeling that the mediator was not planning to report to the EC. Master McFarland left the mediation to attend another meeting.

Also on January 11, 2012 Master McFarland sent a Confidential – Intended for Executive Session e-mail in which he detailed in timeline fashion (almost daily) performance related issues with two employees over several months. Master McFarland, since his election to office, has chosen to manage the office staff himself but has presented no performance evaluations recommendations and follow up to the EC. The EC is very concerned with the items brought to our attention but believes that the office realignment, hiring of an Executive Manager, up-to-date Duty Statement/Job Descriptions, an up-to-date Employee Handbook and an Office Procedure Manual will provide staff with tangible, measurable expectations of their performance which they have not had in the past.

During the last two weeks the EC has completed development of a Duty Statement/Job Description for an Executive Manager, interviewed candidates for the position, and ultimately hired an Executive Manager who we anticipate beginning the week of January 25th. An agreement was reached on office alignment, and Duty Statements/Job Descriptions are in the final stages of approval. Ads have been posted for these positions.

This minority report is presented because we cannot agree that this "concludes our final report and this assignment is complete" as asserted by Chairman Luvaas. We make this statement based on the following reasons:

1) At the conclusion of the EC staff interviews there was no further investigation of the vastly differing accounts of events that took place in the office including the possibility of office conversations being taped without the employee(s) knowledge. There were many contradictory accounts of office events that lead to the dysfunctional workplace. Even though Master McFarland's and one other employee's accounts were vastly different from the other 4 employees, there was no further questioning to discern what was the most accurate account of the events that were raised. While we did recommend and offer mediation to the employees, at the conclusions of the EC interviews.

2) Master McFarland has failed to respect the process and procedures the EC set forth to try and improve the office environment by:

- interrupting the mediation process with his request for Executive Session to discuss staffing changes;
- posting the Executive Manager job ad before the Duty Statement/Job Description was completed and approved thus requiring a teleconference meeting to record the motions and votes regarding creation of an Executive Manager position, the Job Description/Duty Statement and salary.

These intrusions into the work of the CSG EC to improve the office environment at the CSG could be construed as interference on the part of Master McFarland.

3) Master McFarland's impediment of the engagement of a mediator; his unsuccessful attempt to persuade the mediator to delay the decision to schedule a post circle follow-up and his decision to not participate in a post circle meeting bring into question his sincerity in trying to help improve the office environment. His repeated attacks on the credibility and integrity of the work of the CSG staff without having previously exercised proper management and supervision could be viewed as retaliation toward the staff for bringing to the forefront questionable practices within the office. All but one of the employees in the office are Grange members as well as employees. Our 4th Degree obligation holds Grangers to a standard that says a Granger "will not knowingly wrong or defraud a Brother or Sister of the Order in word or deed."

1) Master McFarland has failed to claim ownership or accept any personal responsibility for any of the points the EC was charged to investigate but rather has, throughout this entire process chosen, to blame the employees.

We submit this minority report for your consideration as you determine if the investigation, you charged the EC to conduct on October 11, 2011 has been completed to your satisfaction.

Inger Bevans

Shirley Baker

Inger Bevans

Martha Stefenoni

EXHIBIT 3



California State Grange

2012

Legislative Policy Handbook

While the Grange is non-partisan, it has been extremely active in advocating issues for over 130 years. On these pages will be found updated legislative policy. The Grange is a true grass-roots organization, and all policy must originate with a local Community Grange, be debated and passed by delegates to the annual State Convention; and then carried to National Convention should the scope require Congressional or regulatory department action. For further information contact the California State Grange Legislative Department, 3830 U Street, Sacramento, CA 95817. Phone (916) 454-5805



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AGRICULTURE

POLICY STATEMENT

The Grange is a family fraternity which seeks a viable agricultural program that safeguards the family farm as the most economical way to furnish all families with wholesome, affordable food and fiber. In California, the Grange description of a family farm is a business or enterprise involved in the production of food and fiber and/or related products or services, owned and/or operated by members of a family that make the management and financial decisions, and supplies a part of the labor. Organized in 1873, the Grange is the oldest general farm organization in California.

Since the apparent conclusion of the "cold war" and the subsequent reduction of the leading military/industrial component of the California economy, agriculture and its allied industries are the principle economic engine of this state. Along with it abiding interest in all things that effect the farm family, the Grange is concerned with the regulatory constraints placed on the flexibility of the farmer to produce wholesome, affordable food and fiber.

Family farms, which once made up most of the farms in the United States, were similar and generic in nature, but now are giving way to fewer and larger mega farms. Family farms are finding it more and more difficult to survive as they compete with mega farms that have closer ties with available markets and large food processors. Larger farms make use of production contracts and have access to larger amounts of financing for their operations.

The average age of farmers continues to climb, and there is a lack of enthusiasm and opportunities for young people to enter farming. Agriculture financing is becoming more difficult for farmers of all ages to acquire. Consolidation of banks is making banking less personal, and farmers are less likely to be acquainted with banking people they must deal with. The amount of credit needed and the narrow profit margins to agriculture make it difficult for the smaller farms to get adequate financing. New farm programs should target those family farms that are most at risk. These farms do not have access, the financial clout, or the staying power of the larger farming conglomerates.

There is much need for family farmers to learn more about their own industry, including marketing, public relations, contacting and production techniques such as water conservation practices and integrated pest management. Research has shown that smaller farms can be as efficient as larger farms, but they need equal access to markets, information, financing, and recognition. To those goals of the California State Grange is committed and actively involved.

The California State Grange supports the cooperative efforts between the California Department of Food and Agriculture and the University of California to enhance the safety and viability of our food supply, the protection of our environment, and the overall productivity of the farming community. These efforts are enhanced and supported by the Agricultural Network, a newly formed public information organization in which the Grange has been active in its founding, and which is now working to bring Agriculture back to the California classrooms.

We also urge the Agricultural Network to promote the use of organic farming and food preservation and storage to the younger generation.

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. [09]

AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALS

15. The California State Grange and the National Grange 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. [11]

14. The California State Grange will lobby against the use of methyl iodide and communicate that opposition to the California Department of Pesticide Regulation and advocate the use of safer alternatives for the control of soil borne diseases. [10]

13. The California State Grange will do all in their power to not only oppose the possible acceleration of a phase-out of methyl bromide for developing nations but seek to extend the United States phase-out to 2010, the same as the other developed nations, and review this phase-out at this time if no acceptable alternative is found. [97]

12. The California State Grange 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 the California State Grange shall oppose the use of Authoritative Body provisions to ban the use of chemicals. [97]

11. The California State Grange will work to assure future full funding the USDA Pesticide Data Program. [96]

10. The California State Grange urges the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) to amend the CDFA Code of 1991, Article 7, Chapter 1, Division 13, pertaining to notice of intent to a beekeeper to apply a restricted pesticide to require that the beekeeper maintain a 24-hour a day fax machine on a dedicated phone line for the purpose of receiving such notices. The regulations shall require the fax machine shall be maintained in good working order at all times, and transmit a complete station ID, including the name of the beekeeper, phone number and time received to the reporting fax machine and proof of successful receipt by the proper fax machine shall be deemed legal and proper notification for the purposes of notice of intent to apply a restricted pesticide as outlined in these regulations. [96]

9. The California State Grange supports the continued production and use of methyl bromide until a safe, efficient, cost effective replacement is registered in California and the United States. [95]

8. The California State Grange will 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. [93]

7. The California State Grange will encourage that the Agriculture commissioner enforce all pesticide regulations equally on all growers. [93]

6. The California State Grange supports 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. [90]

5. The California State Grange supports uniform pesticide regulations for all US producers, but allowing State Agencies to handle special needs created by local conditions. [84]

4. The California State Grange will endeavor to modify the pesticide qualification regulations so that it is more economically feasible to introduce and apply new and better pesticides. [80]

3. The California State Grange will support legislation to provide relief from new rules to reprove all agricultural chemicals and support new regulations to ease the process of registering new pesticides. [79]

2. The California State Grange encourages the Public Utilities Commission to help insure the continued viability of domestic nitrogen producers. [79]

1. The California State Grange recommends that adequate consideration be given to the benefits of agricultural chemicals when regulations are being drawn up. [78]

ANIMAL HUSBANDRY

12. The California State Grange 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; and be it further

a. The California State Grange requires 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 be it further.

b. The California State Grange 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; and be it further.

c. The CSG will undertake to amend or repeal laws and bills which fail to require animal agency accountability [e.g. SB 917 (Animal Abuse, Lieu, 2011) and AB 1117 (Animal Abuse: penalties, Smyth, 2011)]. [11]

1. The California State Grange 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.) [11]

11. The California State Grange (CSG) and National Grange oppose FDA approval of genetically engineered salmon for human consumption and that adequate assessment has proven the GMO Salmon is safe for human consumption; and will advocate for clear product labeling of all genetically modified salmon and salmon products, and further 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. [10]

10. The California State Grange opposes the routine feeding or injection of antibiotics in healthy animals raised for human consumption. [10]

9. That the California State Grange strongly opposes the USDA's proposed National Animal Identification System and will aggressively lobby the USDA, the California and national Congressional Delegation & Senatorial Delegation asking they oppose implementation of this program.[06]

8. The California State Grange will request the support of the President, United States Senate, and United States House of Representatives to require the establishment of firm guidelines by the Department of Interior, National Park Service, Yellowstone National Park, for the management of the bison and elk grazing within or migrating out of the Park. This management tool will completely control the spread of brucellosis and the high risk of undulant fever in humans which could be contracted from the animals they may come in contact while visiting Yellowstone Park. The Grange will further request that if winter sports, which includes snow machines, are allowed to continue, the National Park Service must develop a controlled system to control the numbers of animals (bison and elk) that are al-

lowed to graze in the Park, increasing the exposure and risk of humans contracting undulant fever. [97]

7. California State Grange supports legislation that would repeal the provisions and make conforming changes to the existing law dealing with the humane societies incorporated for the prevention of cruelty to animals. [95]

6. The California State Grange will oppose those who would put millions of Americans out of work by closing any business or industry that entails the use of animals, and to enact legislation which will combat intimidation, terrorism, and violence as used by animal activists and protesters, and to continue funding medical research and other testing which uses animals responsibly, and generally, to resolve legislative conflicts between the interests of human beings and those of animals, in favor of human beings. [90]

5. The California State Grange supports regulations which will insure that veal calves are not mistreated. [89]

4. Many inoculants, used to control infectious disease have been removed from the market which were proven to provide good animal health. The California State Grange will support any legislation that might provide an exemption from government requirements to remove them before use. [79]

3. The California State Grange will request the FDA reconsider the advantages of the use of low feed use of tetracycline and penicillin and continue the use of low level feed use of antibiotics. [77]

2. The California State Grange 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. [76]

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ENERGY

5. The CSG and National Grange oppose the EPA mandate that gasoline is oxygenized by adding ethanol. [12]

4. The California State Grange urges the California State Power Authority to initiate a program to implement cost effective biomass energy source for electricity and generators in California. [01]

3. The California State Grange will go on record opposing the retrofitting of all existing agricultural diesel powered equipment presently in use. [00]

2. The California State Grange will prepare and send a letter to the California Public Utilities Commission (PUC) that recommends that the public utilities provide on their bill a full listing of all charges and their amounts. [93]

1. The California State Grange will oppose all deregulation of allocations and distribution of energy inputs to Agriculture and its attendant industries. [80]

FAIRS & EXPOSITIONS

6. The California State Grange will immediately initiate action which will cause California Department of Fairs and Expositions to allow young people who are not less than 5 years of age or more than 22 years of age, on January 1 of a given year, to participate in the California Junior Livestock Auctions. [84]

5. The California State Grange will use its influence to initiate legislation to direct all California Fair officials to allow all farm and agricultural products to be displayed in the agriculture buildings. [84]

4. The California State Grange urges that funding and exhibition through the medium of Industrial Arts and Crafts Exhibits, and other related Youth activities emphasizing physical and vocational skills be continued under an established and permanent funding basis, and economies, if necessary in the matter of fairs, be directed toward other projects and not at the sacrifice of Youth endeavors. [76]

3. The California State Grange recommends that the California State Fair be placed under the jurisdiction of the Department of Food and Agriculture with the present Division of Fairs and Expositions. [75]

2. The California State Grange suggests that any threat to the continued existence of local fairs be removed, and 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. [72]

1. The California State Grange will endorse and support a feasibility study for a second agricultural state fair in southern California. [71]

FARM CREDIT

3. The California State Grange recommend that the Con-

gress review the current policy of Farmers Home Administration and require that they return to the original purpose of aiding smaller farmers. [86]

2. The California State Grange will take an active part in reviewing and suggesting any changes necessary in the Farmers Home Administration emergency loan procedures to prevent further abuses. [79]

1. The California State Grange will seek and support necessary legislative and administrative revisions of the Farmers Home Administration funding and loaning authority provisions for insured long term, low interest rate farm ownership and short term farm operating loans for well qualified young farmers. [77]

FARM POLICY

22. The California State Grange endorses and supports the enactment of Local Food and Community Self-Governance Ordinances and/or Resolutions.; and that each CSG supports and encourages each Pomona in presenting Local Food and Community Self-Governance Ordinances and/or Resolutions before their County Board of Supervisors. [11]

21. The California State Grange and National Grange actively promote legislation to enact Food Sovereignty Bills that would allow producers or processors of local foods exemption from licensure and inspection provided that the transaction is only between the producer or processor and a patron when the food is sold for home consumption. This includes any producer or processor who sells his or her products at roadside farm stand; sells his or her products through farm-based sales directly to a patron, or delivers his or her products directly to patrons. And be it further :

a. That a producer is any farmer or gardener who grows any plant or animal for food or drink; a processor is any individual who processes or prepares products of the soil or animals for food or drink; and a patron is an individual who is the last person to purchase any product or preparation directly from a processor or producer and who does not resell the product or preparation.

b. That the California State Grange and National Grange call upon the legislature to adopt a bill ensuring the protection of these rights and, specifically, the right of the owner or partial owner of an animal to the products of that animal, including milk and meat without the oversight or interference of the USDA, CA Department of Food and Agriculture and local agencies. [11]

20. That the California State Grange and the National Grange urge the government to immediately fund and

implement the present Country of Origin Labeling. [06]

19. The California State Grange supports controls on any outdoor planting of genetically engineered crops and mandated paper trail for any movement or processing of pharmaceutical crops to prevent contamination of the food supply. [03]

18. The California State Grange supports regulations that specify containment of genetically engineered crops and enforcement of liability for those responsible for genetic contamination. [03]

17. The California State Grange 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. [02]

16. The California State Grange supports the legalization of industrial hemp. [01]

15. The California State Grange 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 [LAFCOs], 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. [99]

14. That the California State Grange and National Grange join the other two dozen agriculture organizations to oppose fast-track until full compliance with past trade agreements are resolved and trade barriers such as unrealistic phytosanitary rules used because of unsubstantiated pest infestation concerns. [97]

13. The California State Grange supports the voluntary transfer of water from Friant Kern Canal unit of the Central Valley Project to the Metropolitan Water District after the following conditions are met:

a. Any transfer agreement shall be to the benefit (monetarily) of the entire Friant Kern water users as a whole and not just the Arvin Edison Unit;

b. All agricultural water users in the area where the Friant water can be used have had a chance to acquire the excess water at a reasonable rate as agricultural water, or who have

said they do not need any more water (this area to include the San Joaquin River, Kings River, Tule River, and Kern River service areas);

c. All opportunities for water banking that would benefit the ground water basin in the above areas are met. [97]

12. 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. [97]

11. The California State Grange shall oppose any governmental decisions or actions which would limit export of U.S. farm commodities. Further, the California State Grange 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. [97]

10. The California State Grange will support the intent of the 1995 Farm Bill in phasing out crop support programs. In the event crop support programs are not phased out as scheduled, our current policy concerning farm programs will remain in effect. [97]

9. The California State Grange will 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. [93]

8. The California State Grange will support the implementation of all water regulation and laws that correct our current problem such as:

a. Prohibit the receipt of subsidized water by farm operations of less than 960 acres but tied together by common financing, management or ownership

b. Farm operations would have a choice of crop subsidies or water subsidies not both.

c. Cracking down on "paper" farms created from larger ones to capture the subsidies. [91]

7. The California State Grange will continue to urge the preservation of agriculture's standing in the Presidents cabinet. [91]

6. The California State Grange 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. [90]

5. The California State Grange will urge legislation to control foreign ownership of farmland. To strictly enforce the Agriculture Foreign Investment Disclosure Act, and to 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. 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. [89]

4. The California State Grange 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. The reimbursement for the losses would be available to replace the lost market. [85]

3. The California State Grange will continue to oppose establishment of a Department of Natural Resources. [79]

2. The California State Grange 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. [77]

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FARM PROGRAMS

21. The CSG 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. [11]

20. The California State Grange supports the establishment of a National Animal Identification Plan and will lobby for adequate funding through the USDA for the National Animal Identification Plan. [04]

19. The California State Grange expand its efforts in sup-

port 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. [02]

18. That lobbying efforts be directed at the state and national levels for urgently needed programs to provide relief for the raisin growers of California until there is stability in the raising market. [02]

17. The California State Grange shall oppose expanding payments of Loan Deficiency Payments to growers who have not signed Production Flexibility Contracts. [00]

16. The California State Grange 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. [98]

15. The California State Grange will support legislation establishing a reformed Agricultural Worker Program that will allow streamlined processing of temporary, legalized foreign workers. [98]

14. The California State Grange will commit to the Agricultural Network up to \$5,000 of services (printing and mailing), or money. The California State Grange will solicit donations from Subordinate and Pomona Granges and members of the Grange to cover the cost of this commitment. [94]

13. The California State Grange 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 a an agricultural product. That the California State Grange contact legislators to introduce and support legislation for this purpose. [94]

12. The California State Grange will initiate a Public Education Program that brings together the various agricultural interests and work to communicate with the communities to foster cooperation and understanding by establishing a committee to formulate a program and report back at the annual session in 1993 for approval. [92]

11. The California State Grange is vigorously opposed any new Dairy Herd Buy-Out Program proposed in Congress. [91]

10. The California State Grange will work to change the

ASCS rules so no grower can certify crop acres planted in excess of their established base acres of an individual crop. [87]

9. The California State Grange will work to change the ASCS rules to prohibit the establishment of new crop base acres, thus protecting the base acres of established growers. [87]

8. The California State Grange 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;

c. Restrict imported commodities from interfering with the operations of the Price Support Program. [87]

7. The California State Grange recommends that the Congress review the current policy of Farmers Home Administration and require that they return to the original purpose of aiding smaller farmers. [86]

6. The California State Grange will support only farm programs that recognize that all commodities are inter-related. [84]

5. The California State Grange will take an active part in reviewing and suggesting any changes necessary in the Farmers Home Administration emergency loan procedures to prevent further abuses. [79]

4. The California State Grange will oppose programs that expand farm payment schedules and limit production. [77]

3. The California State Grange 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. [77]

2. The California State Grange will support necessary legislative and administrative revisions of the Farmers Home Administration funding and loaning authority provisions for insured long term, low interest rate farm ownership and short term farm operating loans for well qualified young farmers. [77]

1. The California State Grange 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. [72]

IMMIGRATION

1. The CSG and the National Grange shall work with the appropriate agency, or our legislators, when special immigrations programs such as H2A, Ag jobs and Guest Worker programs of this nature are being formulated to insure that they will actually be usable in the real world [08].

LAND USE PLANNING

12. The California State Grange recognize and support sustainable agriculture (maintaining economic productive capability of the land and environment now and into the future) as a viable part of rural life. [01]

11. The California State Grange will oppose any action by the Federal Government to acquire a farmer's or rancher's property rights adjacent to a National Park without the individual's consent. [98]

10. The California State Grange favors land-use decisions, regarding previously undeveloped land being converted for residential or industrial purposes, include the mandatory input from the local water purveyor regarding the availability, cost and quality of local water resources. [95]

9. The California State Grange will oppose all laws and legislation that would require land owners to set aside harvestable property for wildlife protection without due compensation. [93]

8. The California State Grange 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 these legislators be informed that management of public lands should continue for multiple-uses, 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. [90]

7. The California State Grange will urge the appropriate government agencies to use area's other than the better agriculture lands. [87]

6. The California State Grange will work with the California Department of Food and Agriculture to redefine 'Prime Agriculture Lands', (as productive agriculture lands) and that these lands be mapped by county with the aid of conservation districts. [81]

5. The California State Grange urges the State of California to adopt a policy to minimize the amount of land which is annually converted from agricultural to non-agricultural uses on lands that are government owned and that local commissions have jurisdiction in making decisions that affect their areas. [80]

4. The California State Grange will support changes to stop raids on the Federal Treasury in cases where people, who can otherwise afford it, buy acreage to qualify for cost sharing funds for soil erosion, fencing, water ponds, dams, tree planting just because they are available. [79]

3. The California State Grange will support retaining control within local governments over releasing agricultural preserve land from contract for purposes other than farming. [78]

2. The California State Grange will oppose the purchase of lands by corporations or other organizations with the intent of consolidation and leasing of the land. [77]

1. The California State Grange urges state and local governments to implement planning and action programs leading to the preserving of prime farm land as well as the attendant water rights. [72]

MARKETING & COOPERATIVES

17. The California State Grange shall support efforts for California dairies to join the Federal Milk Marketing Order System (FMMO). The CSG shall support an increase to the price paid for whey for California dairy farmers. [12]

16. The California State Grange 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. [11]

15. The California State Grange support legislation that food labeling which states the word "Organic" must also state whether the food (seed) was genetically modified. [11]

14. The California State Grange support legislation requiring that all foods or products with genetically modified ingredients disclose that fact on the label. [06]

13. The California State Grange and the National Grange urge the government to immediately fund and implement the present Country of Origin Labeling. [06]

12. The California State Grange 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. [03]

11. The California State Grange 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. [98]

10. The California State Grange 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. [98]

9. The California State Grange will oppose any restrictions on exports of any agricultural commodities. [96]

8. The California State Grange 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. [95]

7. The California State Grange 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". [94]

6. The California State Grange 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. [90]

5. The California State Grange will work toward implementing regulations requiring shippers and brokers to deliver grains of the quality specified in the contract. [86]

4. The California State Grange supports the implementation of proposals that would require dockage in grains to be reported to the nearest .1%. [86]

3. The California State Grange 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 Packers and Stockyard Act. [78]

2. The California State Grange urges that the Grain Standards Act be amended to bring about the necessary changes in standards to protect the financial interest of the grain producers. [75]

1. The California State Grange urges that Article 8, Section No. 58843 of the California Marketing Act of 1937 be amended to specify that the director use great care in selecting one or more persons to serve in an objective manner in the interests of the general public. [74]

MISCELLANEOUS

6. The California State Grange 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; support a specific exclusion from existing law for farms grossing under \$100,000 annually who wish to host volunteers and/or interns. [10]

5. That the CSG, and local Granges as well, encourage California farmers to place a sign alongside their fields stating what is currently being grown there. [07]

4. That the California State Grange urge the Subordinate Granges to promote community gardening and the use of organic methods in the food production chain, and where possible, make an effort to promote viable seed collecting and proper food preservation methods to their communities. [00]

3. The California State Grange will endeavor to gather the support of allied agriculture groups, in an all-out effort to gain relief from hazards created by mandatory catalytic converter requirements. [79]

2. The California State Grange opposes any legislation that levies fees and/or placing further restrictions on agricultural burning. [79]

1. The California State Grange urges the California State Department of Food and Agriculture to investigate the willful destruction of any food products. [74]

PEST MANAGEMENT

11. The California State Grange does not support the California Dept of Food and Agriculture's proposed Program-

matic Environmental Impact Report, but encourages and supports additional use and research into scientifically proven alternative pest management [11]

10. As the LBAM (Light Brown Apple Moth) program is being conducted throughout our state, the California State Grange will request reclassification for LBAM as a non-actionable 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. [10]

9. The California State Grange 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. [99]

8. The California State Grange will oppose legislation or regulation which would make it illegal to use a steel jawed, leghold trap for recreational or commercial purposes or would ban M-44 sodium-cyanide devices and 1080 livestock protection collars for sheep, lambs and goats. [98]

7. The California State Grange will support provisions to fund the building and operation of a Sterile Mexican Fruit Fly Laboratory. [91]

6. The California State Grange 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. [88]

5. The California State Grange 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. [88]

4. The California State Grange will support the efforts of the CDFA & USDA to control infestations of "imported" exotic pest that are of major economic importance. [87]

3. The California State Grange will support policy that requires all commercial bee colonies be inspected periodically to control the spread of the Africanized bees. [85]

2. The California State Grange will support research, development and education of the full implications and feasibility of Integrated Pest Management application. [80]

1. The California State Grange will support legislation to

permit economic control of obnoxious grasses and brush on grazing lands. [77]

RESEARCH & TECHNOLOGY

13. The California State Grange and the National Grange 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. [11]

12. The California State Grange (CSG) and The National Grange (NG) 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. [10]

11. The California State Grange 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. [98]

10. The California State Grange urges the United States Department of Agriculture and its agencies to format all reports, applications, etc., that are to be filed by farmers, so that they can be filled out via computer media and a commonly accepted word processing program and returned to the agency for processing. [98]

9. The California State Grange will encourage legislative action in developing at state and local levels an integrated management approach to control and eventually eradicate Yellow Starthistle, this obnoxious, non-native weed. [98]

8. The California State Grange will urge the State of California, Department of Food and Agriculture, to reinstate the Livestock Market Reporting Service. [98]

7. The California State Grange 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. [98]

6. The California State Grange urge the President to do all in his power to prevent the Environmental Protection Agency being involved in regulating the make up of plants as a pesticide. [97]

5. The California State Grange will oppose requiring labeling as genetically altered or transgenic any food products, unless the alteration is from a known, probable, allergen that could cause a problem in the general population. [94]

4. The California State Grange will oppose those who would put millions of American out of work by closing any business or industry that entails the use of animals, and will support legislation which will combat intimidation, terrorism and violence as used by animal activists and protesters, and to continue funding medical research and other testing which uses animals responsibly, and generally, to resolve legislative conflicts between the interests of human beings and those of animals, in favor of human beings. [90]

3. The California State Grange urges the University of California to delay field testing of genetically altered bacteria until adequate testing and research has been completed to show the potential for environmental impact is negligible. [86]

2. The California State Grange strongly supports research, development and education of the full implications and feasibility of Integrated Pest Management application. [80]

1. The California State Grange will support institutions such as the University of California in their endeavor to research and develop new technologies to further increase agricultural productivity. [77]

USDA

2. The California State Grange supports the original purpose and intent of the Federal Marketing Act of 1937 and that there be no tampering or further review of the present Marketing Order System to nullify its intents and purposes and that the USDA hold sole administrative responsibility for the implementation of Federal Marketing Orders. [82]

1. The California State Grange 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.). [74]

CONSERVATION & ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

POLICY STATEMENT

The California State Grange believes the protection and conservation of the environment is integral to all living things. We believe in responsible stewardship of the land and responsible governmental actions, both of which must take into account a reasonable balance between the needs of nature and the needs of man. We believe that our natural resources can be conserved and private property ownership protected when informed compromises based on fairness and common sense are used to judge issues.

We urge provisions in the Endangered Species acts that recognize human and economic factors when considering regulations, and stress that such factors be backed by sound scientific research and not emotional reactions, with the costs of protecting a habitat taken into consideration. We insist that private property rights of individuals, as guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States and the State of California, must be upheld and must not be overridden without adequate compensation of property owners. We urge that conservation agreements, which are central to providing landowners incentives to protect species and maintain the economic use of property, be upheld and encouraged.

AIR AND WATER QUALITY

11. That the CSG 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. [09]

10. The California State Grange opposes any ban on burn barrels in rural communities. [02]

9. The California State Grange urges that all future water development projects include a desalinization option. Further, that desalinization projects be developed for the San Joaquin C Sacramento, North Delta region to lessen dependence on the water quality programs of the Central Valley's Project, thereby providing dependable and palatable domestic water supplies locally, and that these programs be funded in the same manner as other state and federal water projects. [92]

8. The California State Grange 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. [90]

7. The California State Grange supports:

- a. restrictions in the release of Chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) to the atmosphere;
- b. an orderly transition to a replacement for CFCs to a less harmful chemical;
- c. a phase in period of seven to ten years if new refrigeration systems are required as part of the CFCs replacement process. [91]

6. The California State Grange proposes that clean water funds be used only to:

- a. Reduce pollution;
- b. Facilitate land disposal alternatives;
- c. Provide for tertiary treatment of urban waste if surface water discharges are completely unavoidable. [88]

5. The California State Grange 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. [88]

4. The California State Grange urges the Air Quality Control Board to standardize their enforcement state-wide. [83]

3. The California State Grange urges Congress and the Environmental Protection Agency to enact legislation and regulations to reduce emissions causing acid rain. [83]

2. The California State Grange supports asking the Air Quality Control Board to allow controlled burning where safeguards are provided. [76]

1. The California State Grange recommends that new methods of pollution reduction be developed that will allow maximum efficiency of automobile motors. [73]

ENDANGERED SPECIES

13. The California State Grange and the National Grange 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. [09]

12. 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. [04]

11. The California State Grange supports amending the Endangered Species Act language to state in Section 4(b) BASIS FOR DETERMINATIONS:

A(1)(A) The Secretary shall make determinations required by subsection (a)(1) solely on the basis of the best scientific and commercial data available to him after conduction a review of the status of the species and after taking into account those efforts, if any, being made by any State or foreign nation, or any political subdivision of a State or foreign nation, to protect such species, whether by predator control, protection of habitat and food supply, or other conservation practices, within any area under its jurisdiction, or on the high seas and after taking into consideration the human dimension, cultural, economic, community

impacts, and any other relevant impacts.

A(2) The Secretary shall designate critical habitat, and make revisions thereto, under subsections (A)(3) on the basis of the best scientific data available and after taking into consideration the human dimension, cultural, economic, community impacts and any other relevant impacts, of specifying any particular area as critical habitat. [03]

10. The California State Grange will insist on the strictest possible interpretation of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) on public and private development projects in cities and urban areas, with the aim to affect projects near and dear to those who have pushed the ESA upon us in this way we may finally be able to amend the ESA to be more reasonable. [00]

9. The California State Grange will support legislation to de-fund the support of the Endangered Species Act. [00]

8. The California State Grange will urge the California State Conservation and Environmental (Fish and Game) Authorities and San Mateo County Parks Department to seek ways in which to continue in providing tours to the Moss Beach Aquatic area, while preserving its aquatic environmental life in balance. [99]

7. The California State Grange will join with the Greenhorn Grange in its Notice of Intent to Sue and its subsequent action against the National Marine Fisheries Service. [99]

6. The California State Grange supports agricultural interests in the Klamath Basin by endorsing the monitoring program being conducted by Siskiyou Pomona Grange #6. [95]

5. The California State Grange opposes legislation that expands the definition of take in the Endangered Species Act to include habitat modification. [95]

4. The California State Grange 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. [95]

3. The California State Grange supports legislation that will exclude land that may provide habitat of a type necessary for the continuing existence of a candidate species, threatened species, or endangered species from any requirement that it be managed as habitat for that species unless individuals of that species have been observed inhabiting that property during the period of review. [95]

2. The California State Grange urges and will support changes in the Endangered Species Act that would;

a. Incorporate consideration for the human and economic impacts of declaring a species either threatened or endangered. [91]

b. Assure public hearings in the involved area, such hearings to include impact on human welfare and the area concerned. [92]

c. 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. [93]

1. The California State Grange opposes placing the Northern Spotted Owl on the endangered species list and urges the U.S. Department of Fish and Wildlife Service and the U.S. Department of Forest Service to allow the timber harvest management plans to continue. [89]

ENERGY

20. The California State Grange 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. [11]

19. That the CSG and the National Granges 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. [09]

18. The CSG 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. [07]

17. That the CSG and the National Grange 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. [07]

16. The CSG 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. [06]

15. That the CSG and the National Grange strongly support and vigorously lobby for usage of alternative energy resources. [06]

14. The California State Grange supports legislation authorizing the production of electricity by using water wheel powered generators or low head generators anchored in the canals. [93]

13. The California State Grange 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. [90]

12. The California State Grange 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. [88]

11. The California State Grange will support the building of new nuclear energy plants in California. [85]

10. The California State Grange encourages the full capacity usage of all already constructed dams by installing all the generators planned into their design, thus making better use of the water resources and providing more of the needed clean and cheaper power.

[83]

9. The California State Grange supports research and implementation of wind and solar energy and the growing of energy producing crops. [81]

8. The California State Grange supports the extension of nuclear power production, not as a sole source of added power, but as an interim measure, along with energy sources more acceptable to life and the environment. [79]

7. The California State Grange favors coal fired power plants in California, providing positive measures are taken to protect the environment, existing water rights, and water supply, and that no new coal fired plants be authorized until all alternative energy sources have been explored and developed. [79]

6. The California State Grange supports the promotion of the development of alternate fuels from agricultural products, and the relaxation of enforcement of rules and regulations governing the production and use of alternative fuels and by products. [76\79]

5. The California State Grange opposes any action by the legislature, or regulators, to remove local control of geothermal resource development from county jurisdiction. [76]

4. The California State Grange favors legislation to encourage oil and geothermal production by utilizing a tax structure based on the potential of lands capable of producing the resources, so that it would be unprofitable to hold these lands and leases out of production, but would give a substantial tax relief for a time period when put into production as an incentive for development. [75]

3. The California State Grange supports the development of public owned facilities to utilize other safe sources of energy. [75]

2. The California State Grange will support the location of additional Nuclear Plants on coast or inland, where there is low quality water. [74]

1. The California State Grange encourages all cities and towns where traffic light problems exist to synchronize their traffic signals in order to reduce exhaust

emissions and to cut down on waste of gasoline caused by frequent starts, stops, and idling motors. [73]

ENVIRONMENT

9. The California State Grange 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, 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 [11]

8. The CSG 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. [07]

7. The California State Grange support the construction of Auburn Dam and lobby accordingly. [05]

6. The California State Grange oppose the efforts to eliminate the usage of Freon until a proven, safe replacement is developed. [96]

5. The California State Grange 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. [93]

4. The California State Grange supports legislation to reduce the use of polystyrene products using Chlorofluorocarbons as a blowing agent. [88]

3. The California State Grange opposes exploration and production of off shore oil and gas drilling and exploration in the area from Point Conception to the Oregon border. [88]

2. The California State Grange 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. [83]

1. The California State Grange 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. [75]

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORTS

4. The California State Grange 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. [96]

3. The California State Grange will support legislation that would provide that, when preparing and certifying an environmental impact report for a military base or reservation reuse plan, the determination of whether the reuse plan may have a significant effect on the environment may be made in the context of the physical conditions that were present at the time that the federal base or reservation closure decision became final. [95]

2. The California State Grange supports legislation that would provide that the filing fee is not required of applicants whose projects are located within the boundaries of a valid and existing habitat conservation plan and/or natural community conservation plan that result from actions taken pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act, the California Endangered Species Act, and, to the extent permitted by federal law, the Federal Endangered Species Act. [95]

1. The California State Grange vigorously proposes that the Director of the Department of Health Services be required to:

a. Submit a formal signed statement to the state clearinghouse concerning all draft Environmental Impact Reports (EIRs) that involve discharge of pollutants, sewage, sewage effluent, and/or toxic materials into any surface water;

b. Submit verification of reasons for assuming that the surface water will not be degraded by the proposed discharge;

c. Require that the signed statement and verification be included in the final EIR of the approved project. [88]

FIRE FIGHTING/CONTROL

2. The California State Grange supports the use of the National Guard to aid in the fire fighting effort when there is a large number of fires that overwhelm regular fire fighting forces. [77]

1. The California State Grange supports the concept of cooperation between political subdivisions when fighting wild fires through means such as mutual aid agreements. [77]

FISH AND GAME AND WILDLIFE

25. That the CSG work with the Department of Conservation to develop a fishing stamp that would allow local residents to take fish from "catch and release only" streams in their area for use as a personal food source. [09]

24. The California State Grange urges the Department of Fish and Game to carefully re-evaluate the current restrictive catch and release trout fishing policy and relax current restrictions to allow retention of trout caught in most of the State's streams; and that appropriate bag limits be maintained to insure preservation of the fish population to keep the State's important trout fishing program viable. [04]

23. The California State Grange 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. [96]

22. The California State Grange will urge the California Department of Fish and Game to:

a. Develop a plan using acceptable methods to rid the Eel and Russian Rivers and tributaries of Squafish (Hard Mouth) and replant with native species;

b. Address control of seals and sea lions within the mouths of rivers to reduce the number of game fish destroyed on their way to spawn;

c. Investigate whether the mink and otter populations

of the rivers are adversely impacting game fish population and, if so, address the problem;

d. Remove Merganser ducks, which are extremely predacious on fingerlings, from bag limits during duck season. [96]

21. The California State Grange supports legislation that would make it a misdemeanor with specified punishment for specified persons who knowingly and unlawfully sell, in violation of the Fish and Game Code, for commercial purposes or who unlawfully possess with intent to sell, in violation of the Fish and Game Code, any part of or product made from unlawfully taken wildlife. [95]

20. The California State Grange supports legislation that would authorize the Department of Fish and Game to issue a permit to public entities and private persons authorizing the take of a specified species under specified conditions.

19. The California State Grange 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. [94]

18. The California State Grange opposes the addition of the Upper Klamath River Basin Amendment to the Klamath River Basin Fisheries Act, which would be usurping the authority of Congress by adding an area not originally intended to be under the Klamath River Basin Fisheries Act's jurisdiction. The California State Grange opposes this Amendment to the Klamath River Basin Fisheries Act of 1986. [92]

17. The California State Grange supports legislation that will work to repeal the four fifths vote requirement for any amendments to the Wildlife Protection Act (Proposition 117), replacing it with a majority vote of the legislature, except for appropriations, transfers, or allocations of funds that would require a two thirds vote. The California State Grange also supports legislation that would allow the Fish and Game Commission to regulate mountain lions in the same manner as they regulate and manage other mammals that are not rare, endangered, or threatened. [94]

16. The California State Grange supports protection and maintenance of the natural balance between predator and prey species. [91]

15. The California State Grange urges the federal government to continue to fund the National Marine Fisheries Services at the current levels to enable them to continue the biological studies that will lead to the elimination of the use of drift net fishing and restore this valuable resource. [90]

14. The California State Grange supports the control of the mountain lion population under the direction of the Fish and Game Commission and supports that the Commission will manage the mountain lion population so that the extinction of the species is not threatened. [85]

13. The California State Grange urges the Pacific Marine Fisheries Commission to support the designation of only those marine sanctuaries that guarantee fishery usages and to recognize the fishery management authority of current state and/or federal agencies within the sanctuary boundaries. [83]

12. The California State Grange 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. [82]

11. The California State Grange supports changes in existing regulations specifying multiple deer seasons and the adoption of a simplified one deer limit one season policy not to exceed thirty days in any zone or past the start of the mating and migration seasons. [82]

10. The California State Grange promotes a separate Fisheries Management Council for California. [80]

9. The California State Grange seeks to preserve the use of steel jawed traps in the State of California. [78]

8. The California State Grange supports a moratorium on commercial gill netting in the Klamath River until adequate research is completed. [78]

7. The California State Grange supports the Fish and Game Departments' program of Tule Elk population

control thru a controlled hunting season or other practices. [76]

6. The California State Grange suggests regulations be changed to permit the possession of more than one bag limit of fish per day. [74]

5. The California State Grange recommends that salmon egg taking projects be continued. [73]

4. The California State Grange supports a three day bag limit for fresh water fishing, the same as for salt water fish and abalone. [73]

3. The California State Grange opposes the taking of anchovies (by seining) for commercial bait from Humboldt Bay. [73]

2. The California State Grange urges that legislation be proposed in the Congress to promote protection and preservation of dolphins and porpoises, declaring them as endangered species, prohibiting the taking or killing of them and establishing strict controls for their use in scientific practices, and that purse seining be abolished. Also, that this be brought before the United Nations and referred to the proper arm of that body for action protecting these species, and that the United States take the initiative in negotiating agreements with offending nations for the protection and preservation of dolphins and porpoises. [72]

1. The California State Grange supports having the opening of deer hunting season postponed until such time as extreme fire danger is abated by precipitation. [72]

FORESTS AND FORESTRY PRACTICES

12. The CSG and the National Grange support letting forest fires to burn themselves out except; in areas where structures are threatened. [09]

11. That the CSG and the National Grange 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. [08]

10. The California State Grange 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. [03]

9. That the California State Grange support that carefully monitored timber harvest efforts be permitted in more widespread areas of National Forests with fire prevention clean-up as a priority. [00]

8. The California State Grange supports a national program such as the Civilian Conservation Corps, and the California State Grange urges private timber land owners to establish similar programs for forest improvement work. [93]

7. The California State Grange 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. [92]

6. The California State Grange 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. [91]

5. The California State Grange 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. [91]

4. The California State Grange 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. [89]

3. The California State Grange supports the salvage of as much of the fire damaged timber, including that in the Wilderness areas, as is possible immediately. [88]

2. The California State Grange 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. [74]

1. The California State Grange encourages the better utilization of our forest products by urging the development and marketing of wood and wood products now unused. [73]

LAND PRIVATE/PUBLIC

6. The California State Grange support 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. [03]

5. The California State Grange 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. [97] [reverses 1972 position]

4. The California State Grange 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. [91]

3. The California State Grange 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. [91]

2. The California State Grange opposes the nationalization of mineral exploration and development through exorbitant fees and regulations.

1. The California State Grange supports and encourages state officials to implement the California State Soil Conservation Plan. [86]

MISCELLANEOUS

4. The CSG 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. [08]

3. That the CSG 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. [06]

2. The California State Grange 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. [99]

1. The California State Grange 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. [73]

PUBLIC SAFETY

2. That the California State Grange 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. [98]

1. The California State Grange 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. [90]

RECYCLING

2. That the California State Grange supports the principals of zero waste including but not limited to:

1. Reducing the use of natural resources when possible;
2. Re-using resources when possible rather than discarding them;
3. Recycling recyclable materials rather than disposing of them;
4. Composting organic materials rather than burying them in a landfill; and
5. 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. [08]

1. The California State Grange supports efforts within the California legislature to increase the fee paid per container into the California Redemption Value fund to a level equal to that paid out per container, and advocates legislation that would expand the California Redemption Value program to a broader range of all

recyclable materials. [91]

SOLID WASTES

1. The California State Grange urges the state and county governments to publish or make available proper explanation of the cost of solid waste disposal to all residents. [92]

TOXINS

The formation of a Toxic Waste Subcommittee, appointed by the Master to meet and formulate a comprehensive plan concerning toxic and/or nuclear waste, was mandated by resolution at the 1993 convention. Three types of these wastes were identified by the subcommittee:

4. The following are the preliminary recommendations of the subcommittee:

a. The California State Grange should urge the U.S. Department of Energy, working jointly with the U.S. Department of Defense and the nation's utility industry, to proceed forthwith to evolve a final solution to the long term safe management of high level radioactive wastes and potential peaceful utilization of energy resources in the nation's stockpile of spent fuel rods and surplus weapons grade nuclear materials.

b. The California State Grange should urge the federal and state agencies responsible for low level radioactive wastes in California to complete all necessary procedures at the earliest date to enable the existing licensed state contractor to open and commence receiving temporarily stored low level radioactive wastes.

3. Radioactive Wastes:

a. High level wastes (consisting for the most part of military weapons grade radioactive materials or spent radioactive fuel rods from nuclear powered engines or power generation reactors; all high level radioactive waste is under federal jurisdiction).

b. Low level wastes (materials contaminated by exposure to high level radioactive material; management and disposal of low level radioactive wastes are under the jurisdiction of respective states).

2. Toxic Wastes (chemical or mineral materials that are dangerous to human health).

1. Hazardous Wastes (combustible, structurally dangerous, inflammable, or materials consisting of all three elements.

EDUCATION

POLICY STATEMENT

As a Family Fraternity, the Grange has held the education of our children and adults as one of its most important goals. Since its founding in 1873, an era where an agrarian society prevailed, the Grange has emphasized the need of a basic education for all members of society. The Grange has also strongly advocated that such an education must include a vocational component that will prepare our young people to enable them to assume their roles in a productive society. While society has changed, in that today we live in a mostly urban environment, that tenet remains unchanged. We are today, as dedicated to this goal as were our founders were over 125 years ago.

Optimal funding and local control of curriculum, guided by national, state and local standards are universal standards to be major building blocks of any educational program. To this we add a teaching staff whose performance is evaluated on their abilities, a supportive administrative staff, and higher expectations for student behavior and achievement. With these components, our educational system will better equip students for educational success.

CRIME

2. The California State Grange supports the development of programs that would provide appropriate services within the regular education program or appropriate alternative education placement programs for students who are dangerous to other students and education employees. Students must receive due process before placement in an alternative program. [01]

1. The California State Grange will support legislation and enforceable laws to prevent vandalism and to ensure the safety of children in our schools, and that the laws include a provision for collecting the cost of damage from parents of juvenile vandals or from the vandals themselves if they are of age. [80]

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

1. The California State Grange urges the National Grange to work with the National Board of Education to form an all college level Transferable Unit Standard nation wide. [02]

EDUCATION

39. The CSG supports the continued planning and development of a medical school at UC Merced. [09]

38. That the CSG and the National Grange lobby vigorously for a continuance of the Secure Rural Schools

and Community Self-Determination Act. [08]

37. That the California State Grange urge all subordinate granges to actively seek out partnerships with schools and other organizations in planning, implementing and funding the continuing viabilities of local school gardens. [06]

36. That the CSG supports legislation that funds local and County K-12 history programs for students. [06]

35. The CSG and the National Grange 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. [06]

34. The California State Grange include in their education policy statement the above statement but amend the last sentence to read as follows:

All federal educational program initiatives required by federal government, no matter how well meaning, such as No Child Left Behind Act, must be paid by federal funding and shall not be paid by state and local governments, and the California State Grange also include the following in the Education Policy under the heading of Education should read as follows:

The California State Grange supports public education and the idea of strengthening and improving the system of Public Education. However, we believe that the No Child Left Behind Act is, in fact, counterproductive. We believe that every child should be able to receive a public education, and that the state is responsible for providing said educational programs that are not federally mandated.

The California State Grange urges the National Grange to amend the last sentence of the second paragraph of their Education policy to read as follows:

All federal educational program initiatives required by federal government, no matter how well meaning, such as No Child Left Behind Act, must be paid by federal government funds and shall not be paid by state and local government funds. [05]

33. The California State Grange 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. [04]

32. The California State Grange 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. [04]

31. The California State Grange 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. [04]

30. The California State Grange actively supports state and national legislation that funds after school agricultural education programs. [03]

29. The California State Grange 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. [03]

28. The California State Grange urges all candidates

for the Office of State Superintendent of Public Instruction to express their support for the current placement of Regional Ag. Ed. Offices and Regional Ag. Ed. Programs and contests as part of their election platform. [02]

27. The California State Grange will actively lobby the Governor of California to support the current placement of Regional Ag. Ed. Offices and regional Ag. Ed. Programs and contests. [02]

26. The California State Grange urges the State Legislature to carefully monitor educational planning in California and continues to encourage strengthening educational standards in California schools. [02]

25. The California State Grange support the implementation of the following class-size maximums:

1. 20 students in regular elementary classes (grade K-6)

2. 30 students in regular secondary classes (grades 7-12)

3. The following formula to be used for special education students mainstreamed into regular education classrooms:

One Special Day Class Student = 3.0 regular education students;

One Resource Specialist Program
Student = 2.0 regular education
Students

4. No more students than the optimum number of work stations in shop and laboratory classes, regardless of the grade level.

5. These maximums shall not include larger class sizes that foster program effectiveness, such as orchestra, choir, drama, or athletic programs. [01]

24. The California State Grange will lobby for legislation requiring the State Board of Education (SBE) to reinstate Average Daily Attendance (ADA) funding for student absences defined as excusable by the State Board of Education (SBE). [01]

23. The California State Grange supports the implementation of the following in California public

schools:

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

The California State Grange will lend its support to educate the public, increasing awareness and mobilizing the community about the benefits of food safety, nutrition, and their consequences. [01]

22. The California State Grange will explore the possibility of a project to seek out a partnership with the California State Universities at San Luis Obispo, Chico, and Fresno, and the University of California at Davis to plan, build and staff a Grange Cookie Ranch at a location or locations that would be accessible to elementary school students in California to teach them how the ingredients for cookies are grown and processed.

The State Master and Executive Committee will appoint an exploratory committee under the following process:

21. The California State Grange 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. [01]

20. The California State Grange 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. [00]

19. The California State Grange 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. [99]

18. The California State Grange will work for legislation that will effect changes in the California Education System encouraging the State Superintendent of Special Education to enforce compliance reviews on school districts every two years, (especially with smaller school districts) to ensure that the needs of ALL Special Education students are being met. The California State Grange Legislative Department will work for legislation that will effect changes in the California Education System encouraging the State Superintendent of Special Education to limit school districts to one waiver every five years. [99]

17. The California State Grange 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. [99]

16. The California State Grange will assist in advocating the legislature and the State Frameworks Committee of the Department of Education to include an agriculture component in the state frameworks, enabling local school districts to dedicate a portion of their annual budget to agricultural education curriculum-wide in grades K-12. This is to include a garden at every school site in California. In addition to this, wire every classroom in California for technology and modernize all school libraries. [98]

15. The California State Grange will become an active partner in developing and drafting legislation to create the Agricultural Education Act of 1999 (The Act), and to serve as an advocate should the Act continue through more than one legislative year. The California State Grange will encompass the Act, as proposed by the Agricultural Network to include, but not limited to the following:

1) Intent language citing the report of the original focus group, the Agricultural Network Committee work, the need for informed citizenry, quality of life decisions, and a goal to the year 2020 and beyond

2) Components of agricultural education program to include, but not limited to: Education/Industry partnerships, Literacy/Awareness/Career components, Ag.

Ed Resource center for California's Public Schools, Expanded Agricultural Advisory Committee to include grades Pre K 14, Curriculum Review Commission, Website development, pre service education for prospective educators, professional development

3) Regional outreach and Coordination to include, but not limited to: utilize existing regional offices, match industry and state funds, collaborative process, regional consortia, competitive mini grants, coordinate professional development activities

4) Would not create new state bureaucracy, would use existing resources more efficiently, competitive process promotes accountability, reasonable expectation, and a budget to complete the process for a minimum of five years, and, be it further

Should the Act's intent be altered through trailer bills, the California State Grange will advocate the original intent of the Act only, with input from the Agricultural Network as to the Act's purpose to accomplish the goal of educating every student grade Pre K through 14 the importance of food and fiber production to the economy of California and livelihood of every Californian. [98]

1. Publishing an announcement in the Grange News for the issue immediately following the Annual Session asking for resumes to be received within 30 day of the announcement.

2. Appointments to be made by the State Master with approval by the Executive Committee no later than December 15th.

3. Appointment to be for a period of three years.

Reports to be made quarterly to the Executive Committee. [01]

14. The California State Grange support a statewide standard basic skills test after each grade. [97]

13. The California State Grange will seek to have legislation introduced that will change the California State Education code to require at least 20 hours of classroom instruction time regarding the Criminal Justice System and how it applies to children under the age of 18 and that it be required for all students in

either the 7th or 8th grades prior to their advancement to the 9th grade. This Criminal Justice system curriculum shall include instructions which will be appropriate for their ages and will include knowledge of the consequence of their actions while still minor children. [97]

12. The California State Grange encourages public schools to utilize the NRA's Eddie Eagle Firearms Safety Program for children. (97ACR3) [97]

11. The California State Grange opposes increases in student enrollment fees for the University of California, California State University and California Community Colleges above the rate of increase in the cost of living. Fee limitations do not apply to non-resident students. [96]

10. The California State Grange will oppose the removal of County Superintendents of Schools and County Boards of Education from the California State Constitution, and any recommendation to dilute or erode the power of the local voter to make decisions regarding the educational programs of their children. [96]

9. The California State Grange will support the education recommendations of the California Constitution Revision Commission that are Grange policy with the exception that the position of Superintendent of Public Education will remain an elected office. [95]

8. The California State Grange supports legislation that allows U.S. citizens, rather than foreign students, be given preference in obtaining publicly funded scholarships. [93]

7. The California State Grange endorses Cotton's Journey from Seed to You as a program for use in the schools. [93]

6. The California State Grange favors the removal of funding from service academy prep-schools established to prepare academically deficient student athletes for entry into the service academies. [92]

5. The California State Grange favors changes in the Education Code to streamline the educational administrative process, thereby allowing more tax dollars for students and teachers. [92]

4. The California State Grange 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. [92]

3. The California State Grange will advocate legislative action to allocate funds for the enhancement of reading skills for individuals with the reading problem, dyslexia. [91]

2. The California State Grange favors a traditional educational curriculum of the traditional 3 R's of basic education reading, writing and arithmetic, and vocational arts. The Grange also suggests that drug abuse and personal hygiene be incorporated into the middle elementary school grades. [76][Reaffirmed 78]

1. The California State Grange will support legislation that exempts 16 and 17 year olds from compulsory schooling if they:

a. Attend a Regional Occupational Center for job training.

b. Attend graded classes at a community college.

c. Pass a basic skills examination developed by the State Department of Education after getting parental permission to take the examination. [72]

ENGLISH

1. The California State Grange encourages all non English speaking people to attend special classes in English speaking, reading and writing, and that our public school classes be conducted in English, our national language. [81]

SCHOOLS - COMMUNITY CONTROL

6. The California State Grange 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. [01]

5. The California State Grange supports a parent's right to chose where their child is educated. [00]

4. The California State Grange 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. [00]

3. The California State Grange will urge the California State Legislature to revoke the legislation barring school districts from receiving Average Daily Attendance monies for excused absences as defined in the Compulsory Education Code. [99]

2. The California State Grange will encourage the public school systems to enact a system that parents or guardian of a pupil receive adequate prior notification, upon student registration or by mail, of guest speakers or special presentations related to sex or family life scheduled during the school year. [97]

1. The California State Grange supports measures wherein the responsibility and control of the elementary schools should, and must be vested, with the community served rather than mandated by non resident authorities. [73]

SCHOOLS - PATRIOTISM

3. That the CSG and National Grange urge the U.S. Congress to pass legislation that would prohibit any school district to refuse the Armed Forces representatives at the schools on Career Day. [08]

2. The CSG reaffirm 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 the CSG and National Grange 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." [84]

1. That the Pledge of Allegiance and/or the Star Spangled Banner be included in the daily curriculum of the Public School system. [84]

SCHOOL - PRAYER

1. The California State Grange urges the United States Justice Department to support the right to prayer in the classroom. [84]

SCHOOLS

1. The California State Grange encourages positive legislation that supports the Charter School Law and will monitor legislation that is detrimental to the Charter School Law. [02]

TEACHERS

1. The California State Grange encourages the legislature to change the existing calculations of the California Teachers' Retirement to be based on the 3 highest years of salary. [02]

TEXTBOOKS

2. The California State Grange supports the use of the Grange Partners in Education Program to provide and promote the free California Dairy Council Nutrition curriculum to all schools. [03]

1. The California State Grange urges the Boards of Education across the country to upgrade the quality of textbooks. [84]

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

3. That the CSG 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.) [07]

2. The California State Grange 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. [01]

1. The California State Grange 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. [82][reaffirmed 90, 91]

FOREIGN AFFAIRS

POLICY STATEMENT

The California State Grange seeks fair and open markets in all regions of the world. As a family fraternity, we are concerned with the nutritional needs of all people, and recognize the need to help feed the hungry. As a general farm organization, we seek balanced trade with minimal tariffs with other nations for our products, and a healthful food supply free of residual chemicals and a fair market for fiber products.

The Grange is concerned with the sovereignty of the United States and the peaceful control of our borders. We are committed to limiting ownership of American property, businesses, and industrial resources by foreign interests.

BANKING

1. The California State Grange opposes International Bank's policy of making low interest and worthless loans to foreign countries. [84]

BORDERS

1. The California State Grange 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. [92]

DEFENSE/MILITARY

2. The California State Grange supports legislation to bring the military pay in line with private industry. [80]

1. The California State Grange favors a policy that the United States must, at all cost, maintain its rank as a first rate military power. [73]

EXPORTS

2. The California State Grange 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. [84]

1. The California State Grange urges the California Legislature and the United States Congress immediately enact an embargo on the shipment of logs in the form of raw material to foreign countries. [73][Reaffirmed 74]

FOOD AID

3. The California State Grange continues to urge that PL 480 be used to stimulate broad economic development and growth of markets for US farm commodities without sacrificing humanitarian efforts. [85]

2. The California State Grange continues our commitment to fighting hunger and malnutrition in the world by promoting Food for Peace. [84]

1. The California State Grange urges the Congress and the State Department to change the existing policy of food commitments to foreign nations to a new policy of offering food and economic aid only to those countries who are effectively working toward their own population control, economic and agricultural growth. [74]

FOOD SAFETY

4. The California State Grange 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. [90]

3. The California State Grange 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 California,

and urge the Director of the California Department of Food & Agriculture 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. [90]

2. The California State Grange urges the Government to require by law the USDA inspection of all meats imported including rabbits and poultry. [82]

1. The California State Grange 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. [73][Reaffirmed 89]

FOREIGN AID

2. The California State Grange and National Grange urgently supports a plea for international action, and calls upon the United States to take the lead in pressing for Japan to accept immediate international assistance and support. The California State Grange, National Grange and all Grangers be urged to contact their state and federal representatives to demand their immediate nonpartisan action to address the continuing threat of the nuclear disaster at Fukushima. [12]

1. The California State Grange favors reducing Foreign Aid to help balance the Budget. [83]

FOREIGN OWNERSHIP

1. The California State Grange will seek and support legislation declaring any Foreign ownership or investments in fishing fleets, or processing plants, of over 25% or controlling interest come under United States laws and regulations pertaining to Foreign ownership and investments. [77]

GATT

1. The California State Grange urges amendments to GATT calling for swifter remedies to trade disputes. [85]

GENERAL SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES

1. The California State Grange favors a policy that when developing countries become stable, they should no longer receive help from the GSP. [84]

IMPORTS

2. The California State Grange will request the U.S. Government to enforce all the provisions of NAFTA and GATT. [98]

1. The California State Grange supports legislative and administrative action to hold the growth of imports to a reasonable level, specifically, the for passage of the Textile, Apparel and Footwear Trade Act which would:

- a. Establish global quotas for each category of textiles and textile products from all sources;
- b. Base import quotas on the level of imports for 1989, requiring no roll-back of trade;
- c. Provide for 1 percent annual increase in each quota -- consistent with long-term domestic market growth;
- d. Authorize priorities in quota allocations for countries that increase their commercial purchases of U.S. agricultural products.

The legislation would be consistent with GATT since it includes a congressional finding of injury, establishes global quotas and authorizes negotiation for compensation for countries adversely affected. [90]

INSPECTIONS

2. The California State Grange will support changes in the U.S.D.A. regulations that would help clean up our shipments of grain and soybeans to overseas customers. [90]

1. The California State Grange will oppose the formation of agencies such as Agricultural Commodity Export Agency. [75]

MISC.

3. The California State Grange supports the "Peace Corp" program. [93]

2. The California State Grange opposes the involvement of the Smithsonian Institution in licensing commercial copies of the museum's quilt treasury to be imported from China and sold through mass merchandisers, and that the California State Grange urges the Smithsonian Institution to exercise its termination clause and withdraw from this licensing agreement with China immediately. [92]

1. The California State Grange opposes a Most Favored Nation Status for China. [91]

TRADE NEGOTIATIONS - GENERAL

5. The California State Grange 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. [01]

4. The California State Grange will formally rescind its endorsement of NAFTA, and become actively involved in the repeal of NAFTA, and will urge the National Grange to rescind its policy of endorsement of NAFTA. [00]

3. The California State Grange will gather the information needed to document the inequities in the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), to support actions to renegotiate specific portions of the NAFTA to alleviate such inequities. [96]

2. The California State Grange favors a US trade policy that demands that the US shall not grant any trade without receiving alike concession in return. [85]

1. The California State Grange urges the National Commission on Agriculture trade and export policy to adopt the Consolidation of US trade negotiations which would include Agriculture and industry negotiating one agreement together. [85]

TWO HUNDRED MILE LIMIT

1. The California State Grange urges that the 200 mile off shore limit be established for all foreign fishing vessels. That the United States Coast Guard be empowered to enforce the line limit. [73]

VISAS

1. The California State Grange urges that the visas of riotous foreign students be immediately revoked and they should be sent home without permits to return to the United States. [79]

HEALTH

POLICY STATEMENT

Historically, the Grange has been concerned with the availability of comprehensive and high quality health care, particularly for those families who live in the rural areas of California. The dynamics of our modern society has changed to a largely urban population and health care facilities in the rural areas have largely disappeared. However, our policies have always included support for all areas of the state for quality, affordable and readily available health care services and facilities.

DEATH & DYING

2. The California State Grange Legislative Policy will advocate laws permitting the aggressive use of pain control medication, even where this could hasten death, when requested by a terminally ill patient or his/her legally appointed guardian, while absolving the physician(s) and any other medical personnel and institutions involved from liability. [98]

1. The California State Grange supports measures that would permit revocable written directives, authorizing a physician to terminate life in a painless, humane and dignified manner by mentally competent adult after a terminal illness is diagnosed. It would provide procedures for witnessing and revoking the directive and requesting medical assistance in dying. It must preclude physicians or health care professionals and facilities from civil or criminal liability. It would provide that requesting or receiving authorized aid shall not be considered suicide. It would allow physicians and health care professionals to refuse to end life if they are morally, religiously or ethically opposed to euthanasia. It must provide that the existence or non-existence of a directive from affective the sale, renewal, cancellation, terms or premiums of insurance policies. [92]

DISEASES & TREATMENT PROCEDURES

6. The California State Grange strongly supports and advocates that mentally ill citizens in California, who might prove dangerous to themselves or others, receive treatment involuntarily when necessary; that individuals who are treated involuntarily have their programs carefully monitored under a process

that prevents unnecessarily lengthy hospitalization or treatment; and that monitoring of mentally ill patients continue for an indefinite time following termination of treatment and that treatment resources not be pressured to produce contrived statistics which do not reflect actual results. [03]

5. The California State Grange supports spontaneously aborted, or full-term placental and umbilical cord stem cell research for medical use and disease control. [02]

4. That the California State Grange urge legislation to allocate funds to expand the research necessary to find a preventative drug or procedure that will prevent Alzheimers Disease. [00]

3. The California State Grange urges the California State Legislators vote favorably for funds for Alzheimer Research, Day Care Centers and development of Alzheimer diagnostic and treatment centers. [89]

2. The California State Grange supports research programs on communicable diseases and on the dissemination of information on communicable disease to the public. [88]

1. The California State Grange supports legislation that will allow the use of heroin, by special permits, on patients in agonizing pain that have been declared terminally ill. [78]

DRUGS

3. The California State Grange supports legislation allowing prescription drugs to be purchased outside the United States. [04]

2. The California State Grange 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. [04]

1. The California State Grange support legislation at the national level under which prescribed drugs would be covered by either private insurance carrier or publicly funded programs, i.e., Medicaid, Medicare. [02]

FOOD SAFETY

6. California State Grange supports the labeling disclosure of sulfite content in approximate ranges of parts per million in all wine that is not currently exempt from sulfite disclosure or meeting organic standards. [12]

5. That the CSG and NG urge the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to change the current method of expiration labeling for food/drink products to label the date in contrasting colors, such as black in on a "light" colored product background and white ink on a "dark" colored product background. [09]

4. That diners in any establishment serving food be clearly informed if food served them has been cooked in peanut oil or if peanut products are used in the facilities. [07]

3. The California State Grange strongly urges all government health agencies to firmly enforce the existing 'truth in labeling' laws for seafood products. [83]

2. The California State Grange urges the Food and Drug Administration and the Department of Agriculture to stop markets, restaurants and other food handlers from spraying preservative chemicals on fruits and vegetables. [86]

1. The California State Grange supports changes to the Delaney Amendment to establish more reasonable standards of tolerance of cancer causing agents in food. [80]

HEALTH CARE

12. The California State and National Granges support changes in drug policy that do not legalize but do decriminalize the use of schedule 1 (no medical use) drugs. The California State and National Granges support policy changes that specify trafficking in schedule 1 (no medical use) drugs continues to be treated as a crime. The California State and National Granges support changes which redirect existing funds currently designated for enforcement and incarcerations, corrections and/or probation, toward treating drug addiction as a civil and mental health issue, similar to the system used with resounding success in Portugal for the last 12 years. [12]

11. California State Grange actively supports policy that Cannabis/marijuana to be removed from a schedule 1 (no medical use) to reclassifying Cannabis/marijuana as a schedule 2 - substance having medical use. [12]

10. That the CSG more strongly renew lobbying efforts toward getting the State of California to focus on the State's long-poorly addressed mental health problem that developed after the adoption of the Lanterman Petris Act and the Short-Doyle legislation. [06]

9. The California State Grange and the National Grange support the properly supervised medical use of marijuana by citizens suffering pain not previously relieved by other medications. [05]

8. The California State Grange and National Grange 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. [05]

7. The California State Grange support legislation requiring the California Department of Health to enforce provisions of the California Safe Drinking Water Act in dental offices and conduct an official investigation of dental water line contamination issues. [00]

6. The California State Grange support legislative action for all military retired service personnel with 20 or more years to receive a full dental care package at a Veterans Medical Center or approved facility. [98]

5. The California State Grange will oppose legislation

restricting individuals from choosing their treatment providers with whom they feel secure and who are familiar with their cases. [98]

4. The California State Grange 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. [98]

3. The California State Grange will urge the immediate passage of legislation that defines and requires careful regular monitoring and adherence to established laws governing hiring of caregivers and regulations to be scrupulously observed in any situation in which an individual is to receive reimbursement for care and services to any elderly or mentally disabled individuals. [97]

2. The California State Grange 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. [92]

1. The California State Grange supports a national health care plan that would be consistent with the following principles addressing cost, access, and quality:

a. 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.

b. National spending targets should be established at the Federal level to reduce annual increases in health care costs to an acceptable level.

c. 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.

d. Federal legislative reform is needed to reduce the explosion in costs associated with medical malpractice suits.

e. Medicare must remain as the primary payer for the elderly.

f. Immediate action on reforms is needed now, even

though implementation may extend over a period of several years. [91]

HEALTH INSURANCE

7. That the CSG and National Grange study and support the Paul Wellstone Mental Health and Addiction Equity Act to end insurance discrimination against Americans living with mental illness and addiction. [07]

6. The California State Grange supports the implementation of an affordable health insurance program into California's public employees retirement program. [01]

5. The California State Grange will work to ensure that fairness in price and benefits offered becomes a part of any and all medical insurance programs so that all people be they urban, suburban and/or rural residents have equal access to Medicare Supplements, Medicare HMOs and other health insurance. [98]

4. The California State Grange policy will be to oppose socialized medicine in any and all forms regardless of the name given to it -- single-payer, Canadian-style, etc. [94]

3. The California State Grange 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. [93]

2. The California State Grange supports legislation to prevent the advertising of all drugs and pills on television. [75]

1. The California State Grange will support legislation that offers a practical solution to the rising malpractice insurance rates. [75]

HEALTH - MISC.

14. The California State Grange and National Grange 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. [10]

13. That the California State Grange urge passage of legislation to eliminate any and all penalties imposed on late applicants for Medicare. [00]

12. That the California State Grange 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. [00]

11. The California State Grange support any legislation that would establish the Prosthetic and Orthotic Board in the Department of Consumer Affairs to administer the licensing and regulatory provisions of practitioners. [00]

10. The California State Grange will urge that all herbal medicines sold in the United States be labeled with a warning to consult with a physician or pharmacist before using. [00]

9. The California State Grange will encourage the Ninth District Court of Appeals to adopt the concept of checks and balances in which a panel of physicians and available relatives reach an agreement before protective euthanasia takes place, without conflict to the patient's written or verbal directives. [99]

8. The California State Grange will support legislation that any retired military service personnel with 50% or more service-related disability rating be allowed to obtain and receive needed dental treatments at the Veterans Administration Dental Clinics at no cost. [99]

7. The California State Grange will oppose any action that the federal government may take to add a Medical Number to its citizenship for informational purposes. [98]

6. The California State Grange will urge the California Legislature and the U.S. Congress to provide justification for the extreme increases in the price of generic drugs and urge them to enact legislation to restore reasonable prices for those generic drugs. [98]

5. Since there may be an uncertainty in health care programs for those who may have been physically harmed by radiation exposure The California State

will Grange support the establishment of a "health data base" on radiation releases to the public. [97]

4. The California State Grange supports legislation requiring television producers and sponsors to soften the background music, so the speakers can be heard. [94]

3. The California State Grange will oppose any legislation that would restrict local governance of tobacco use in public areas. [93]

2. The California State Grange will oppose efforts that attempt to commercialize Human Organ Procurement. [92]

1. The California State Grange urges the State of California to examine, license and regulate the activities of nutritionists. [83]

HOSPITAL & CARE FACILITIES

8. The California State Grange endorses legislation to fund grants to eligible children's hospitals for construction, expansion, remodeling, renovation, furnishing and quipping of children's hospitals. 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. [04]

7. The California State Grange will encourage the State of California to establish licensing requirements for anyone seeking to manage or work in a group home for children, handicapped or elderly individuals, and that the licensing requirements include a careful character evaluation, screening of arrest records, educational and work background. [98]

6. The California State Grange will urge the State of California to improve treatment for the state's mentally ill by allocating funds to counties as promised and to legislate tighter requirements mandating patient participation in treatment. [98]

5. The California State Grange will seek and support legislation for a generative compliance on assisted living guidelines for cost and service. [98]

4. The California State Grange urges state funding for trauma centers, as vital life saving services. [87]

3. The California State Grange favors state program of financial aid to small and rural hospitals. [87]

2. The California State Grange favors legislation to strengthen enforcement of the State Health Code, to improve the care in convalescent hospitals and nursing homes. [79]

1. The California State Grange supports the restoration of the State Mental hospitals as being in the best interest and dignity of mental patients. [73]

MEDICARE / MEDICAL

7. That the California State Grange urge passage of legislation to eliminate any and all penalties imposed on late applicants for Medicare. [00]

6. The California State Grange will approach the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) and work with them to change the regulations to permit seniors Grand-fathered by residence address into a Medicare supplemental insurance program to be allowed to move anywhere within the original service area and not be dis-enrolled from their insurance program. [99]

5. The California State Grange will support legislation for equal coverage for chiropractic services under Medicare Part B in all other states where equal coverage is not in effect. This would assure that patients receiving chiropractic service, the Part B of Medicare coverage will be equal, including x-rays; braces for arm, legs, back, neck or foot; physical and occupational therapy; manipulation of neck, feet, spine and limbs, in the State of California. [97]

4. The California State Grange supports a comprehensive reform of Medicare to include coverage for medically necessary and medically effective forms of treatment, (i.e., inpatient, outpatient home care, prescription drugs, etc.,) and balance the cost to taxpayers and Medicare beneficiaries.[95]

3. The California State Grange favors legislation that will allow hospitals to apply for additional reimburse-

ment when their costs of providing care exceeds 100% over the amount provided under the Diagnosis Related Group method of payment. [89]

2. The California State Grange opposes legalization of illicit drugs except for medical reasons. [88]

1. The California State Grange favors the including the cost of eyeglasses, hearing aids and necessary dental services in the Medicare program. [81]

PRIVACY

1. That the California State Grange oppose any legislation that would allow drug stores to share patient prescription information with companies that specialize in bulk mailing. [08]

RESEARCH

1. The California State Grange and National Grange strongly support the continued use of animals in necessary medical research until a workable alternative is identified and that every effort be made to render this research as humane as possible to the animals used and that this practice be carefully monitored. [05]

LABOR AND JUDICIARY

POLICY STATEMENT

The founding premise of the Grange was to support, improve, and educate the farm family.

The California State Grange, a general farm organization, strongly supports the right of a person to work for a decent wage. Regulations and rules on working conditions must reasonably assure the safety of a responsible worker without excessive expenditures for the employer. Organized labor must recognize the perishability of some commodities and exercise reasonable labor dispute practices that assure consumer availability, and that grower's future viability is not threatened.

Since its beginning, the Grange has been a family organization, and we will remain on guard, ready to oppose legislation and laws that effectively break down the basic family unit. We strongly support the rights of parents to make the decisions for the discipline and welfare of their children.

We actively support the ongoing education of all individuals, young and old, in current crime trends.

The Grange is strongly supportive of efforts to eliminate the availability of illicit drugs throughout the nation.

We support efforts to educate our population about the dangers of recreational drug use. However, we believe that the monetary benefits that come from the illegal sales of drugs is far greater than the consequences of being caught. Therefore, we favor much heavier penalties for the importation, manufacture, distribution and sales of illicit drugs.

The members of the California State Grange will support efforts to change the way prison inmates are treated. It is our conviction that prisoners are offered things that would not be available to them outside prison. Public funding for frivolous law suits and expensive exercise equipment are some of the privileges that must be removed. We believe in sensible programs of work, including such things as producing their own food and clothing are noteworthy improvements. Our penal system must become a place of punishment for those who commit crimes against society. We strongly believe the rehabilitation of career criminals is a failed social experiment, and that those

ALRB

4. The California State Grange will support legislation that would rescind the ALRB's right to automatically extend the certification period, and initiate legislation to allow decertification during the second year of a certification period provided the standard showing of interest and peak employment requirements are met. [80]

3. The California State Grange urges the Agricultural Labor Relations Board to become a more effective arbitrator in disputes between Labor Unions and Producers and that it work to enact a cooling off period similar to the Taft Hartley Act of the NLRB regulations. [79]

2. The California State Grange favors keeping two

persons on the ALRB with agriculture backgrounds. [77]

1. The California State Grange will support revisions to the Agriculture Labor Relation Act to award fees and expenses to the defendants in a false unfair labor charge. [77]

ALIENS/IMMIGRATION

5. The California State Grange 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. [93]

4. The California State Grange favors laws that recognizes all Alien visitors to this country are here at the pleasure of the government and the people of the

United States of America. And as such, visas be canceled at any time, not subject to due process nor bill of rights enjoyed by citizens of this nation. And such notice be stamped or permanently included in every Visa on all visitors passports. [80]

3. The California state Grange favors stricter enforcement of the responsibility of sponsors of immigrants under the Nation's Immigration and Naturalization laws. [78]

2. The California State Grange supports the strengthening of the Immigration Department and the Border Patrol, so that they can do their job. [77]

1. The California State Grange is opposed to amnesty for illegal aliens and will support legislation requiring all those employed in the United States be citizens or legal aliens. [77]

CRIME

7. The California State Grange 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. [01]

6. The California State Grange will actively participate in crime prevention education through the Lecturer's program in an effort to educate members of the importance of crime prevention. [98]

5. The California State Grange supports a policy change in the "Victims of Crime Program" that will eliminate state funds being paid to victims of hit-and-run accidents who were driving without insurance. [94]

4. The California State Grange 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. [86]

3. The California State Grange favors the enactment of

legislation making it mandatory to publish the names of under age law offenders and hold them responsible for their offenses. [83][Originally adopted 78, reaffirmed 94]

2. The California State Grange supports the right to protect one's self and property from crime and support indemnification or reimbursement for a defendants loss of time, legal fees and other expenses involved in their defense when it has been determined that the defendants actions were justified. [78]

1. The California State Grange endorses a recommendation that:

a. That we adhere to the policy of the law that all convicted criminals using weapons with a direct intent to inflict bodily harm in a crime be sent to prison and that the sentence provide for safe guard against probation except in very unusual cases.

b. Convictions for sale of dangerous drugs for profit results in a mandatory prison sentence with safe guards against probation except in special cases.

c. That full implementation of the Welfare and Institutional Code be exercised to its fullest extent.

d. Maintain regulations and statutes to assure that criminal cases come to trial within sixty days or less.

e. That the "exclusionary rule" be uniform throughout the Judicial System.

f. To insure better law enforcement in the field, we recommend an education program such as the post system to be implemented as a wage incentive commensurate with grade certification.

g. We strongly urge that the Judicial Branch reevaluate and strengthen the insanity and diminishing capacity law. [73]

DRUGS

3. The California State Grange play a leadership role in urging the legislature to adopt stronger measures to control use and production of methamphetamine. [98]

2. The California State Grange supports efforts to stem the flow of illegal drugs into the country. We also

favor a mandatory death sentence for all convicted producers and pushers, and will support legislation to stop the flow of all illegal drugs into this country. [90]

1. The California State Grange is opposed to legislation legalizing marijuana, and that the stiffest penalty within our laws be required for anyone convicted of selling illicit drugs, and to lessen the penalties for first and second offending users, under eighteen years of age to be a misdemeanor. [72]

ENFORCEMENT

3. The California State Grange will go on record as supporting the usage of the Miranda Rights by any and all law enforcement officers in the state of California. [99]

2. The California State Grange favors policies that allow and assist law enforcement agencies to enforce curfew laws. [79]

1. The California State Grange favors laws that requires parents of juveniles found guilty of vandalism be required to make full and complete restitution to the owners damaged property, whether privately or publicly owned, before such charges could be dismissed. [75]

HOUSING

1. The California State Grange 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. [89]

JUDICIAL / TORT REFORM

5. The California State Grange will support legislation that mandates that the decisions of judges assigned to Child Protective Services cases be subject to an immediate appeal process before a different judge when a child is not placed with immediate family members not named in the legal proceedings, to insure the best interests of the child. [99]

4. The California State Grange will support "guilty but insane" laws and oppose the "Not guilty by reason of insanity" pleas. [95]

3. The California State Grange 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. [92]

2. The California State Grange supports the "Fair Responsibility Act of 1986" to reform the liability laws so that defendants shall be held financially liable in closer proportion to their degree of fault. [85]

1. The California State Grange supports changes in the judicial system that would require arbitration before civil suits are filed. [85]

LABOR LAWS

7. The California State Grange 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. [97]

6. The California State Grange urges legislators to pass laws allowing children to perform productively in family-owned businesses operated by experienced family members and that school credit could be given students who participate in such on-site job preparation upon providing the local school district with adequate proof of their participation. [96]

5. The California State Grange will support removing the requirement of daily overtime pay of the California Labor Code. [96]

4. The California State Grange supports legislation to provide workmen's compensation benefits or reimburse fire service agencies for insurance expenses incurred for volunteer fire fighters and rescue personnel. [94]

3. The California State Grange will support legislation which will abolish quotas in the work place based on race, sex, age and disability. [94]

2. The California State Grange urges the passage of legislation to repeal the Prevailing Wage Laws and Regulations in the State of California. [90]

1. The California State Grange will oppose a 40 hour work week requirement for overtime and any overtime payment over and above a normal pay scale for agricultural labor. [83]

MISCELLANEOUS.

16. The CSG supports a return to a "Part-Time" Legislature for the State of California. [09]

15. The CSG 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. The CSG shall not support any call for a full rewrite of the Constitution of the State of California. [09]

14. That the CSG urge our Legislature to provide a statute that gives civil protection for citizens who act in an emergency situation. [09]

13. That the CSG urge non-support of legislation to neuter all cats and dogs; and that individual community Granges lead the way to educate communities regarding the problems arising from uncontrolled populations of dogs and cats. [07]

12. The California State Grange will support the current regulations in the California Constitution with regard to voting privileges for former felons. (Article II, ' 4) [99]

11. The California State Grange will support an increase in Juror's pay up to a minimum of \$12.50 per day statewide. [99]

10. The California State Grange will urge the State Legislature to make Child Protective Services (CPS) answerable to a judge of the municipal and/or superior court. The California State Grange will also urge the State Legislature to put in place laws governing Child Protective Services, specifically that CPS be mandated to alter their current procedures of intrusive investigations, and that children can be removed from the home

by Child Protective Services only under the signed authority of a judge. [98]

9. The California State Grange will urge the State Legislature to take action to increase the amount paid a juror per day. [98]

8. The California State Grange will urge the California Department of Justice to set mandates regarding notifications to all surrounding applicable agencies of the missing person report, and that this notification shall take place within two hours of the time the missing person report was taken and shall consist of either a radio broadcast, telephone call, and/or computer notification via the California Law Enforcement Telecommunications System. [97]

7. The California State Grange will support efforts to prohibit attorneys from charging/collecting excessive or unconscionable fees, impose sanctions upon attorneys who file a lawsuit or pleading which is completely without merit or filed solely to harass an opposing party and prohibits a sanctioned attorney from collecting fees for a case. [96]

6. The California State Grange urges the legislature to adopt the California Constitution Revision Commission recommendations that are Grange policy, and that the legislature require that the Governor submit a strategic plan for adoption every four years, and that this plan should include policies and fiscal priorities, performance standards, and a capital facilities and financing plan. [95]

5. The California State Grange opposes unfunded mandates and that it will require voters approval to pay for such mandates. [95]

4. The California State Grange will support legislation that will resume reimbursing local fire service agencies for state mandated equipment and personnel training; and enabling legislation include that all state agencies mandating and regulating mandated equipment and training, provide at the end of each quarter to the State Fire Marshals office and each County Fire Warden or the appropriate county official a complete list of currently mandated equipment and training. [94]

3. That the California State Grange supports policies that will offer a qualified interpreter for hearing-im-

paired person whenever he/she is required to appear in court or before any governmental agency. [93]

2. The California State Grange will support legislation that will make it a criminal offense for a peace officer to fail to report an apparent unlawful assault and/or battery by a colleague. [93]

1. The California State Grange will support anti-trust laws and request the Justice Department to fully enforce the Newspaper Preservation Act which was designed to keep the control on the media spread over a large base, so the news that we see and read will not be controlled by 2 or 3 organizations. [93]

PAROLE

4. The California State Grange urges the enactment of legislation making it mandatory that the Parole Board consider 'public outcry' as a major factor in the determination of a prisoner's release for parole. [82]

3. The California State Grange will support legislation which would result in the revision of the parole system in California to correct the present extreme leniency. [80]

2. The California State Grange urges the Parole Board to re evaluate their policy in paroling offenders who may not have been rehabilitated. [78]

1. The California state Grange will strongly support enactment of legislation to prevent the release of prisoners on parole when a life sentence has been imposed. [77]

PRISONS / PRISONERS

3. The California State Grange 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. [94]

2. The California State Grange strongly supports the repeal of Penal Code Sections 2600 and 2601 Prisoners Bill of Rights from California law. [94]

1. The California state Grange recommends legislation to establish agriculture and industrial work programs

for all prisoners. [82]

SEIZED PROPERTY - DISTRIBUTION

3. The California State Grange will support federal legislation that prohibits the enforcement of any judicial precedent, statute, law or code that abrogates or infringes on the accused person's constitutional rights. The California State Grange will also support federal legislation that guarantees the right of a citizen to sue for actual and punitive damages any persons and the related government agencies that violate his/her constitutional rights. Additionally, the California State Grange will actively pursue the formation of a coalition with all other organizations having similar interests in ensuring the preservation of our constitutional rights. [94]

2. The California State Grange will oppose any legislation which would allow the confiscation of an employer's or business assets for hiring undocumented workers. [93]

1. The California State Grange 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. [89]

SENTENCING

12. The California State Grange urges the Family Support Divisions of the State's Superior Courts, in rendering a decision that deprives an individual of their driving license, to stipulate that they be permitted to drive to and from work as necessary and to keep necessary appointments with job placement agencies, unless it has become necessary to terminate driving privileges for reasons other than failure to make child support payments. [01]

11. The California State Grange support the efforts to further regulate the use of plea bargaining process as a means of obtaining reduced criminal sentencing, and urges that all convicted criminals serve their proper prison term. [96]

10. The California State Grange will support legisla-

tion to limit the appeals in capital punishment cases to one issue for grounds for appeal, thus limiting the amount of time a death row inmate remains on death row before his sentence is carried out. [96]

9. The California State Grange support the concept that the rehabilitation of career criminals is a failed social experiment that should be replaced by the concept that career criminals (three felony convictions) shall be punished for their crimes. [93]

8. That the California State Grange support legislation for a mandatory sentence of five to ten years for two or more convictions of D.U.I. [93]

7. California State Grange policy strongly supports maximum sentences, fines, and restitution of all losses of the victim, for those individuals pleading guilty or convicted of the theft, destruction or vandalism of livestock, horses, farm equipment, commodities or supplies. [92]

6. The California State Grange shall encourage the vigorous prosecution of individuals involved in the theft of livestock, horses, farm equipment, commodities or supplies. [92]

5. The California State Grange favors legislation that will force violent criminal offenders to serve their entire sentences. [83]

4. The California State Grange recommends the enforcement of the death penalty law. [82]

3. The California State Grange favors statutes that increase prison time for rape be increased to ten years. [81]

2. The California State Grange favors laws that will make the conviction of rape draw a much heavier sentence, and that the sentence for a second rape conviction be life in imprisonment without parole. [80]

1. The California State Grange favors and will support the passage of legislation that a voluntary or self induced (by taking drugs, drinking alcoholic beverages, smoking pot, etc.) state of "Reduced Mental Capacity" shall not be a basis for exemption from punishment for crimes committed. [80]

SOCIAL SECURITY

2. The California State Grange would favor statutes that provide that any individual confined because of criminal acts shall pay all Social Security benefits received while so confined, to the public body which is financially responsible for the confinement expenses, and go on record supporting such legislation. [81]

1. The California State Grange will support legislation that provides for disposition of any Social Security funds which accrue to prison inmates be distributed as follows:

a. If there are victims of the crime for which the prisoner is convicted, such victims and, or their dependents should be awarded punitive damages, and any medical costs resulting from the crime.

b. If there are no victims of the crime, the funds should revert to the Social Security administration.

c Upon release from prison, the inmate should again regain Social Security entitlement as of the day of release. [80]

STRIKES

4. The California State Grange endorses the enforcement regulations prohibiting strikes by all government employees who have signed or taken an oath against strikes. [81]

3. The California State Grange strongly urges that no strike demonstrations or exhibitions be allowed at any time in a residential area. [79]

2. The California State Grange will support legislation to reduce the impact of labor strikes on third parties such as growers of perishable commodities processed or handled by those involved in the strike. [78]

1. The California State Grange will support legislation which will outlaw strikes of any nature in the harvesting or in the processing plants of perishable agriculture products during harvest season. [76]

UNIONS

5. The California State Grange favors legislation to

prohibit the practice of a union requiring a member to donate a day's wages to a union's political fund to retain his good standing. [80]

4. The California State Grange opposes the unionization of our Armed Forces. [77]

3. The California State Grange will support legislation that provides that no worker shall be forced out of a job because he/she is non union or because the business is a non union shop. [77]

2. The California State Grange favors creating a mutually agreeable designated area on the farm where farm workers may meet with union representatives if they wish as according to the Agriculture Labor Relations Board regulations. [76]

1. The California State Grange favors non unionization of public employees. [75]

VISITATION RIGHTS

1. The California State Grange urges legislation that makes it illegal for the father of a child to seek visitation rights or adoption rights. [92]

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

POLICY STATEMENT

As a family fraternity, California Grangers are vitally concerned with the welfare and quality of life of all citizens, urban and rural, and is deeply committed to family values and community service. The Grange continues to expand its leadership role in finding answers to problems that threaten to undermine the family structure and community cohesion.

The Grange in California is devoted to the development of community leadership that will lead to the solutions of problems for which there are no simple or standard answers. These problems include the deterioration or lack of public infrastructure such as transportation, schools, utilities, access to health care facilities, modern communications systems, and a largely dysfunctional and costly delivery system for governmental services.

The California Grange will resist the ever increasing temptation to believe that government, federal, state and local, can provide solutions for all social problems. We commit ourselves and the organization to developing a stronger sense of manhood, womanhood, family structure, and community responsibility to enhance the quality of life and opportunities for all. However, we must take full advantage of our Grange organization policies to do all that is possible, both legislatively and socially, to maintain and promote the family unit. The Grange believes that all parents should be fully responsible, economically and morally for their children.

The California Granges, with their unique structure of family involvement in day-to-day activities, are in a position to take a leadership role in their communities in helping individuals of our society to attain a more wholesome and satisfying life-style. Each Grange and its membership is aware of legislation and regulatory issues that impact families within its' area, and are prepared to interact with other community leaders to influence the outcome of those issues.

With a population of over 30 million in 1991 and a projected growth rate of 21% for the next decade, California must look at the impacts of this population growth on the State. The impact of this growth will be felt in many areas, some of which may be affordable housing, available water, available energy, deteriorating infrastructures, pressures on the educational system, not to mention pressures on the environment. The Grange needs to develop a dialogue and relationship with our government on all levels in planning for the future growth of our State. No growth is not a solution. Failure to plan for this growth will result in a decay of the basic needs of society resulting in a loss of businesses and industry which will move to other areas that are capable of supplying their needs. The flight of industry from our state will cause stagnation in our economy, increased unemployment, depressed land values, etc., all spiraling together resulting in a lower quality of life and higher taxes for the citizens who remain.

The California State Grange supports research and development of energy resources which will increase the independence of our citizens from international politics. We are supportive of continued industry efforts to make energy more affordable, with minimal expenditure of public funds.

CAMPAIGN REFORM

9. The National Grange supports an Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America to clarify that the rights enumerated in the Constitution are for natural persons only and that money is not equal to free speech. [12]

8. The California State Grange will support laws to prevent public officials and candidates from receiv-

ing pay while campaigning for office or on behalf of someone else for the benefit of reelection. [88]

7. The California State Grange urges state and federal legislation limiting political campaign contributions and expenditures. [82]

6. The California State Grange favors legislation that would deprive elected officials, who have been con-

victed of crimes, of public monies invested in their retirement and other benefit programs. [81]

5. The California State Grange supports legislation mandating leaves of absence for State Constitutional Officers who aspire to any other public office, state or federal. [79]

4. The California State Grange recommends that any personal expense (i.e. campaign travel, entertainment, world tours, etc.) be done on their own time, their own expense, and their own money NOT at the taxpayers expense. [76]

3. The California State Grange will support legislation that would make retirement permanent if the elected official is going to collect his or her pension. [75]

2. The California State Grange supports the continued election of public officials, legislators, representatives and office holders and to oppose efforts to make those positions appointive. [74]

1. The California State Grange recommends that no more than one half of what the office pays in its entire term could be spent for election to that office. [74]

CONSTITUTION

3. That the California State Grange declare that corporations are not persons, people or human beings, and therefore should not enjoy the protections of the Bill of Rights; and that the California State Grange and National Grange lobby strongly for an amendment to the U.S. Constitution that would declare corporations as non-persons and therefore do not enjoy the rights of a natural-born citizen. [10]

2. The California State Grange supports the repeal of all provisions of the USA Patriot Act of 2001, and the reinforcement of all rights guaranteed by the United States Constitution and the Bill of Rights. [03]

1. The California State Grange will oppose any movement to call a constitutional convention organized under the guise of single issues. [77]

ELECTIONS/VOTER REGISTRATION

13. The California State Grange and the National

Grange strongly support changing the primary election ballot so that it will include all candidates for State and National office regardless of party affiliation. [10]

12. The California State Grange urges the implementation of legislation allowing the reinstatement of the open primary which would allow a California voter to vote for candidates of their choice regardless of the candidate's party affiliation. [04]

11. The California State Grange supports the requirement of voter, verifiable paper trails for all electronic voting machines used in the State of California and the nation, and will lobby for this effort. [03]

10. The California State Grange supports legislation that changes the way presidential electors are selected from a winner take all system to a by district system, splitting the electors among the candidates. [01]

9. The California State Grange supports rulings that results of the polls in all four time zones not be released to the news media before polls have closed in the Pacific Standard Time Zone. [81]

8. The California State Grange recommends that the registrar of voters be required to determine whether registrants are citizens or not. [80][Reaffirmed 85]

7. The California State Grange recommends that the ballot be printed only in the National language, English. [80]

6. The California State Grange will support legislation to lengthen the voting residency requirements to six months. [79]

5. The California State Grange is opposed to the nation wide adoption of at the polls registration. [77]

4. The California State Grange will press for legislation that will eliminate the role now played in presidential elections by the electoral college. [00] [76-89]

3. The California State Grange urges the legislature to pass legislation to provide a ballot that is clear and concise, worded in such a way as to be understood by the voters. [75]

2. The California State Grange recommends that the

legislators grant the American people the right to approve at regular elections any cost of living raises of government officials at all levels of government. [75]

1. The California State Grange recommends that all primary elections be scheduled at least sixty (60) days but no more than eighty (80) days prior to the general elections. That no campaigning for office be started sooner than six (6) months before the general election. [74]

ENERGY SHORTAGES

5. The California State Grange oppose legislation which will bail out Southern California Edison by transferring property, lands, and control of such lands to the State of California. [01]

4. The California State Grange will urge the California State Legislature to investigate the basis for setting prices of gasoline at the pump, and will the Legislature to encourage the producers to find a means to avoid the current price gouging experienced in many locations and which does not reflect the cost of production and delivery. [99]

3. The California State Grange seek and support a study for the revision of diesel fuel to a lower price level. [93]

2. The California State Grange urges our legislators to work to the end that:

- a. The true oil and fuel situation be made known.
- b. Measures to conserve our supplies of oil be encouraged by the government instead of curtailed by law.
- c. The export of oil be curtailed so that home, business, industry and agriculture can continue to contribute their vital lifeblood to the economy. [74]

1. The California State Grange recommends that small independent dealers be supplied with the same amount and quality of petroleum products. [73]

ENGLISH

4. The California State Grange supports efforts in support of any action that will promote English as the Official Language at both State and National level. [86]

3. The California State Grange will request our legislators to support and insure adoption of an English Language Amendment. [81]

2. The California State Grange favors primary signs showing the type of business being conducted, be written in English. [81]

1. The California State Grange favors English be the primary language in all functions of national, state and local government, and that all ballots used in government elections be printed in English only. [81]

EQUAL RIGHTS

6. The California State Grange apologize to the Japanese American community for the Grange's participation in the injustices suffered by Japanese Americans during World War II and convey the apology via the Japanese American Citizens League and the Grange News. That the California State Grange declare that it will not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, political affiliation, or sexual orientation. [12]

5. The California State Grange will support legislation that will repeal all forms of affirmative action for whatever reasons race, color, age, sex, religion, etc., excepting handicapped persons privileges. [95]

4. The California State Grange opposes the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, and that the United States Congress NOT ratify this Treaty. [94]

3. The California State Grange supports registration for possible induction into the armed forces. [93]

2. The California State Grange supports and encourages the telephone companies to make all public telephones hearing-aid compatible and volume controlled as soon as possible. [93]

1. The California State Grange urges all TV stations in the state to use closed caption on all of their news programs. [93]

FIREARMS / GUN CONTROL

2. The California State Grange will use its influence

with legislators to produce a law that will permit law-enforcement to keep needed legally sized firearms, and to return all stolen firearms to the rightful owners and to sell all other legally sized firearms at auctions to the public, and destroy all homemade and altered firearms. [91]

1. The California State Grange expresses the united opposition of its membership to any legislation that would deprive us of our constitutional right to keep and bear arms. [76][Reaffirmed 80 82 83 84 90]

FLAG

5. The California State Grange firmly resists changing any of the wordings in the salute to the flag of our country. [02]

4. We reaffirm our position opposing the burning or otherwise desecrating the America flag. [90]

3. Strongly support Congress at this time to pass legislation which will clearly define and make it a felony for any act which is a desecration of our flag wherever such desecration takes place. Inform Congress that legislation to protect the flag need not require a Constitutional Amendment as long as such laws enacted cannot be misinterpreted or abridged by the courts. [89]

2. Urge legislation to the effect that deliberate tramping on, malicious burning or mutilation of our flag constitutes a criminal action against the United States. [84]

1. Support the concept: Nothing contained in the Constitution shall abridge the right of persons lawfully assembled, in any public building, school or educational institution which is supported in whole or in part through the expenditure of public funds, to participate voluntarily in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States, Notwithstanding any other provision of this Constitution, the Congress shall have power by appropriate legislation to regulate the display and handling of the flag of the United States and to protect it from desecration. [73]

GOVERNMENTAL POLICY

26. The California State Grange and National Grange

will actively lobby for the requirement that all members of Congress, upper and lower Houses, shall be provided the standard Medicare offered to our citizens at age 65 and that any additional medical insurance shall be purchased at the going rate as necessary for the Congressman's family at his/her own expense. [10]

25. That the CSG support the passage of legislation removing the Loyalty Oath from the State's Constitution and restoring California's original and complete Oath of Office as the only required oath for California's elected leaders. [08]

24. The California State Grange urge that legislation be enacted requiring that when money is diverted from a private account that the amount of the withdrawal, the name of the agency making the withdrawal, and the reason for the withdrawal be given to the account holder. [05]

23. The California State Grange and National Grange bring pressure to bear on the Government of the United States to carefully investigate the manner in which the staff employed in the Pentagon process the work assigned to them, and our government act promptly to eliminate any bottlenecks, duplication of services, and to correct all problems that impede getting work accomplished. [05]

22. The California State Grange supports the California Performance Review (CPR) to restructure, reorganize and reform California's state government to the needs of the citizens of California. [04]

21. The California State Grange urges the California Legislature to exempt single full time employee districts from the payback formula by Special Legislation. [04]

20. All Subordinate Grangers who experience punitive regulations which are not supported by the U.S. Constitution will summarize these regulations and submit them to the California State Grange for action by our Legislative Director in assisting with action to the selected legislator. [99]

19. The California State Grange will urge the Legislature and the Congress to assign qualified personnel to authoritative bodies, and that the qualifications of

assigned personnel to these bodies be available to the public for verification. [98]

18. The California State Grange will support regulations that require the State and Federal Governments to effect general and wide publication of actions effecting local area life such as those effecting roads, water, sewers, parks, land use, fire and police policies and other community changes. [97]

17. The California State Grange will support Congress in their review of the IRS practices and effect corrections and/or replacement of the IRS system, and that there be future Congressional audits on a 4-year or more often basis. [97]

16. The California State Grange supports a realignment process of the state and local government responsibilities, and that the California State Grange supports legislation which will repeal or fund unfunded mandates, and that the California State Grange will participate in 1995 96 with the California Constitution Revision Commission in its efforts to restructure the state and local governments.[95]

15. The California State Grange existing policy on Governance is in agreement with the California Constitution Revision Commission (CCRC) recommendations on A.) Executive Branch, B.) Legislative Branch, and C.) the Initiative Process. [95]

14. The California State Grange supports efforts leading to a constitutional amendment to restrict children born of illegal alien parents of being granted automatic citizenship. [95]

13. The California State Grange working with the National Grange will make efforts to enact regulatory reform, concentrating on regulations controlling property rights, Endangered Species Act, Food and Drug Control, Environmental Protection, Equal Opportunity and Unfunded Mandates. [95]

12. The California State Grange will oppose the use of any technology that presumes everyone is guilty, and are no longer protected from searches without probable cause. [94]

11. The California State Grange will support legislation that calls for all federal, state, county, and city

departments and agencies to carry out a top-to-bottom review of all regulations periodically and remove all that can be removed. [93]

10. The California State Grange supports the use of Oleoresin Capsicum (concentrated red pepper) spray when necessary to subdue violent people that resist arrest or any other condition deemed necessary to use this type of deterrent by a peace officer. [93]

9. The California State Grange opposes the imposition of "Gag Rules" and "Gag Orders" or any other form of censorship--by city, county, state, or federal governments--that infringes on the right of "Free Speech" in this state or country. [93]

8. The California State Grange favors efforts to have Section 17910 of the B&P Code amended to include a brief statement when published as to what kind of business is being conducted at the location and under the name of the owner and applicant for a Fictitious Name Statement. [93]

7. The California State Grange recommends that federal government agencies lead the way in restoring some of our economy by buying American-made products in ever-increasing proportions for all departments, including the military and the White House, until 98% of all purchases will be of American-made products; this example should be followed by local governments at all levels. [92][Restated 87 position]

6. The California State Grange will support legislation that is presented to merge the activities of the Corps of Engineers under the control of the Bureau of Reclamation within the jurisdiction of the Department of Interior. [85]

5. The California State Grange supports legislation that will reduce high salaries and pensions, return power to set salaries and pensions to the people and require at least two thirds majority to increase the pension or salary for any state government office. That the salary of the Governor be the top salary for any state office including judges, legislators and other elected officials and that no state, county or city salary for an elected official exceed ninety percent (90%) of the Governor's salary. That any pension paid by state government in combination with other state government pensions, shall not exceed eighty percent (80%) of the

present salary for the highest state office ever held by an individual pensioner. [83]

4. The California State Grange will oppose any legislation, restricting or endangering parental authority. [79]

3. The California State Grange encourages local government agencies to compel groups applying for use permits to hold open public rallies and meetings, to post a bond to cover any damages that may occur. [79]

2. The California State Grange urges tighter controls, forbidding the personal and family use of State Owned/Leased vehicles and credit cards. [76][reaffirmed 86]

1. The California State Grange favors an amendment to the law that would provide a referendum at the next regularly scheduled election, confirming County Boards of Supervisors proposal to raise their salaries. That any ordinance enacted passed by the Supervisors to raise their salary to become effective only if approved at the election. [74]

INSURANCE

6. The California State Grange urges the State of California to implement a Pay As You Go method for basic auto insurance coverage as the State law requires. [03]

5. The California State Grange is to actively pursue the adoption of regulations that would maintain the rights of State Government to regulate the insurance industry. [02]

4. The California State Grange is against any legislation that would require insurance companies to comply with The Community Reinvestment Act. 12U.S.C.2901, commonly known as CRA, or any other legislation which would attempt to accomplish the same. [02]

3. The California State Grange recommends that the Insurance Commissioner be empowered to take action against any insurance company that operates without a license anywhere in California. [93]

2. The California State Grange will support legislation

that will make it unlawful for unlicensed insurance companies to do business in California. [93]

1. The California State Grange recommends that a section be added to the financial responsibility provisions contained in the California Motor Vehicle Code and establishing financial responsibility to be required at the time of licensing a motor vehicle. [76]

LANDS - PUBLIC & PRIVATE

19. The California State Grange will support by letter, resolution, donation or other means, legalizing the humane and sanitary keeping of domestic* hen chickens in urban areas. [10]

*animals which are kept at one's home as pets or for personal use.

18. The California State Grange lobby the California State legislators to change California property tax deadlines to fall on November 15th and May 15th, as is now the case in some states. [06]

17. The California State Grange strongly and aggressively supports a revision of the county property tax deadlines so they will in the future fall six months apart. [04]

16. The California State Grange opposes the transfer of property, land and control of such lands from corporations and businesses to the State of California for the purpose of bailing out floundering businesses, except as may be authorized by a Court, in bankruptcy proceedings. [01]

15. The California State Grange supports the position of the citizens of Yuba County and all actions taken on their behalf by the Yuba County Water Agency to save the Lake Francis Dam from destruction and to upgrade it in accordance with state seismic standards. [96]

14. The California State Grange supports the right of local people and local government to make land use decisions regarding their local area. [96]

13. That the California State Grange shall support legislation to avoid any liability during trespass onto property owners' land by persons of any age. [94]

12. That the California State Grange seek and support legislation that provides that a business operating for more than three (3) years, and operated consistent with the state, county and federal laws, cannot be declared a nuisance by reason of changed conditions in the locality if it was not a nuisance when it began. [93]

11. Oppose any further limitations of Forest Products. [90]

10. Go on record strongly opposing any future efforts to circumvent the Homestead Act of 1862. [88]

9. Urge the state legislature to remove the power (The Department of Fish and Game) of rezoning and/or acquiring land given to Fish and Game and put them back to enforcing the management of the wildlife, which they were established to do. [87]

8. Urge the state legislature to pass legislation requiring any public entity to personally notify the property owner in writing sixty (60) days in advance of any attempt to zone or rezone their property. [87]

7. Urge the California State legislature to initiate legislation stopping public trails across private land. [85]

6. Go on record as supporting a National Cemetery in the Redwood National Park. [79]

5. Support legislation against designating any public property (beaches) as 'Nude Beaches'. [79]

4. Support Eminent Domain Law. Eminent Domain to be used only when there is no other public right of way available. [79]

3. Oppose any treaties or legislation that would take away the Constitutional rights of citizens to own private property. [78]

2. Instruct all legislators that we are opposed to any like Federal or State Land Use Policy and Planning Assistance acts. The local commissions have jurisdiction in making decisions that effect their areas. [74]

1. Support the efforts to create a new National Cemetery in San Diego County. [72]

LANGUAGE

3. The California State Grange supports legislation that will insure adoption of an English Language Amendment. [81][Reaffirmed 86]

2. The California State Grange favors that primary signs showing the type of business being conducted, be written in English. [81]

1. The California State Grange strongly supports a policy that makes English the primary language in all functions of national, state and local government, and that all ballots used in government elections be printed in English only. [81]

LEGISLATIVE PRACTICES/REFORM

17. The California State Grange urge our California Lawmakers to prohibit vote changing and vote adding in both houses of our State Legislature after the final vote on the matter has been concluded in committees and on the floor. [12]

16. The National Grange urge the U.S. Congress to pass a law banning members of Congress from becoming lobbyists for 5 years following the end of their congressional service. [10]

15. That our elected officials, (Governor and Assembly and Senate representatives), be fined \$500 each, per day, for lack of passing a state budget by the constitutional deadline. This fine will be non-refundable and will be sent to the State Disaster Relief Fund. [04]

14. The California State Grange supports new legislation mandating that riders not having any connection with the originally proposed legislation be presented as Separate and independent bills for legislative and voter approval. [03] [04]

13. The California State Grange supports removal of trade, financial, and travel restrictions to Cuba and that a call for support from other State Granges be transmitted via Grange publications such as View from the Hill. [02]

12. The California State Grange strongly supports legislation that insures that laws and regulations adopted at either state or national level are never superseded by NAFTA or any other international entity. [02]

11. That the California State Grange urge the National Grange to support legislation requiring Congress to specify the source of authority under the United States Constitution for the enactment of laws. [01]

10. The California State Grange will seek sponsorship of legislation that would open the window of opportunity for legislators to submit resolutions so that the use of spot bills would be eliminated. [98]

9. The California State Grange will support legislation to make it illegal for any one person to overturn a vote of the people. [98]

8. The California State Grange supports a Constitutional Amendment establishing a budget submission date of March 1, rather than January 10, thereby causing more focused budget deliberations and resulting in more accurate information. [92]

7. The California State Grange supports the forfeiture of salaries and per diem payments to members of the legislature and the Governor after June 15, if the State budget has not been adopted. [92]

6..The California State Grange urges the Legislature and the Congress to set reasonable limits as to the amount Public Officials can spend on mailings to the public. [86]

5. The California State Grange urges the California State Legislature to oversee the proper implementation of voters mandates. [85]

4. The California favors efforts promote and implement a unicameral (one house) legislature in the State of California. [83]

3. The California State Grange favors legislation mandating that only material presented on the floors of Congress or in Congressional Committees be included in the Congressional Record. [83]

2. The California State Grange urges our state legislators to refrain from attaching unrelated riders to pending legislative measures. [78][Reaffirmed 82]

1. The California State Grange recommends that any legislator introducing a bill that will cost the taxpayer

money must specify, at the time of introduction, the funding of the bill; whether funding is to be taken from other bills or from a raise in tax, and to specify the sources of necessary funds. [74]

MISCELLANEOUS.

28. The California State Grange and National Grange encourage Congress to reestablish its ties with the American people by taking the following actions:

a. Collect a salary only while in office with no pay as a past legislator when out of office.

b. Participates in the Social Security system, and immediately transfer all funds in the Congressional retirement fund to the Social Security system. Like all Americans, legislators can purchase their own retirement plan.

c. Abandon its current health care system and participates in Medicare, the same health care system as the American people..

d. Limit members raise in pay to the lower of Consumer Price Index or 3%. Equally abide by all laws they impose on the American people. [11]

27. The CSG strongly support year-round daylight savings time for California. [11]

26. That the California State Grange and the National Grange shall support measures to rapidly implement broadband access in rural communities. [07]

25. That the CSG urge California's government to carefully study the evaluation system used to define what constitutes a "strike." [07]

24. That any new laws, rules or declarations which must be implemented by small public districts be completely financed by the originating agency. [06]

23. The CSG and the National Grange reaffirm their existing policy concerning the protection of Social Security funds

22. The CSG and National Grange bring pressure to bear on the Government of the United States to carefully investigate the manner in which the staff em-

ployed in the Pentagon process the work assigned to them, and our government act promptly to eliminate any bottlenecks, duplication of services, and to correct all problems that impede getting work accomplished. [05]

21. The California State Grange urge that all bills submitted to and acted upon by Congress be limited to one topic and no more than six pages long, including the title, and that no riders to the bill be allowed. [05]

20. The State Grange urges our State Legislators to continue to treat Credit Unions as non-profit organizations. [04]

19. The California State Grange urges the Legislature to raise the legal gambling age in California to 21. [01]

18. The California State Grange oppose and urge the National Grange to oppose the elimination of Christmas as a national holiday. [98]

17. The CA State Grange will support designating a Native American month each year to honor Native Americans and their place in history. [97]

16. The California State Grange will support legislative efforts to limit recovery to felons, uninsured motorists and drunk drivers. [96]

15. The California State Grange will support whatever remedial steps are necessary to allow non-profit organizations to make "incidental use" of copyrighted music. [96]

14. The California State Grange supports efforts to educate the public in the benefits and need to neuter or spay their pets to deter uncontrolled breeding, and that the California State Grange urge the National Grange to adopt policy to support a national program to educate the public in the benefits and need to neuter or spay their pets to deter uncontrolled breeding. [95]

13. The California State Grange urges the Greyhound Bus Lines to continue "Operation Home Free" that gives runaway children free transportation home. [93]

12. The California State Grange supports the State of California in the setting up of a central adoption information center where information on available children

and potential parents could be recorded. [93]

11. The California State Grange supports legislation to require TV stations to maintain commercials at the same decibel level as regular programming. [93]

10. The California State Grange actively seeks and will support the introduction of legislation that will require congress to support either Daylight Savings time or Standard time for the entire year. [93]

9. The California State Grange supports legislation that allows U.S. citizens, rather than foreign students, be given preference in obtaining publicly funded scholarships. [93]

8. The California State Grange will seek laws or legislation that specify guidelines be established and implemented to insure legal authorities exercise stricter criteria to prevent the return of children to an abusive environment that has displayed unsatisfactory treatment in the past. [93]

7. The California State Grange favors modification of the Child Abuse Laws to protect innocent families. [90]

6. The California State Grange will make it known to the television networks that the organization opposes violence and debasement of the English language in their programs for general viewing and urges their elimination, and replace with situations that contribute toward the enhancement of the moral quality of character their help elevate life. [89]

5. The California State Grange supports the humane use of pound animals for research. [83]

4. The California State Grange favors legislation to stop the forming of any new national holidays. [83]

3. The California State Grange supports legislation to ban the sale of 'Safe and Sane' fireworks in California. [82]

2. The California State Grange will go on record as opposing the distribution of mailing lists to anyone. [80]

1. The California State Grange will do all in its power

to assure that the anti-monopoly laws be strictly enforced. [74]

PARKS, NATIONAL, STATE & COUNTY

4. The California State Grange will oppose any bill pertaining to a Manzanar area park. [91]

3. The California State Grange urges our legislators to arbitrate a different schedule of fees for recognized Youth organizations in the use of public lands and camps which these National organizations have improved and used for many years. That all efforts be made for the continuance of American youth camps and programs and their enhancement. The guidance of youth is the future of America. [75]

2. The California State Grange proposes that before any trails or hostels be built, that the Department of Parks and Recreation must have the final approval of the County Board of Supervisors following a public hearing in the area of the proposed trails and hostels. [75]

1. The California State Grange opposes the takeover of private property in Kings Canyon National Park, by the National Park System and encourages private enterprise in Wilsonia or in any other privately owned property within National Park boundaries. [72]

PORNOGRAPHY

2. The California State Grange encourages legislation to prohibit the renting of "R" rated movies to those persons under 17 years of age. [93]

1. The California State Grange supports the speedy enactment of state and national legislation to eliminate the spread of obscenity and pornography. [77]

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

8. The California State Grange urges the State of California to establish a comprehensive carefully monitored system that is consistent in providing adequate health care, education an preparation for the future of foster care kids and that such a system reduce the disruptive relocations of foster care kids and the State's child welfare system be provided with the budget, tools and staff necessary to provide consistent and

carefully monitored services to all children placed in foster care and that this agency strive to help prepare children served to become functioning adults. [02]

7. The California State Grange supports a policy to favor block grants from the federal government to fund programs designed to meet the needs of this state, and that the block grants, for the nutrition program, be designed to meet certain minimum eligibility standards, including some form of means test. [95]

6. The California State Grange will support legislation that will authorize counties to adopt residency requirements for receipt of general assistance benefits, and the California State Grange will also support legislation that allows counties to discontinue aid after 180 days for any recipient who is able bodied and mentally competent, fails to participate in a qualified job training program, fails to accept offer of appropriate employment after completion of job training and fails to cooperate with county efforts to enroll the recipient in job training and placement. [95]

5. The California State Grange urges the adoption of a series of State laws that makes welfare for those capable of working a transitional support system rather than indefinite maintenance and dependency as follows:

a. Teenage parents eligible to receive Aid For Dependent Children (AFDC) support will get a \$50.00 one-time increase in their monthly grant so long as they maintain passing grades in completing their high school education. If they drop out, their grant will be reduced by \$50.00

b. Food Stamps: Families will receive a one-time increase in food stamps by \$20.00.

c. Maximum Family Grant: Grants will not be increased for additional children born to parents who already receive public support.

d. Annual Grant Levels: Grants will be determined based on the state's ability to pay for the costs, which is based on revenues and caseload growth.

e. Teen Pregnancy Disincentive: Provides that minors who have children are eligible to receive AFDC support only if they remain at home with their parent(s) or

legal guardian, so long as the parent(s) or legal guardian is not abusive or otherwise unfit. Payment of the grant will be made directly to the parent(s) or legal guardian on behalf of the teen and her child. [92]

4. The California State Grange urges the passage of legislation to provide for indexed welfare payments, based upon the cost of living within each county, thereby reducing the incentive for welfare recipients to move to low cost of living counties. [90]

3. The California State Grange supports a requirement for able bodied welfare recipients to work as a condition of their receipt of benefits. [83]

2. The California State Grange will support legislation to curb the increase of welfare payments in the State of California do to the influx of out of state people moving to California. [77]

1. The Grange expresses its opinion that welfare payments, to qualified recipients, should not be reduced as a result of an increase in Social Security benefits. [73]

PUBLIC SAFETY

16. The California State Grange and National Grange support efforts to eliminate thermal paper receipts that contain BPA from use in the United States. [11]

15. That the CSG encourage all granges implement community disaster emergency preparedness steps when possible. [08]

14. The California State Grange urges our legislators to implement such laws as are necessary to adopt low-ignitions cigarettes. [04]

13. The California State Grange supports law enforcement agencies at all levels in treating domestic and/or environmental terrorists in all ways the same as foreign terrorists. [03]

12. The California State Grange will carefully monitor legislative action that could result in the loss of volunteer fire departments in rural areas and vigorously oppose these measures. [03]

11. The California State Grange urges the passage and enforcement of strict legislation that makes it the

responsibility of dog owners in situations in which their dog has menaced or threatened someone beyond the protective behaviors expected of watchdogs, be required to either send the dog to class for training or have it put to sleep. [02]

10. The California State Grange supports congressional efforts allowing airline pilots to be armed. [02]

9. That the California State Grange support that carefully monitored timber harvest efforts be permitted in more widespread areas of National Forests with fire Prevention forest clean-up as a priority. [00]

8. The California State Grange will go on record as being in support of the Child Abuse Reform Enforcement Act, (C. A. R. E.) which seeks to equalize sentencing of perpetrators of sexual abuse without regard to the familial relationship of perpetrators to the child [00].

7. The California State Grange will urge the National Weather Bureau to Establish a California Avalanche Warning system. [99]

6. The California State Grange will support funding of Freeway Call Boxes in counties throughout California through the collection of \$1 in additional fees on annual vehicle registrations. Additionally, the California State Grange support legislation which would encourage public or private funding efforts to provide Freeway Call Boxes in rural areas in which vehicle registration fees are insufficient to cover the full cost of installation and maintenance. [96]

5. The California State Grange will support legislation that will expand and enforce the California "Lemon Law" for all vehicles, regardless of ownership. In addition, the California State Grange urges the Congress initiate legislation that would expand the Lemon Law for all vehicles in all states. [96]

4. The California State Grange will support legislation that would prohibit the manufacture and sale of toy guns that are replicas of real guns. [93]

3. The California State Grange urges the local governments to post the numbers of the local emergency services be conspicuously displayed on or near public telephones. [93]

2. The California State Grange will support the passage of a state law requiring the posting of addresses, in 4" high numbers, for all residences at the junction of the driveway and street, and that all streets, whether public or private, be identified at all intersections with other streets, either public or private, in such manner that the names are readily located and legible. [91]

1. The California State Grange favors and will support legislation that would integrate mobile park home construction and inspection, under a uniform State Building Code and/or local code where placed permanently on a lot. That all gas lines and electrical wiring be thoroughly inspected, tested and so marked, when placed on the mobile home site. [73]

PUBLIC UTILITIES & P.U.C.

13. The State Grange demands that the California Public Utility Commission (CPUC) initiate a thorough study of SmartMeter complaints, examine related property right issues, damages to personal equipment, impacts on health, and trespass of privacy, and that the CPUC log and evaluate that information in a study to include all reported SmartMeter complaints. The State Grange supports a no charge opt-out provision that allows for multi-meter opt-out for customers based on defined zone of safety as defined by an independent study. The California State Grange request that the CPUC require that utilities place large warning labels on all SmartMeters, warning customers with medical implants of the potential hazardous impact to their medical equipment (i.e., FCC and National Institute of Health). The California State Grange requests that the CPUC acknowledge that the SmartMeter can cause damage to household wiring, meter sockets and associated power centers on homes and that the charges for repair should be attributed to the utility supplying the SmartMeter. [12]

12. The California State Grange will request all the telephone companies to restore the need to dial one when making a long distance call. [98]

11. The California State Grange will request that the Public Utilities Commission publish and provide justification for their rate structure and publish the dates of Commission meetings which the public can participate. Further, the California State Grange urge

the California Public Utilities Commission to assure equitable rates for all public utilities for rural, suburban and urban communities. [96]

10. The California State Grange will support laws, rules and regulations that prevent "slamming", which is the switching of one phone company to another by subterfuge. [95]

9. The California State Grange opposes scrambling of the 24 hour weather information by private enterprise or a governmental agency. [93]

8. The California State Grange will support legislation to ensure that satellite dish owners pay no more for unscrambling service than cable subscribers in the cities. [93]

7. The California State Grange will vigorously oppose any increase in the "return-on-equity" rate which is set at 12.65 percent at this time. That the California State Grange have a representative at the PUC hearings to represent us in working for a lower across-the-board profit level. [92]

6. California State Grange would favor having a representative included during utility rate negotiations with electric companies. [88]

5. The California State Grange encourages the PUC to consider the essential use of electricity for pumping water for household use when setting baseline rates for rural residents. [88]

4. The California State Grange favors the members of the Public Utilities Commission be elective offices. [83]

3. The California State Grange opposes the inclusion of the costs of fines against utility companies being included in rate increases. [83]

2. The California State Grange favors public participation in the decision making process as it relates to power rate increases. [82]

1. The California State Grange advocates that the California Public Utilities Commission include domestic well pumping as a basic need and to include this need in the Pacific Gas and Electric Company's life line

rate allowances. [82][Reaffirmed 92]

HYDRO-ELECTRIC FACILITIES

2. The California State Grange will vigorously oppose the sale of electricity producing projects to private power companies. [86]

1. The California State Grange will Support, in the relicensing of hydro electric facilities, the following concept: If the existing licensee applies for a new license, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission shall issue a new license to an existing licensee unless the Commission determines that the plans of another applicant are better adapted to serve the public interest. [85]

RELIGION/PRAYER

4. The California State Grange supports re-affirming and maintaining every aspect that has been traditionally a part of our Christmas observance; and that the traditions of other faiths be undisturbed as they partake of celebrations and observances that may differ from Christianity as set forth in the First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States of America. [04]

3. The California State Grange urges the California Legislature to adopt laws that will permit the use of voluntary prayer, the playing of religious music and the observance of religious holiday celebrations in the public schools of California. [80]

2. The California State Grange will oppose the banning of religious programs from radio and television airwaves and urge the Federal Communications Commission to maintain the freedom of speech and freedom of worship. [77] [Reaffirmed 82]

1. The California State Grange supports the right of every human being to express his faith in God and the Bible publicly without fear of censure. [74]

SOCIAL SECURITY

15. The California State Grange and the National Grange reaffirm their existing policy concerning the protection of Social Security funds. [05]

14. The California State Grange will oppose the privatization of the Social Security system. [99]

13. The California State Grange will support legislation that would protect the confidentiality of all personal records such as Social Security numbers, license numbers, names, and addresses from fraudulent use. [96]

12. The California State Grange urges the Congress to pass legislation providing the Social Security Trust Fund and the Civil Service Retirement and Disability Fund have a "Padlock Law" stating these funds can only be used for the purposes designated for and not for any government debts -- National, State or otherwise. [96]

11. The California State Grange will support legislation that would protect the confidentiality of all personal records such as, Social Security numbers, license numbers, names, and addresses from fraudulent use. [96]

10. The California State Grange will support legislation to reduce the Social Security benefits separation for recipients under 65 from those over 65. [96]

9. The California State Grange favors a system that transforms our Social Security cards into a fraud-resistant identification system for instant identification verification. [96]

8. The California State Grange supports the use of our social security number for all personal identification purposes. [93]

7. The California State Grange will support efforts to resolve the problem in the Social Security system as it applies to Senior citizens who were born between 1917 and 1921. [86]

6. The California State Grange favors fair and equal treatment of Social Security benefits in consideration with all other U.S. government retirement benefits. [85]

5. The California State Grange will support legislation requiring the return of un-cashed Social Security checks to the Social Security Trust Fund, rather than

the U.S. Treasury. [83]

4. The California State Grange will support legislation prohibiting aliens not paying into Social Security for the required numbers of quarters from receiving benefits. [81]

3. The California State Grange will support legislation to establish a separate, interest accruing fund that would function strictly as a retirement insurance. [79] [Reaffirmed 81-83]

2. The California State Grange will support legislation to maintain the integrity of the Social Security System. [77]

1. The California State Grange supports efforts to provide relief for over age 65 retired citizens, by modification of the earning ceiling. [75]

VETERANS

3. The California State Grange and the National Grange stand behind the National War Dogs Monument Committee in their efforts to build a War Dog Memorial. [05]

2. The California State Grange will lobby Congress to stop the usage of Disabled American Veterans funds for other purposes. [98]

1. The California State Grange will oppose any program or legislation that would remove any benefits from our pensioned veterans. [73][Reaffirmed 74 79]

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

2. The California State Grange urges Congress to that the system of measurement in the U.S. be dual and that use of the metric version be voluntary. [81]

1. The California State Grange is opposed mandatory adoption of a Metric only system in the United States. [83][Restated 78 policy]

WORK PROGRAMS

3. The California State Grange favors work in agriculture, forest product harvesting and improvement work such as tree planting, and other productive efforts for

unemployed on welfare. This work can be beneficial to those doing the work, the community, business and the government. [86]

2. The California State Grange urges the California legislature to investigate the feasibility of a self supporting work program. [79]

1. The California State Grange urges that an effort be made to institute a program of meaningful work for all those seeking employment which would bring back the pride and hope of being self sustaining to our young people. This would immeasurably relieve our overloaded court calendars and allow law enforcement agencies the time to deal with more serious crimes. [72]

TAXATION & FISCAL MATTERS

POLICY STATEMENT

No one wants to pay more than their fair share of taxes. However, the members of the California State Grange recognize that to achieve a balanced budget there are some important things that must happen. More tax dollars must be raised or government spending must be reduced. Realistically, a combination of both will probably be the solution. The California State Grange supports a balanced approach that includes a prudent fiscal policy coupled with a fair tax policy. How money is raised and how it is spent for government services has been an ongoing concern of our membership.

The Grange supports a tax system with an objective of developing an easier, less complex and equitable income tax program that all wealth will bear its just and equal proportion of the expenses of government. We will provide efficient and economical delivery of services. We are opposed to taxation for punitive purposes. We call for an end to spending on programs and facilities that exceed the basic needs of the recipients. A balanced budget must be achieved to reduce the national debt.

Governmental services must have clearly defined objectives to meet specified needs, and realistic sunset clauses that require evaluation for renewal or termination. The money to pay for these services, be they taxes, fees or assessments must meet the test of voter approval before they are collected.

The California State Grange supports a tax system that will bring about Revenue and Tax Codes that would allow the installment payments on real property to fall due six months apart to ease the burden on taxpayers.

The California State Grange shall support Legislation which would allow major State and Federal tax credits or tax deductions for grower cooperatives who build or own ethanol production facilities.

BANKING / CREDIT UNIONS

5. The California State Grange strongly believes that a single regulator would result in credit unions being taxed & regulated by Bankers, losing their member owned, not for profit status, therefore we oppose any plan to merge the Federal Depository Insurance Funds and become one regulator. [90]

4. The California State Grange strongly favors keeping a tax exempt status that the Credit Unions now enjoy. [88]

3. The California State Grange will oppose any taxes on Credit Unions. [78][Reaffirmed 85]

2. The California State Grange will encourage legislation to require that banks be required to notify depositors of amount of funds that will be withdrawn by the federal government. [84]

1. The California State Grange will oppose any at-

tempt to legalize lotteries for political fund raising. [83]

BANKRUPTCY

3. The California State Grange 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. [90]

2. The California State Grange urges legislation to require the Bankruptcy Courts to recognize that:

a. Warehouse receipts held by farmers are legal proof of ownership of grain stored in elevators, with grain remaining the property of the producer until paid for or removed by the producer.

b. Grain owned by the producer cannot be sold to pay any indebtedness of a bankrupt elevator. [83]

3. The California State Grange urges the Legislature and Congress to tighten bankruptcy laws so more people will be required to pay their just debts. [81]

DEFICIT REDUCTION

3. The California State Grange will oppose any cuts proposed by the Gramm Rudman Hollings bill that would affect National Forest Receipts funds. [86]

2. The California State Grange supports a mandate to operate State and Federal governments on balanced budgets. [82]

1. The California State Grange supports legislation reducing the U.S. National debt (deficit) and that Congress establish a ceiling and hold the line. [78]

EDUCATION

4. That the California State Grange 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.

c. The state to stop funding for new school facilities after December 31, 1995. [93]

3. The California State Grange urges the California Legislature to use revenues from property improvement taxes and others (i.e.: the Lottery) for Education. [85]

2. The California State Grange will encourage legislators to support adequate funding for public education. [82][Reaffirmed 87]

1. The California State Grange will support legislation to re define the term "migrant child", incorporating the ideas of farm labor derived income being a major percentage of the family income and family residency being actually moved during the school year. Recommend aid be removed from the migrant program restricting it to educational aid only. [79]

FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD

1. The California State Grange will oppose any Congressional management or control over the Federal Reserve Board, and continue to support the independence of the Federal Reserve System. [90]

FEE SPLITTING / SHARING

3. The California State Grange will urge our legislators to promote legislation that will return to the County of origin the revenues generated by the Timber Yield Tax. [81]

2. The California State Grange will oppose any change in the National Forest Act of 1908 and 1911, which allows the use of Forest Reserve Funds to counties of origin for schools and roads [81, 83]

1. The California State Grange will support Geothermal areas being leased and the Counties getting a share of the fees.

FISH & GAME DEPARTMENT

2. The California State Grange recommends that the Department of Fish and Game adopt policy for fishing license fees of \$5 for citizens 65 years of age and older. [94]

1. The California State recommends that the Department of Fish and Game strive for a working budget. [79]

FOREIGN INVESTORS

1. The California State Grange will support legislation to stop the unfair tax advantage of foreign investors. [84]

FUEL TAXES

6. The California State Grange support legislation which would provide federal tax credits or tax deductions to growers or grower co-operatives who build or own ethanol production facilities. [01]

5. The California State Grange will join with other groups to re-establish the highway fund with gasoline tax money. [90]

4. The California State Grange will support legislation that would revise the present allocation formula for gas tax to provide distribution of one half on the basis of population ratios and one half on the ratio of maintained road mileage. [75]

3. The California State Grange opposes any increase of gasoline taxes to be used for mass transit. [75]

2. The California State Grange will oppose all efforts to divert State Highway funds for the purpose of smog control and the development of rapid transit systems. [73]

1. The California State Grange will vigorously oppose any bill proposed in the congress to increase petroleum products taxes. [73]

FUNDING OF PROGRAMS

5. The California State Grange and National Grange urge our legislators to pass no unfunded mandates. [11]

4. That if future new CA State laws are not accompanied with funding means, the local governments and the public may hold the new law null and void. [10]

3. That the CSG and the National Grange strongly lobby the Postmaster General or any other appropriate authority to prevent further assault on rural America, by preventing the closure of rural post offices. [08]

2. The California State Grange will support legislation that makes the general fund responsible for various studies required of the Department of Fish and Game. [85]

1. The California State Grange recommends the budget of the Department of Food and Agriculture be funded at 75% from the general fund. [76]

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE (IRS)

1. The California State Grange will support a "Taxpayers Bill of Rights" that would include the following elements:

a. Require the IRS to fully inform taxpayers of their

rights in audits, assessments and appeals, including a notice to this effect in all IRS forms and printed material sent to taxpayers;

b. Give the taxpayer the right to record all interviews with IRS people and to set a reasonable time and place for same;

c. Limit IRS to just those laws they administer under direction of Congress;

d. Discourage IRS from compiling and using "enemies lists" aimed at harassment of citizens;

e. Require that IRS could no longer garnishee wages, seize bank accounts and other property without a specific court order upon just cause, and action in which the victim could defend himself, and moreover, recover his court costs and attorney fees should IRS fail to prove its case;

f. Abolish the iniquitous "quota system" presently used by IRS to force its agents to "increase production";

g. Require the auditing of the IRS itself;

h. Require, in taxing an estate, that the original cost, not the inflated so called "fair market value" shall be used, and, in general, put the burden of proof on the IRS, not the taxpayer, under due process of law. [81]

LANDS, PUBLIC / PRIVATE

1. The California State Grange 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. [72]

MISCELLANEOUS

9. The California State Grange 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. [10]

8. The California State Grange 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. [99]

7. The California State Grange will support the effort to reform corporate welfare and urge state and federal legislators to pass legislation aimed to abolish corporate welfare programs. [96]

6. The California State Grange will support legislation to have the IRS code (Section 501) modified to raise the minimum gross income filing requirements for non-profit organizations from the current \$25,000 to \$50,000. [93]

5. The California State Grange will support legislation that will stop the taxing of retired people's retirement income/benefits by other states at the same time. [93]

4. The California State Grange urges the Office of Management and Budget to increase California's share of the Soil conservation Service's budget by a minimum of 15 million dollars. [90]

3. The California State Grange urges the Congress of the United States to oppose the passage of any and all proposals which will increase taxation on employee fringe benefits and the cash value build up of life insurance. [85]

2. The California State Grange urges the Legislature to remove the word "grapevines" from Article 13, Section 31 of the California State Constitution and Sections 211 and 223 of the Revenue and Taxation Code and Property Tax Law Sections 101 and 131 with the word "grapevines" to be replaced with "all vines and bushes until bearing age." [83]

1. The California State Grange will support a requirement for aliens to be domiciled in the United States a minimum of five years before they could become eligible for SSI Aid. [77]

PROBATE / INHERITANCE

4. The California State Grange and National Grange lobby to completely eliminate the Federal Estate Tax. [05]

3. The California State Grange urges the State Controller to abolish Inheritance Tax Referees positions. [82]

2. The California State Grange will support the repeal of the California Gift and Inheritance Tax. [80][Reaffirmed 81]

1. The California State Grange favors the adoption of a uniform Probate Code by the Legislature. [75]

PROPERTY TAXES

10. That the CSG and National Grange strongly support the termination of the Estate Tax (Death Tax) in 2010 as now required by law and strongly protest any continuance of this tax. [09]

9. That the CSG adopt and maintain a solid position supporting keeping the Jarvis-Gann Proposition 13 in place. [07]

8. That the CSG 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. [06]

7. That the California State Grange 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. [01]

6. The California State Grange urges the Legislature that a vote of the people be required before assessment districts can be imposed and/or assessed. [93]

5. The California State Grange will oppose any legislation that will shift the property tax cut so it will only benefit one segment of property owners and that we oppose any legislation that will circumvent the inten-

tion of Proposition 13, this being to cut the tax money available. [78][Reaffirmed 91]

4. The California State Grange urges the proper implementation of the 'Property Tax Relief Act of 1972'. Oppose all state mandated programs, be they legislated laws or department directives with power of law, that do not provide funding. [87]

3. The California State Grange favors legislation to make growing improvements exempt from tax. [80]

2. The California state Grange will support a state funding program for county relief (Property Tax) with regards to welfare securing funds by equitable means as Sale Tax, Use Tax or some means of comprehensive taxation where discrimination (Property Tax Payer) will be prohibited. [78]

1. The California state Grange recommends that when the Governor declares a disaster area, tax valuation adjustment could be made on the basis of actual reduction in yield, and financial statement. [77]

PRICE CONTROLS - FEDERAL

1. The California State Grange opposes the extension of federal price controls to unprocessed agricultural commodities. [72]

STATE BUDGET

5. The California State Grange 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. [99]

4. The California State Grange urges the Legislature to include the following additional information about each bill introduced:

- a. Proposed effective date.
- b. Sunset date.
- c. Cost to perform.
- d. Resulting savings.
- e. Specific purpose(s)

f. Funding source. [93]

3. The California State Grange will support funding for all California heritage and exposition facilities. [93]

2. The California State Grange will support legislation to prohibit the Governor or any executive or legislative body of any political subdivision of this State from tampering with Public Pension Funds. [92]

1. The California State Grange will initiate a Constitutional Amendment to prohibit payment to the Legislature and the Governor, after June 30th, of their normal pay, per diem, and any other entitlement. In addition the initiative shall impose a penalty of \$500.00 per day, for each Legislator and the Governor for failure to have a budget approved prior to the 15th of July, and that said fines be deposited in the disaster relief fund. [92]

TAXES

10. The California State Grange 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. [00]

9. The California State Grange will support legislation to return control of property tax allocation to the respective local, district and county governments. [00]

8. The California State Grange supports the policy of reinstating the income tax deductions for 2 wage earner families by removing the marriage penalty from the U. S. Tax Code. [99]

7. We urge both the State and Federal Legislatures to enact legislation to allow a line item tax deduction for Long Term Care Insurance premiums and that the benefits paid all Long Term Care policies shall not be considered taxable income, and that this line item tax deduction for Long Term Care Insurance premiums be available to all taxpayers regardless of tax form filed. [98]

6. The California State Grange will support legislation, which would allow the counties of California to

retain county property taxes, rather than pass them to the State of California as required by "AB 8", and that the California State Grange offer its support in any litigation that would occur, should individual counties attempt to stop payment of their property tax collections to the State of California. Such support be limited to testimony in favor of retention of tax monies at the local level. [95]

5. The California State Grange strongly supports legislation that will bring about the reduction of taxes and government spending. [93]

4. The California State Grange will support legislation to repeal the Benefits Assessment Act of 1983, and that the California State Grange will oppose any other legislation that assesses tax/fees without a 2/3 majority vote of the district involved. [92]

3. The California State Grange shall work to be sure that any legislation adding any additional sales tax for the purpose of rebuilding state earthquake and wildfire disaster areas have a sunset clause, not to exceed two (2) years. Further, the California State Grange shall vigorously oppose any addition to the state sales tax, for disaster rebuilding, of over 1/4 of 1-percent, and if the above two conditions are not met in any proposed legislation for disaster rebuilding the California State Grange shall oppose it. [92]

2. The California State Grange urges the State Legislators to cease taking land from the tax rolls in California. [80]

1. The California State Grange will oppose any special tax on farm equipment and production to be used as a displacement fund for farm workers. [78]

WILLIAMSON ACT

1. The California State Grange 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. [89]

TRANSPORTATION

POLICY STATEMENT

Transportation modes have changed during the 124 years of our existence in California, and the Grange has been intensely interested in its evolution. Transportation today, is an integral component of our societal culture, and the diversity of vehicles demands our attention to safety, economy, their effect on our environment and the supporting infrastructure.

The California State Grange is opposed to regulations, whose benefits are questionable, and could have severe safety implications. We are opposed to an increase of the Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) standards. Higher standards can only make marginal improvements in emissions, and will cause a downsizing of vehicles and thereby reduce their safety and utility.

As a general farm organization, the Grange supports research and development of bio-fuels that are based on renewable resources such as methanol. We will continue to work for less federal regulatory involvement. We will support more programs that encourage local government and private enterprise to resolve the technical details for transportation safety.

BIKE PATHS & BIKE SAFETY

3. The CSG will lobby for development of a public park and bikeway on and within the public levees of the California Central Valleys. [06]

2. The California State Grange will support construction of bicycle paths on all roads where it is feasible to do so and where the potential use justifies the expense and that law enforcement officials see that bicycle riders obey the traffic rules. [77]

1. The California State Grange encourages and supports the construction and maintenance of bicycle trails in State Parks and rustic areas. [73]

3. The California State Grange will support legislation calling for the installation of mileage markers and the numbering of exits along freeways in California. [93] [reaffirmation of 84 policy]

2. The California State Grange will encourage the California Department of Transportation to consider developing view points, passing lanes and turn outs which would reduce the hazards along Highway 96 from Interstate 5 to Willow Creek. [92]

1. Use all the influence we have to get as much money as possible into the highway fund to be allotted to rural roadway improvements. [89]

CONSTRUCTION & HIGHWAY PROJECTS

5. The CSG and the National Grange encourage all State road divisions to paint highway lanes with the appropriate highway information including the highway number and direction (North, South, East or West) a minimum of one mile prior to the interchange turnoff at major cities. [12]

4. That the CSG recommends a NO vote on the High-Speed Rail Bonds Proposition 1 on the November 4, 2008 California State ballot due to the high cost associated with the proposal during hard economic conditions in the state. [08]

FEES/FUNDING

5. The California State Grange will urge the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) that any veteran with a 50% or more service-related disability be allowed to obtain California license plates at a reduced rate of 50% and be able to display the Disabled Veteran logo on their license plates, i.e., 9630 D.V. with proof from the Veterans Administration of a 50% or more disability rating. [99]

4. The California State Grange will oppose the Federal Government's use of highway funds as a lever to force the state to implement federal policy. [93]

3. The California State Grange will support a 'user

fee' on fuel and 'weight fees' to create a fund to assure an effective transportation system in California. [89]

2. The California State Grange favors legislation to cause reduced licensing fees for agriculture vehicles. [85]

1. The California State Grange will oppose any legislation which would increase the Vehicle License fee for motorists. [85]

MAINTENANCE

6. That the CSG strongly support the continued maintenance and development of highway rest areas. [09]

5. That the CSG support the passage of legislation removing the Loyalty Oath from the State's Constitution and restoring California's original and complete Oath of Office as the only required oath for California's elected leaders. [08]

4. The California State Grange urges Cal Trans to re evaluate their expenditures on sound barrier walls along the freeways and concentrate on road maintenance. [85]

3. The California State Grange favors legislation to revert the highway maintenance trust fund to its sole intent and purpose for which it was created. [82]

2. The California State Grange 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]

1. The California State Grange urges the California Transportation Commission to formulate a more equitable method of allocation of highway tax funds and other transportation fees for the areas that fall short of having the necessary tax basis to support them. [78]

MISCELLANEOUS.

9. That the CSG encourage legislation that would allow vehicles in California only to be subject to a visual inspection as part of emissions testing if they produce more pollutants than are allowed for that year of vehicle production, this would exclude exempt

vehicles. [08]

8. The California State Grange and National Grange encourage auto manufacturers to make available more diesel powered cars and small trucks to the United States market. [08]

7. The California State Grange will place coping with the problem of rising costs of petroleum products among their foremost priorities and take the following steps:

1. Work vigorously with state and national legislators to advocate on behalf of consumers and to take any steps necessary to maintain reasonable petroleum prices and curb increasing economic inflation.

2. Work to modify recent legislation curbing off-shore drilling for oil and other mandated restrictions which are more in line with the needs of OPEC than those of our nation.

3. Accelerate any necessary funding for research and the development of ample and affordable alternative fuels. [00]

6. The California State Grange will urge the California Legislature to enact legislation to amend Division 6, Section 12509 to require that the licensed CA driver supervising a driver driving with an instruction permit must be at least age 25. [97]

5. The California State Grange urge will the California Legislature to enact legislation to amend all sections of Division 6, Drivers Licenses of the Vehicle code, to provide that anyone age 16 years or older, not previously licensed in this or another state be entitled to hold only an instructional permit for a minimum 6-month period regardless of their age unless they have completed a DMV approved Driver Instruction and Training Course. Further, anyone holding an instructional permit regardless of their age will be subject to the provisions of the Vehicle Code, Division 6, Section 12509 requiring they be accompanied by and under the immediate supervision of a licensed California driver whose driving privilege is not on probation. [97]

4. The California State Grange will immediately seek the passage of legislation banning the use of Methyl

Tertiary Butyl Ether (MTBE) in motor fuels until studies have ascertained its safety for such use, and seek passage of similar legislation at the National level to protect all citizens from MTBE until its safety is certified. [97]

3. The California State Grange will oppose any downsizing of light trucks to increase fuel economy, and that the California State Grange use its influence to insure manufacturers use their engineering ability to perfect the fuel economy through the power to gear ratio and maintain the larger light trucks size. [94]

2. The California State Grange will support legislation that will require all retail purveyors of fuel products for motor vehicles to have a useable restroom ready for the customers' use during business hours. [93]

1. The California State Grange 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. [93]

PUBLIC SAFETY

15. The California State Grange urge the California Governor and Legislature to open driver testing and licensing to all of age and eligible in California, regardless of immigration status. [12]

14. That the CSG 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. [09]

13. The California State Grange 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. [99]

12. The California State Grange will support legislation that would require reporting of positive drug test for drivers with commercial licenses to the Department of Motor Vehicles and that the Motor Vehicle Report shall indicate for a period of two years that a positive test was found. The legislation should contain

a provision to appeal positive drug testing results so that it is possible to eliminate false positive tests. [99]

11. The California State Grange will urge the California State Legislature to enact a law, making it illegal for a driver of a vehicle to talk on a car phone, unless the vehicle is completely stopped and off the roadway, unless it is an emergency. [99]

10. The California State Grange will urge that there be no hurried decision made to decommission any roads in the National Forests until the situation has been carefully evaluated, and that representatives of the areas affected and the Federal Government representatives meet locally and listen to the concerns of the local residents in the areas affected. [98]

9. The California State Grange will support legislation requiring the use of a helmet when riding a bicycle. [93]

8. The California State Grange will support a ruling that both foreign and domestic manufacturers of large farm and industrial equipment locate a uniform position and method of stopping big equipment. [93]

7. The California State Grange will support the random testing for substance abuse in those occupations where public safety is concerned, e.g. pilots, bus and truck drivers, medical personnel, etc. no final decision should be made until three (3) tests are taken. [93]

6. The California State Grange shall oppose the State of California supplying vehicular insurance through the mechanism of fuel taxes and fees and support the principle of insurance sold by private enterprise. [93]

5. The California State Grange favors legislation to change the California Vehicle Code Book, Section 450 to read Oil and Water Well Production and Service Unit, or add to Section 35400, Section 35400.6 except water well drilling rigs. [91]

4. The California State Grange encourages the California Department of Motor Vehicles to include a section in the driver's handbook for domestic drivers discussing how to handle situations when encountering commercial vehicles on the roadways of California. Encourage classes in the local areas patterned after "We Can Be Friends" which reviews situations when

domestic drivers encounter commercial vehicles on the roadways. [89]

3. The California State Grange favors changes to the Vehicle Code to definitely establish minimum-maximum height area of all passenger vehicle bumpers above the roadway, vehicle level and normally loaded. [84][Reaffirmed 87]

2. The California State Grange will support legislation to institute safety features in school busses, such as seat belts, padded seat backs, etc., to be required on all new busses, and to be retro-fitted in existing busses. [85]

1. The California State Grange urges Cal Trans to issue routing instructions to trucking companies using the Casimira Resources Class 1 Disposal Site that prohibit using routes that pass through Los Alamos. [85]

RADAR

1. The California State Grange will support legislation to finance Radar equipment for the Highway Patrol to combat a disregard for the speed limit laws. [77]

SCHOOL BUSES

2. The California State Grange will support legislation to upgrade our school busses to national safety standards. [89]

1. The California State Grange will join all interested groups in urging the legislature to provide funds to replace busses built prior to 1977. [87]

TOLL ROADS

1. The California State Grange urges the U.S. Department of Transportation to work to eliminate all tolls on roads, excluding bridges, in the interstate highways system. [73]

U.S. POSTAL SERVICE

10. That the CSG and the National Grange strongly lobby the Postmaster General or any other appropriate authority to prevent further assault on rural America, by preventing the closure of rural post offices. [08]

9. The California State Grange is strongly opposed to false or misleading advertising by U.S. Postal Service. [91]

8. The California State Grange 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. [90]

7. The California State Grange will support legislation requiring that first class mail that contains fruit and plants be opened for inspection. [88]

6. The California State Grange recommends to the Citizens Advisory Committee the issuance of a first class United States stamp commemorating grange on its 125th birthday. [88][Reaffirmed 89]

5. The California State grange favors legislation that will create an additional paragraph in section 123.42 of the Domestic Mail Manual that will make said section not applicable to non profit organizations as described in section 501 of the Internal Revenue Code. [86]

4. The California State Grange will support the United States Postal system as it is now constituted. [85]

3. The California State Grange 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. [75]

2. The California State Grange urges Congress to take whatever action is necessary to remedy the inefficiency of our mail service. [75]

1. The California state Grange is opposed to the cutback in Post Offices throughout the country and routing of local mail through another county prior to delivery, the inability of having mail postmarked locally at the time of mail deposit, the reduction of mail pick up and delivery at the Post Office and the general curtailment and reduction of services with increasing rates. [76]

WATER

POLICY STATEMENT

Since the formation of the California State Grange in 1873 to protect the great agriculture resources of California it has promoted protection of our most valuable resource in the ground, creeks, streams, and in rivers of this Great State...Water. Only one percent of the entire planet's water supply is fresh and every means possible for its protection should be implemented, for without water there is no life.

In 1885 to the present day the origin of water resources have been considered by the Grange to be inalienable rights of the State with no diversion of said waters without permission of public authorities. To further delineate our position, underground water has in the past and is still considered to be an integral part of the land. Under this tenet we have and continue to maintain that it is illegal to transport underground water. We also maintain that all waters should be held in trust for the populace, agriculture, power production, fish, mollusks and industry within the County of origin prior to one gallon being diverted for any other usage.

California State Grange maintains that any development or subdivisions of property for residential or commercial use be prohibited unless the appropriate legislative body first verify that a reliable water supply is available.

As to development of the water resources we continue to encourage the building of dams for flood control, water storage and agricultural usage. We have held and still hold that dams, water and hydroelectric power should be owned and operated by the people for the people. In this vain it is imperative that licensees of dams who meet all the necessary requirements will have first preference for renewal or re-licensing and not have those rights abrogated by State or Federal agencies.

The management of this valuable resource and the support of the State's Wild and Scenic Rivers Act was an important step for the Grange to assure high standards for water quality throughout the State. However, with the Federal governments intrusion into the State's control of these Wild and Scenic Rivers the Grange has urged the United States Secretary of the Interior to return control of the North Coast Rivers back to the State to no avail. As a result we now demand the removal of all California coastal rivers from the Federal Wild and Scenic Rivers Act and preserve the State's and County of origin rights.

Programs for the conservation and replenishment of underground water resources are an important step for the future and the Grange supports such programs. Towards these goals we support the implementation of regulations requiring that drainage water returning into canals or streams of origin must be treated and its quality equal to the quality of the water in said canals or streams at point of discharge.

There can be no doubt that the California Grange in its attempt to maintain agricultural production it is imperative that our most precious resource, water, must be protected for not only agriculture but for the people, power, forests, fish, animals and the beauty of this Great State of California. The inalienable rights of the people and the State afforded by the United States Constitution and the Bill of Rights must not be abrogated. Water is life and the Grange supports this tenet for without food and water... there will be none.

WATER MANAGEMENT

Government or any private interests. [12]

34. The California State Grange should oppose The Bay Delta Conservation Plan on all levels and protect the residents, the farmers and the Bay Delta, the great inland waterway from being tampered with by the government of the State of California, the Federal

33. That the State Master (President) instruct the Water Committee to study water bond measures of 2009, and then write the pros and cons of it and print it in the Grange News as soon as possible. [10]

32. That the CSG endorse the Tulare Basin Surface/ Groundwater Storage Conveyance Hub with river and canal interties project feasibility study. [09]

31. The CSG and the National Grange shall petition the California Legislature and the National Congress to convene hearings to achieve a Klamath Basin Restoration Plan and to fund a complete stakeholder working group to produce a definitive Klamath Basin Restoration Plan to be submitted to Congress for funding. [09]

30. That should the State Master and/or the CSG Executive Committee deem it necessary, that they convene a Klamath River Special Study Committee to evaluate these four issues:

- a. Removal of the Power Dams which are currently subject to FERC hearings on license renewal and which are operating on an interim license;
- b. Klamath River Basin Restoration which involves about 30 stakeholders including the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, U.S. Forest Service, several Native American tribes, 2 States, 3 counties, many irrigation districts and the salmon fishing industry;
- c. Klamath Basin Water Management which involves Upper Basin vs. Lower Basin issues and should be under one Basin Management;
- d. Klamath River Water Quality Regulations of which there currently are none. [09]

29. That the CSG and National Grange 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. [09]

28. The CSG 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. [09]

27. That the CSG opposes adoption of the proposed

Yolo County Water Transfer Ordinances and the proposed Yolo County Groundwater Ordinance; and That the CSG urge the Yolo County Board of Supervisors to recognize that none of these ordinances identify any worthwhile legislative goal and that any further amendment, revision, promulgation, or promotion of these ordinances in any form should be abandoned unless and until the Yolo County Board of Supervisors demonstrates to the satisfaction of the electorate a need for legislation on the subject of water transfers, groundwater management plans, regulation of the drilling for or operation of water wells, monitoring of groundwater, appointment of a county-wide water agency or any similar or related issue relating to the waters of Yolo County. [08]

26. That the CSG and the National Grange 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. [08]

25. The CSG shall support the construction of an isolated water transfer facility outside of the Delta from the Sacramento River to the California Aqueduct near Tracy. [07]

24. That the CSG opposes the privatization of public water systems in their lobbying efforts. CSG supports the inalienable human right to potable water. [06]

23. The California State Grange vigorously lobby and take all appropriate action against any attempt at any level of government or any other entity within any state to place meters on private wells, whether used for personal or commercial use. [05]

22. The California State Grange 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. [00]

21. The California State Grange will appoint a standing Water Committee of five members to implement adopted policies, and that a reasonable budget be established to carry out the work of the Committee.

The Committee will have the authority to represent the Grange position, and will be required to make quarterly reports to the State Master and Executive Committee beginning July 2000. [99]

20. The California State Grange go on record to support an equitable water distribution program. [98]

19. The California State Grange will oppose any further action by the administration to implement the American Heritage Rivers Initiative. Further, the California state Grange will support legislation that prohibits the implementation of the American Heritage Rivers Initiative. [97]

18. The California State Grange supports Safe, Clean, Reliable Water Supply Act of 1996. [96]

17. The California State Grange will support legislation to amend the California and Federal Endangered Species Act to allow for flood control channels and stream beds to be cleared so that they may handle flood flows better. [95]

16. The California State Grange will participate in hearings and discussions and lobby the appropriate authorities with great vigilance to assure that these and other items:

a. Who will be responsible for future water development and delivery in California

b. Who will have the right to develop and own new water.

c. The future of the unbuilt facilities which were to be part of the Central Valley Project (CVP);

d. What about filling the needs of water users who are not currently served by any district and were not able to negotiate with the federal government or the state for water are addressed and other concerns of small growers in California are protected in the proposed sale of the Central Valley Project, the California State Grange and National Grange oppose the sale of the Central Valley Project (CVP) to the Central Valley Water Users Association (Joint Powers Authority). Until all matters concerning the proposed additions and improvements to the CVP are addressed to:

a. Preserve the water rights of the unserved areas,

b. Assure that these portions of the project will be built,

c. Assure that the water will be delivered as intended to these intended additions to the CVP services area.

d. Specify how and who will develop and own any new water developed in the State of California,

e. Preserve the water rights of the area of origin. [95]

15. The California State Grange 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. The California State Grange 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. [94]

14. The California State Grange retracts its outdated position opposing the peripheral canal, thereby allowing the California State Grange delegate body to consider any and all possible proposed future water conveyance systems based on their relative merits. [94]

13. The California State Grange shall revise its support of the 160 acre limitation to now support the current 960 acre limitation for deliveries of subsidized water with the user to pay full cost for water delivered to over 960 acres. [94]

12. The California State Grange will work to influence all permits, regulations or laws allowing transfer or sale of water to include a prohibition of using ground water to replace the transferred surface water, if necessary, by requiring the fallowing the appropriate amount of land. [93]

11. The California State Grange 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. [92]

10. The California State Grange reverses its long standing policy against the transfer of the Central Valley Project to the State of California and actively support the transfer of operation and or ownership of the Central Valley Project to the State of California. [92]

9. The California State Grange shall oppose ground water management legislation and regulations that mandate the provisions of a ground water management plan or take control of ground water management districts out of the hands of local entities. [92]

8. The California State Grange 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. [92]

7. The California State Grange will aggressively oppose any legislation that restricts the use of water for agriculture purposes. [92]

6. The California State Grange support 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. [91]

5. The California State Grange will support the implementation of all such water regulation and laws to correct our current problem such as:

a. Prohibit the receipt of subsidized water by farm operations of less than 960 acres but tied together by common financing, management or ownership.

b. Farm operations would have a choice of crop subsidies or water subsidies not both.

c. Cracking down on "paper" farms created from larger ones to capture the subsidies. [91]

4. The California State Grange 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. [86]

3. The California State Grange 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. [80]

2. The California State Grange supports the use excess water from New Melones Dam for East Side Canal and Mid-Valley Canal. [79]

1. The California State Grange 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. [78]

WATER CONSERVATION

7. The California State Grange 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. [10]

6. The California State Grange 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]

5. The California State Grange encourages the California Department of Transportation to conserve water along the highways. [88]

4. The California State Grange opposes the depletion of water supplies in one area to supply another area. [82]

3. The California State Grange favors that only water unsuitable for agriculture be used for the cooling of nuclear plants. [77]

2. The California State Grange will support action to cut the amount of water that is being wasted, by encouraging the implementation and use of water saving devices. [77]

1. The California State grange will support legislation to provide water programs for underground replenish-

ment. [77]

WATER DEVELOPMENT

39. The CSG shall support or oppose dam projects only on a case by case basis after evaluation of current information. [09]

38. The CSG and the National Grange take all actions and means necessary that promote the spirit and intent of the CALFED Bay-Delta Program and Governor Schwarzenegger's appointed Blue Ribbon Task Force's Delta Vision Strategic Plan in the Public Trust.[09]

37. The CSG support the Water Bond that is proposed for an upcoming ballot as long as it does not vary significantly from Standing California State Grange Policy. [07]

36. That the CSG supports building additional water storage on the San Joaquin River above Friant Dam. [07]

35. That the CSG support building additional storage on the Kings River if it is economically feasible when proposed. [07]

34 That the CSG and National Grange 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. [07]

33. That the CSG and the National Grange 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. [07]

32. The California State Grange will support the continued development of additional uses of saline irrigation drainage in beneficial products. [99]

31. The California State Grange will urge the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California to develop water desalinization plants. [98]

30. The California State Grange encourages Subordinate and/or Pomona Granges to assign local commit-

tees to conduct such lobbying activities that support the efforts of the statewide interim committee. These activities would include gathering resource data, letter writing, telephone and personal contacts with elected officials to gain their support. [92]

29. The California State Grange Agriculture and Conservation and Environmental Affairs Committees, under the direction of the Legislative Department will continue to develop a legislative program to focus and promote the historical water development policies of the Grange. [92]

28. The California State Grange 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. [92]

27. The California State Grange will oppose the inclusion of the value of federal irrigation water subsidies in gross income statements for tax purposes. [90]

26. The California State Grange supports the addition of thirty (30) feet to the top of Pine Flat Dam. [89]

25. The California State Grange will oppose turning the Central Valley Project over to the State of California to operate and manage. [88]

24. The California State Grange favors legislation to proceed with controllable salt water barrier tests. [88]

23. The California State Grange 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. [87]

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21. The California State Grange will support the construction of another dam on the Kings River at Rogers

Crossing. [87]

20. The California State Grange supports the efforts of California citizenry who voted down the peripheral canal in opposition to the southerly transport of Northern California water. Urge the people, government and businesses of California to practice water conservation at all opportunities as a method of increasing water yield. [87]

19. The California State Grange will support legislation to complete the Auburn Dam. [87]

18. The California State Grange 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. [85]

17. The California State Grange 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. [85]

16. The California State Grange will oppose any plan by the Department of Interior to divert the contractual water of EBMUD's through the Folsom South Canal. [85]

15. The California State Grange will support the building of desaltification facilities when it is feasible. [82]

14. The California State Grange will support the concept of building water storage facilities south of the Delta. [82]

13. The California State Grange encourages public agencies, such as the American River Authority, SMUD and other such agencies to participate as a partner with the United States Bureau of Reclamation to build the Auburn Dam. [82]

12. The California State Grange 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. [81]

11. The California State Grange endorses the South Fork of the American River (SOFAR) project to develop water storage and generate electrical power through the sale of revenue bonds. [79]

10. The California State Grange 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. [79]

9. The California State Grange opposes any changes in the present status of the Eel River. [78]

8. The California State Grange supports the development of surface water to supplement the limited water supplies in California. [78]

7. The California State Grange encourages the funding and construction of the Auburn Dam and the Folsom South Canal. [77]

6. The California State Grange opposes the selection of the Glenn Reservoir site and that the State Department of Water Resources be urged to select a site with less economical and social impact, geologically safe

and more practical from an energy and cost standpoint. [77]

5. The California State Grange 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, the California State Grange supports initiatives to build more holding dams to conserve water for agriculture and public use. [76]

4. The California state Grange urges those government agencies responsible for flood control to take immediate action to alleviate flooding on these rivers. [74]

3. The California State Grange 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. [74]

2. The California State Grange reaffirms our stand favoring completion of Auburn, Sugar Pines dam projects. [74]

1. The California State Grange urges the Secretary of the Interior and the Office of Management and Budget to authorize the award of contracts and the funding to the full capability of the Bureau of Reclamation for the completion of the Auburn and Sugar Pine Dams at the earliest time. [73]

WATER RIGHTS

10. The California State Grange supports, through legislative process, education, and publicity, that access to safe, sufficient, affordable water for daily human needs is a human right in California. [12]

9. The California State Grange 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. [00]

8. That the California State Grange 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. [00]

7. The California State Grange opposes the removal of the control of the groundwater management districts and plans from local authority. [87]

6. The California State Grange encourages state officials to finalize and implement plans for the Groundwater Protection Strategy with local input. [87]

5. The California State Grange continues to be insistent on strong 'Area of Origin Laws'. (as applied to water policy) [83]

4. The California State Grange 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. [82]

3. The California State Grange urges legislators and the Department of Water Resources to insure that subsequent legislation incorporate provisions to protect areas of origin. [81]

2. The California State Grange 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. [78]

1. The California State Grange will support efforts insuring that the underground water remains with the land above it. [77]

EXHIBIT 4

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Plaintiff,

vs.

THE CALIFORNIA STATE GRANGE, a
California nonprofit corporation, and ROBERT
McFARLAND, JOHN LUVAAS, GERALD
CHERNOFF and DAMIAN PARR,

Defendants.

Case No.

**EX PARTE APPLICATION FOR
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AND ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE RE
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DECLARATION OF MARTIN JENSEN;
DECLARATION OF EDWARD
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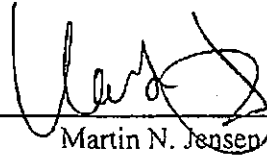
Dept.: **53**

Plaintiff The National Grange of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry (hereafter "The National Grange") hereby applies for a temporary restraining order restraining the Defendants Robert McFarland, John Luvaas, Gerald Chernoff, and Damian Parr, and California State Grange, as well as its employees and agents, from executing any contracts or undertaking any official actions at or from the direction of the California Grange Executive Committee. The National Grange requests that the Court order the California State Grange's Executive Committee to turn over keys, building and

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1 foregoing is true and correct and that this declaration was executed on October 1, 2012, in
2 Sacramento, California.

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Martin N. Jensen

5 **DECLARATION OF EDWARD L. LUTTRELL**

6 I, Edward L Luttrell, declare:

7 1. I currently serve, and at all relevant times did serve, as Master of The National Grange
8 of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry (hereafter "The National Grange"). As such, I have personal
9 knowledge of the facts alleged herein and, if called, could testify competently as to them. Master is
10 the highest ranking office in The National Grange.
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12 2. I make this application on behalf of The National Grange for a temporary restraining
13 order and order to show cause regarding a preliminary injunction to maintain the status quo pending
14 trial of the matter.

15 3. I request this Court to restrain Defendants Robert McFarland, John Luvaas, Gerald
16 Chernoff, and Damian Parr, and California State Grange, as well as its employees and agents, from
17 executing any contracts or undertaking any official actions whatsoever as an organization at the
18 direction of the California State Grange Executive Committee prior to trial of this matter because The
19 National Grange has duly suspended the Charter of the California State Grange for the good of the
20 entire Order.
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22 4. I also request this Court to issue an Order requiring that the California State Grange
23 Executive Committee, as well as its employees and agents, turn over all keys, building and computer
24 passwords, and all other information necessary to operate the California State Grange.
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26 5. The California State Grange has disregarded the suspension of its Charter and threatens
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1 to continue doing business as usual, despite its lack of authority under the Constitution and Bylaws
2 of both The National Grange and the California State Grange, which is a division of The National
3 Grange. A true and correct copy of the California State Grange's September 20, 2012 Newsletter is
4 attached hereto as Exhibit A.

5 6. The National Grange is governed by a Digest of Laws, adopted November 13, 1996,
6 and amended thereafter. The Digest of Laws encompasses a Constitution of the Order, Articles of
7 Incorporation and Bylaws, *inter alia*. A true and correct copy of pertinent excerpts of the Digest of
8 Laws is attached hereto as Exhibit B.

9 7. Under the Constitution of the Order, The National Grange is described as the
10 "controlling and supreme law making body of the Order." (Exhibit B, National Grange Digest of
11 Laws, ¶ 1.1.1.(E).)
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13 8. All the other Granges, such as State Granges "shall derive their rights and powers"
14 from The National Grange, which may "adopt laws for the organization, administration and regulation
15 of the affairs of the various Granges," including that of California. (Exhibit B, National Grange Digest
16 of Laws, ¶ 1.3.1.)
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18 9. The National Grange has the express right to establish Judicial Laws relating to the
19 judicial function of the various Granges. The National Grange may make rulings of construction and
20 interpretation relating to Law and Usage, which rulings "shall be the law of the Order and the various
21 Granges of the divisions of the Order shall conform thereto." The National Grange may also establish
22 rules and regulations for the conduct of trials of any member charged with violations of the laws.
23 (Exhibit B, National Grange Digest of Laws, ¶ 1.3.5.)
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25 10. The National Grange may also codify parliamentary laws which shall be the law of the
26 Order and various Granges of the Order shall conform thereto. (Exhibit B, National Grange Digest of
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1 Laws, ¶ 1.3.6.)

2 11. The National Grange issues Charters for the State Granges such as the California State
3 Grange, which functions as a division of The National Grange. (Exhibit B, National Grange Digest
4 of Laws, ¶ 1.4.1.)

5 12. The California State Grange has its own Constitution, which is Section I of the Digest
6 of Laws of the California State Grange. Section 2 of the Digest of Law of the California State Grange
7 encompasses the Bylaws. A true and correct copy of excerpts from the Digest of Laws of the
8 California State Grange is attached hereto as Exhibit C.

9 13. The California State Grange as a chartered division of The National Grange has the
10 right to conduct the affairs of its members so long as they do not conflict with the laws of The
11 National Grange. (Exhibit C, Constitution of California State Grange, Article II; Exhibit B, National
12 Grange Digest of Laws, ¶ 1.5.1.)

13 14. The California State Grange Bylaws recognize that the Master of the State Grange (its
14 highest office) may be suspended for failure or refusal to fulfill his obligations or to obey the laws of
15 The National Grange and that the suspension procedure is provided in the bylaws and laws of The
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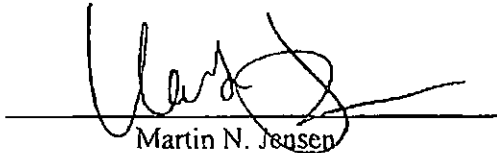
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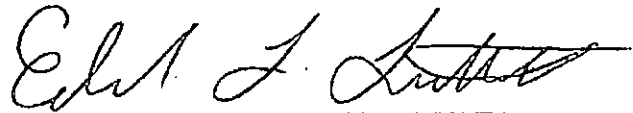
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