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Minor Crop Farmer Alliance

TO: MCFA members
FROM: Caroline Stringer, MCFA Secretary
SUBJECT: Highlights from MCFA Annual Meeting
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Minor Crop Farmer Alliance held its Annual Member Meeting March 12 in Washington, D.C. Minutes of that meeting are attached for your information, and posted [here](#).

Here's what you should know now:

- **2020 MCFA leadership:** We are pleased to announce your elected slate of officers for 2020 – contact them through MCFA's [web page](#):
 - Chair Jim Cranney (California Citrus Quality Council)
 - Vice-Chair Dave Epstein (Northwest Horticultural Council)
 - Secretary Caroline Stringer (California Fresh Fruit Association)
 - Treasurer Robert Guenther (United Fresh Produce Association)
 - Technical Committee Co-Chairs: Mike Aerts (Florida Fruit & Vegetable Association) and Gabrielle Ludwig (Almond Board of California)
 - Legal Counsel: Ed Ruckert, Esq. (McDermott, Will & Emery)
 - Communications counsel: Julia Stewart (Clarity Communications LLC)
- **2020 MCFA work plan priorities:** The membership approved a [2020 work plan](#) for MCFA, which focuses the coalition's activities on:
 - Endangered Species Act (ESA) implementation;
 - the role of epidemiological studies in human health pesticide risk assessments;
 - use of real-world monitoring data in conducting drinking water assessments, and refining models accordingly;
 - evaluating pesticide exposure impacts on pollinators;
 - harmonizing Maximum Residue Limits (MRLs) globally;
 - IR-4 and U.S. Department of Agriculture Office of Pest Management Policy funding;
 - use of antibiotics and other antimicrobial products in horticulture; and
 - supporting continued pesticide-use surveys to inform the agencies' decision making.

You can support MCFA by:

- **Renewing or increasing your membership** today. [Invoices](#) were e-mailed to members Jan. 16.
- **Responding to MCFA calls for action**, and sharing these updates with your members and colleagues.
- **Volunteering!** Share your expertise and ensure that your crop is represented.

[Contact](#) any of our volunteer leaders to learn how. To learn more about MCFA's work, visit us [online](#).

Stay safe, all!