

CWRAB ATTENDS USAEDC ANNUAL WORKSHOP IN BALTIMORE

The U.S. Agricultural Export Development Council held its annual workshop from November 16-18 in Baltimore, MD. This annual event features in-depth presentations on a wide range of topics, including: election analysis, marketing trends, successes with export development programs, sustainability, effects of current events on world markets, updates to compliance with FAS funding programs, and issues facing specific sectors of the agricultural industry. If you would like additional information on this event, please do not hesitate to contact the CWRAB office.

2023 FUNDING ALLOCATION FOR USDA MARKET ACCESS PROGRAM ANNOUNCED

As part of the partnership with USA Rice, the CWRAB received a total of \$85,000 for the 2023 U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)-Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) Market Access Program (MAP) Year. This funding allocation represents a 13% increase from the 2022 program year. Funding will be allocated to fund activities in the UK market, such as retail and foodservice promotions, in-store sampling, digital and trade media, and in-country representation, among others. For more information on the MAP program and plans for 2023, please do not hesitate to contact the CWRAB office.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FORM 700 STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS

As outlined by CDFA and the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) all Board of Directors filers must complete the necessary Form 700 Statement of Economic Interests. You may download the Form 700 at <https://www.fppc.ca.gov/Form700.html>. As a reminder Form 700 is due April 3, 2023. If you have any problems accessing or completing your Form 700, please contact your assigned filing officer, Andrea Carey, via email at Form700@fppc.ca.gov. As always, the CWRAB is available to assist you as well. Please do not hesitate to contact the office for support.

CAL OSHA COVID-19 NON-EMERGENCY REGULATIONS

On December 15, 2022, the Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board voted to adopt non-emergency COVID-19 Prevention regulations. These regulations will take effect in the month of January 2023 and will remain effect for two years after the effective date. Some requirements implemented in the COVID-19 Prevention Emergency Temporary Standards (ETS), will remain in the Non-Emergency Regulations. For instance, employers must provide face coverings and ensure they are worn by employees when CDPH require their use, employers must make COVID-19 testing available at no cost during paid time to employees following a close contact. For additional information, please access Cal-Osha information [here](#).

2022 ASSESSMENT UPDATE

2022 Assessment Invoices were sent out in October and were based on the reported number of planted acres as stated on 2022 Acreage Reports. The first half of the total amount stated on your invoice was due by November 15, 2022. The remaining amount is due by February 15, 2023. If you did not harvest all of your planted acreage, this fact must be verified by a member or alternate member of the CWRAB from the district in which you grow wild rice. If a field is ninety percent (90%) harvested, it is to be considered completely harvested. Please reach out to Elise Oliver, eoliver@calwildrice.org if you did not harvest all of your planted acreage or have any questions regarding assessments.

AB 2183 SEMINAR

The CWRAB and other local agriculture associations invite you to join them for an important labor seminar regarding AB 2183, the agricultural employee unionization card check legislation that goes into effect on January 1, 2023. The next seminars are located in Coachella and Orland.

Coachella: Thursday, January 5th from 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
Deadline to RSVP is January 3rd.

Orland: Tuesday, January 10th from 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
Deadline to RSVP is January 6th.

For additional details on how to RSVP, please access the Coachella flyer [here](#) and the Orland flyer [here](#).

If this location is not convenient for you, we will be hosting additional seminars that will take place in other locations in the state. Additionally, we will be hosting additional seminars over zoom.

For updated procedural forms from the Agricultural Labor Relations Board, please access their website [here](#). Please do not hesitate to contact the CWRAB office with any questions.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **JANUARY 16- OFFICE CLOSED**
- **JANUARY 23-27- CWRAB STAFF IN D.C.**
- **FEBRUARY 15-ASSESSMENT DUE**

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RECIPE CORNER

California Wild Rice Mediterranean

Bowls



ROASTED CAULIFLOWER

- 2 teaspoons avocado oil
- 1 small cauliflower, florets only
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1 teaspoon sumac, or substitute with paprika



SALAD

- 1 cup CA Wild Rice, cooked
- 4 leaves of kale,
- 1 teaspoon extra-virgin olive oil
- 2 15.5-ounce cans chickpeas
- 12 ounces cherry tomatoes
- 1 cup red cabbage, finely sliced
- 2 carrots, peeled and shredded
- 12 kalamata olives
- 2 medjool dates, sliced

DRESSING

- 1/2 cup extra-virgin olive oil
- 3 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon red wine vinegar
- 2 teaspoons dijon mustard
- 1 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1 clove of garlic, minced
- 1/2 teaspoon sea salt

DIRECTIONS

- Preheat Oven to 400°F
- Prepare cauliflower. In a medium bowl, stir together avocado oil, sumac (or paprika), and cumin. Add cauliflower florets and massage mixture in with your hands. Spread onto prepared baking sheet and roast for 25-30 minutes. Set aside bowl (reuse it to toss the salad).
- While cauliflower is roasting, make dressing. Combine dressing ingredients in a 16-ounce jar and shake vigorously
- Massage kale. Remove stem from kale leaves. Tear kale leaves into small pieces and add to bowl. Add olive oil and massage for one minute. Add chickpeas, tomatoes, cabbage, carrots, olives, and dates.
- Assemble bowls. Divide rice, roasted cauliflower and salad into four large bowls. Top with dressing and enjoy.